**Notice of Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permit –**

**Imerys Clays Inc. (Gibraltar) – June 14, 2016**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to issue a new Groundwater Withdrawal Permit for water withdrawal of 1.000 MGD/ 1.000 MGD (Monthly Average/Annual Average in million gallons per day) from two well(s) in the Cretaceous Sand aquifer for the purpose of process water for kaolin processing.

**NEW GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT**

**Permittee's Name:** Imerys Clays Inc. (Gibraltar)

**Permittee's Address:** 618 Kaolin Road, Sandersville, GA 31082

**River Basin:** Oconee

**Comment Period Expires:** July 14, 2016

**Additional Information:** The draftpermit and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review. The information includes the application and all relevant supporting materials available to the permitting authority used in the permit review process. This information is available for review at the office of the Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., S.E., East Floyd Towers, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. All comments received prior to or on the comment period expiration date above will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft Permit are required to submit their comments, in writing, to:

Bill Frechette, Unit Manager

Water Supply Program – **Groundwater Withdrawal Unit**

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., S.E.

East Floyd Towers, Suite 1362

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A public hearing may be held if the Director of the EPD finds a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit.