

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S  
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL  
CHAPTER 391-3-6**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, "EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes amendments to Georgia's Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6 (hereinafter "proposed Rule Amendments"). The Director of EPD certifies that the amendments of Rule 391-3-6-.03 are required by 40 CFR 131.4 delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement Section 303, 304(a), and 307(a) of the Clean Water Act. The proposed Rule Amendments include revisions to Rule 391-3-6-.03 "**Water Use Classifications and Water Quality Standards,**" as follows:

**Rule 391-3-6-.03(17) Specific Criteria for Lakes and Major Lake Tributaries.** Revise West Point Lake chlorophyll a criteria in sub-paragraph (a)(i), Lake Lanier chlorophyll a criteria in sub-paragraph (e)(i), and Carters Lake chlorophyll a criteria in sub-paragraph (f)(i) and total phosphorus tributary loading criteria in (f)(viii), respectively, based on recent data and modeling of nutrient dynamics in each lake and watershed.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Rule Amendments and a synopsis of and statement of rationale for the Rule revisions, is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. Supporting technical documents for each lake criteria revision are available, titled "*West Point Lake Model Scenarios Description and Results for Nutrient Criteria Revisions*" and "*Lake Lanier Model Scenarios Description and Results for Nutrient Criteria Revisions*" and "*Carters Lake Model Scenarios Description and Results for Nutrient Criteria Revisions*" which may be viewed at <http://www.gaepd.org/environet/6> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Watershed Protection Branch at 404/675-6236 or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Rule Amendments, a public hearing will be held on **July 10, 2013 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm)** at the Environmental Protection Division Training Center, Atlanta Tradeport, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 114, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. EPD will also solicit comments on Georgia's water quality standards in accordance with 40 CFR 131.20 that requires States review and revise, if necessary, water quality standards from time to time, but at least once every three years.

At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages,

must be submitted in writing for the official record. Oral statements should be concise.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their inclusion in EPD's package for the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received on or before July 16, 2013. Comments may be sent via regular mail addressed to: Elizabeth Booth, Manager, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, 4220 International Parkway – Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Comments may be emailed to [EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us). If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "Lake Standards" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed Rule Amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting on August 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., in the DNR Board Room, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E., Suite 1252, East Floyd Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The meeting is open to the public. The proposed Rule Amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Water Quality Control Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-20, et seq.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Booth at (404) 675-6236.