

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL FOR REISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES OF STORMWATER FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of General NPDES Permits Nos. GAR100001, GAR100002 and GAR100003 authorizing stormwater discharges from construction activities to the waters of the State of Georgia. Coverage under this permit will be achieved by submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI).

The proposed NPDES permits will authorize the discharges of stormwater to waters of the State from sites where construction activities occur for a period of five years. These NPDES permits were last reissued on September 24, 2013, and will expire on July 31, 2018.

The draft permit and other information are available for review on EPD's website at <https://epd.georgia.gov/npdes-construction-storm-water-general-permits> or by writing EPD. The draft permit and other information are available for review at:

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Agency
Watershed Protection Branch
NonPoint Source Program
2 Martin Luther King Jr Drive SE, Suite 1152 East
Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

The materials are available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays).

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permits are invited to submit their comments in writing to the EPD address above by close of business on February 1, 2018. All comments received before or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations for this permit. "Draft NPDES Permits GAR100001, GAR100002, and GAR100003" should be placed at the top of the first page of comments.

Comments may also be e-mailed to EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to e-mail comments, please be sure to include the words "Draft NPDES Permits GAR100001, GAR100002, and GAR100003" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

A public meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 am on January 31, 2018, at EPD's Training Room at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 114, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the same location, following the public meeting. The purpose of the public hearing will be to present and receive formal comments on the proposed permits for the official record. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing EPD.

Participants at the public hearing will be requested to register upon arrival if they intend to give oral or written statements. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, or comment, either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five minutes in order to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Lengthy or technically complex statements should also be submitted in writing for the official record.

For additional information contact: Michael Berry, Unit Manager, Erosion and Sedimentation Unit, NonPoint Source Program, at 404-651-8554.

Please bring this to the attention of persons who may be interested in the matter.