

**PUBLIC NOTICE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2017-04 ML

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

I. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TREATED WASTEWATER INTO WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

NPDES permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

An antidegradation analysis is conducted, as applicable, for new or expanded point source discharges that are proposed. The analysis evaluates whether allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. In all cases, existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing use is maintained and protected.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

Having reviewed such applications, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the issuance of NPDES permits to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

NPDES PERMIT REISSUANCE

BUTTS COUNTY

City of Jackson, P.O. Box 838, Jackson, Georgia, 30233, NPDES Permit No. GA0032719, for the Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant located at 719 Recreation Drive, Jackson, Georgia, 30233 (Butts County). Up to 0.14 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to an unnamed Tributary to Yellow Water Creek, in the Ocmulgee River Basin.”

COLQUITT COUNTY

City of Norman Park, P.O. Box 197, Norman Park, Georgia 31771, NPDES Permit No. GA0033600 for its water pollution control plant (WPCP) located Serena Drive, Norman Park, Georgia 31771 (Colquitt County). Up to 0.2 MGD of treated wastewater is discharged into Reedy Creek in the Suwanee River Basin.

HALL COUNTY

City of Gainesville, 757 Queen City Parkway SW, Gainesville, Georgia 30501, NPDES Permit No. GA0020168, for the City of Gainesville – Linwood Water Pollution Control Plant located at 500 Linwood Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501. Up to 5.0 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Lake Sidney Lanier in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

Hanson Aggregates Southeast, LLC, 2310 Parklake Drive, Suite 550, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, NPDES Permit No. GA0046698 for its granite quarry facility located at 2955 Candler Road (Rte. 60), Gainesville, Hall County, Georgia 30501. Approximately 2.0 MGD of pit pump out/stormwater and plant site run-off is discharged into an unnamed tributary of Allen Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY

KaMin, LLC, 2069 Howard Mill Road, Wrens, Georgia 30833, NPDES Permit No. GA0002542, for its Kaolin mining facility located in Wrens, Jefferson County, Georgia. Approximately 8.972 MGD of process water and stormwater is discharged to Brier Creek and Reedy Creek in the Savannah River Basin.

LAURENS COUNTY

Town of Rentz, Post Office Box 127, Rentz, Georgia 31075, NPDES Permit No. GA0037630, for the Rentz Water Pollution Control Plant located at 900 Rentz Dexter Road, Rentz, GA 31075. Up to 0.12 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Bluewater Creek in the Oconee River Basin.

OCONEE COUNTY

AmeriPride Services Inc., 650 Industrial Boulevard N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55413, Permit No. GAP050278, for its groundwater remediation system located at 1131/1081 Experiment Station Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677. Pretreated groundwater remediation wastewater is discharged to the Oconee County Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility in the Oconee River Basin.

PICKENS COUNTY

Blue Ridge Marble & Granite Co. LLC, P.O. Box 9, Nelson, Georgia 30151, NPDES Permit No. GA0000485, for its Marble/Limestone and granite facility located in Nelson, Pickens County, Georgia. Approximately 0.207 MGD of process water, stormwater runoff, and groundwater is discharged to tributary of Spence Creek in the Coosa River Basin.

TROUP COUNTY

Milliken & Company, P.O. Box 1926, M-482, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304, NPDES Permit No. GA0024791, for its carpet tufting and fabrication of rubber mats facility located in Lagrange, Troup County, Georgia. Approximately 0.003831 MGD of process water (sanitary, utility, boiler blowdown & condensate) is discharged to Long Cane Creek in the Chattahoochee River Basin.

WALTON COUNTY

City of Loganville, Post Office Box 39, Loganville, Georgia, 30052, NPDES Permit No. GA0020788, for the Loganville Water Pollution Control Plant located at 4895 Highway 81, Loganville, Georgia 30052. Up to 1.75 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Big Flat Creek in the Ocmulgee River Basin. The permit also includes expansions from 1.75 MGD to 3.33 MGD and to 5.0 MGD.

NPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION

JONES COUNTY

City of Gray, Post Office Box 443, Gray, Georgia, 31032, NPDES Permit No. GA0026085 for the water reclamation facility located at 163 Homestead Drive, Gray, Georgia 31032. The permit is being modified to allow a Class III Certified Operator to operate the facility under B.1. effluent limitations.

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JEFERSON COUNTY

KaMin LLC, 2069 Howard Mill Rd, Wrens, Georgia 30833, NPDES Permit No. GA0048101, for its Kaolin mining facility located in Wrens, Jefferson County, Georgia. The KaMin – Wrens Calcine facility has ceased discharging at this location. NPDES Permit No. GA0048101 is no longer necessary.

II. LAND APPLICATION SYSTEM PERMIT REISSUANCE

Land Application System (LAS) permits are valid for a maximum of five years. Prior to expiration of an existing permit, a new application must be submitted and evaluated.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy in order to receive a permit.

LAS PERMIT REISSUANCE

BARROW COUNTY

Barrow County School System, 645 Jefferson Highway, Winder, Georgia, 30680, LAS Permit No. GAJ030942, for its Bethlehem Elementary School Land Application System, located at 47 McElhannon Road, Bethlehem, Georgia, 30620. Up to 0.015 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Barrow County in the Oconee River Basin.”

BROOKS COUNTY

Brookside Choice Properties, 470 Fellowship Home Lane, Valdosta, Georgia, 31602 LAS Permit No. GAJ030963, for its Land Application System located at 470 Fellowship Home Lane, Valdosta, Georgia, 31602. Up to 0.015 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Brooks County in the Suwannee River Basin.

BRYAN COUNTY

South Atlantic Utilities, Inc, 621 Stephenson Avenue, Savannah, Georgia, 31405, LAS Permit No. GAJ030768, for its Waterford Landing Land Application System located at 731 Waterford Landing Road, Richmond Hill, Georgia, 31324. Up to 0.104 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Bryan County in the Ogeechee River Basin.

HALL COUNTY

Pilgrim’s Pride Corporation, Post Office Box 1810, Gainesville, GA 30503, Permit No. GAJ010518 for a commercial waste treatment facility located at 3561 Athens Road, Talmo, Georgia in Hall County. Approximately 0.022 MGD of pretreated chicken hatchery waste will be land applied to a site in the Oconee River Basin.

HENRY COUNTY

Henry County Water Authority, 1695 Hwy 20 West, McDonough, GA 30253, LAS Permit No. GAJ020250, for its Indian Creek land application system located at 1601 Lester Mill Road, Locust Grove, Georgia 30248. Up to 1.5 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Henry County in the Ocmulgee River Basin.

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Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below or via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than March 17, 2017. Please use the words "Public Notice No. 2017-04 ML" and the name of the subject facility that you are commenting on in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. In the case of the permits which are on this notice for proposed modification, only those conditions subject to modification are open to public comment.

A fact sheet or copy of draft permits is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 1152 East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334. For additional information contact: Jeff Larson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to Discharge Treated Wastewater Into Waters of the State of Georgia.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has received a new NPDES permit application for the reissuance of an existing NPDES permit. Having reviewed such application, the Environmental Protection Division proposes to issue for a maximum term of five years the following permit subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions:

Georgia Power Company, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, NPDES Permit No. GA0001457, for its steam electric power generating facility located at 5963 Alabama Highway, S.W. in the City of Rome, Floyd County, Georgia. Approximately 668.32 MGD of steam electric power generating wastewater (once through cooling water, low volume wastewater, coal pile and coal ash pond wastewater, flue gas desulfurization wastewater, and stormwater), is discharged to the Coosa River (external outfall nos. 01, 03, 04, and 05) and Smith Cabin Creek (external outfall no. 10) in the Coosa River Basin.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below, or via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov, no later than thirty (30) days after this notification. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "NPDES permit reissuance – Georgia Power Company – Plant Hammond (Floyd County)" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. A public hearing may be held where the EPD Director finds a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit or group of permits. Additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division.

A fact sheet or copy of the draft permit is available by writing the Environmental Protection Division. A copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information contact: Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-4934 or e-mail audra.dickson@dnr.ga.gov.

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Public Hearing Information:

EPD will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on April 12, 2017. The hearing will be held at the E.C.O. Center located at 393 Riverside Parkway, Rome, Georgia 30161. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the draft NPDES permit for Georgia Power Company – Plant Hammond.

The public hearing is a formal process to receive comments on the draft permit. Participants who wish to comment for the record are requested to sign in upon arrival. Hearing participants will not be subject to questions from the audience, but may be questioned by the Hearing Officer for clarification of technical points or to develop a better understanding of statements. Questions asked by participants making statements will be answered by EPD in writing at a later date. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature should be submitted in writing for the official record. During the hearing, oral statements shall be limited to three (3) minutes to allow everyone an opportunity to be heard. Comments should be confined to water quality issues as they relate to the draft permit.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received by close of business on April 14, 2017. Please address written comments to the address listed below, or via e-mail at EPDcomments@dnr.state.ga.us. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words “NPDES Permit Issuance – Georgia Power Company – Plant Hammond” in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. The permit application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are available for review at 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 1152E, Atlanta, GA 30334, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.