

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The Federal Clean Water Act requires States and authorized Indian Tribes to review their water quality standards at least once every three years and to revise them as needed. This process is known as the Triennial Review. Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is entering the Triennial Review process and is proposing to make changes to the water quality standards found in Chapter 391-3-6-.03 "Water Use Classifications and Water Quality Standards" of the Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control.

Two public meetings will be held in July where the public will be given an opportunity to comment on the Triennial Review and will also have the opportunity to suggest needed changes. The public meetings will be at the following times/locations:

Date: July 20, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Location: Environmental Protection Division ;Atlanta Tradeport Training Center ;;
4244 International Parkway; Suite 114; Atlanta, Georgia 30354

Date: July 22, 2010

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Location: Coastal Electrical Membership Cooperative; 1265 South Coastal
Highway; U.S. Hwy 17; Midway, GA 31320

At this time, proposed changes to surface water quality standards include, but are not limited to:

- o Updating Lake Allatoona Chlorophyll a and Nutrient (Total Phosphorus and Nitrogen) Standards [391-3-6-.03(17)(d)]
- o Updating Designated Uses of Waterbodies [391-3-6-.03(14)]
- o Updating Dioxin Criteria [391-3-6-.03(5)(e)(vi)]
- o Removing Minimum Metal Hardness Criteria [391-3-6-.03(5)(e)(ii)]
- o Clarifying Shellfish Growing Area Language and Updating Reference Manual [391-3-6-.03(6)(c)(iii)]
- o General Formatting and Numbering Scheme Corrections

Written comments that may be incorporated into the drafting of a rule are welcomed. EPD is planning to give an initial briefing to the Board of Natural Resources regarding the Triennial Review process at their August Board meeting. In order for written comments to be considered before this initial Board meeting, any written comments will need to be received no later than July 27, 2010. A formal public hearing(s) for the Triennial Review Process will be held later this fall to provide the public with another opportunity to provide input into the Triennial review process. All comments received during the public comment period will be taken into consideration before the proposed revisions are sent to the Board of Natural Resources for adoption later this year. Written comments should be addressed to: Elizabeth Booth, Manager, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, 4220 International Parkway - Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Comments may also be e-mailed to Brad.Konwick@dnr.state.ga.us