

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

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2016-18 ML

NOVEMBER 30, 2016

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

HENRY COUNTY

City of Locust Grove, P.O. Box 900, Locust Grove, Georgia 30248, NPDES Permit No. GA0038849, for the Indian Creek Water Pollution Control Plant located at 1116 Locust Road, Locust Grove, GA 30248. Up to 1.5 MGD of treated wastewater is being discharged to Indian Creek in the Ocmulgee River Basin.

NPDES PERMIT RESCISSION

ATKINSON COUNTY

American Exotic Leather, 1196 Springhead Church Rd., Willacoochee, GA 31650, NPDES Permit No. GAP050288, for its tannery located in Willacoochee, Atkinson County. The company has ceased operations and no longer requires a pretreatment permit.

MARION COUNTY

Tyson Foods, Inc., 250 Tyson Road, Buena Vista, Georgia 31803, NPDES Permit No. GA0000817, for its poultry processing facility located in Buena Vista, Marion County. The facility has ceased operations and no longer requires a permit to discharge.

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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

COFFEE COUNTY

City of Nicholls, Post Office Box 218, Nicholls, Georgia 31554 LAS Permit No. GAJ020267, for its Nicholls land application system located at 670 Peachtree Road in Nicholls, Georgia. Up to 0.5 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Coffee County in the Satilla River Basin.

TELFAIR COUNTY

City of McRae-Helena, Post Office Box 55157, McRae-Helena, Georgia 31055 LAS Permit No. GAJ020248, for its McRae-Helena land application system located at 50 Almond Lane in McRae-Helena, Georgia. Up to 1.75 MGD of treated wastewater is being land applied to a site in Telfair County in the Ocmulgee 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 January 3, 2017. Please use the words "Public Notice No. 2016-18 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.