

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL FOR REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s) TO THE WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is considering the reissuance of General NPDES Permit No. GAG610000 authorizing storm water discharges from Phase II small MS4s to the waters of the State of Georgia. Coverage under this permit will be achieved by submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI). A storm water management program summarizing the best management practices to be used by the permittee to reduce pollutants to the maximum extent practicable will be submitted by each permittee.

The proposed NPDES permit will authorize the discharge of storm water from the MS4s to waters of the State. The NPDES permit will be valid for a maximum period of five years.

The draft permit and other information are available for review at 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays). In addition, a copy of the permit and additional information may be obtained by writing to EPD at this same address.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permit are invited to submit their comments in writing to Lawrence Hedges, Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program at the address above by 4:30 p.m. on November 9, 2012. All comments received before or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations for this permit. "Draft Permit GAG610000" should be placed at the top of the first page of comments.

Comments may also be e-mailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "Draft Permit GAG610000" in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

A public meeting has been scheduled for November 9, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in EPD's Training Room located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 114, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. A public hearing will be held immediately following the public meeting at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the public hearing will be to present and receive formal comments on the proposed permit 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: Frances Carpenter, Unit Manager, Storm Water Unit, NonPoint Source Program, at 404/675-6240.

Please bring this to the attention of persons who you know will be interested in the matter.