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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS CHAPTER 391-3-17

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, "EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes amendments to Georgia's Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17 (hereinafter, "the proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rules 391-3-17-.01, 391-3-17-.02, 391-3-17-.03, 391-3-17-.05, and 391-3-17-.06 as follows:

Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17

- **Rule 391-3-17-.01 Definitions:** The definition of shallow dose equivalent is being amended to ensure consistency between State and Federal definitions.
- **Rule 391-3-17-.02 Licensing of Radioactive Material:** The security of portable gauges is being amended to ensure consistency between State and Federal requirements. The financial assurance requirements for decommissioning are being amended to ensure consistency between State and Federal requirements.
- **Rule 391-3-17-.03 Standards for Protection Against Radiation:** The skin dose limit is being clarified to ensure consistency between State and Federal requirements. National sealed source tracking identification and reporting are being amended to ensure consistency between State and Federal requirements.
- **Rule 391-3-17-.05 Use of Radionuclides in the Healing Arts:** The use of certification from specialty medical boards for training is being amended to ensure consistency between State and Federal requirements.
- **Rule 391-3-17-.06 Transportation of Radioactive Material:** The transportation of radioactive materials requirements are being amended to ensure consistency between State and Federal (and International) requirements.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the rule amendments, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the rule revisions, are being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. These documents may be viewed at <http://www.gaepd.org/environet/17> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Radioactive Materials Program, 4220 International Parkway – Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Copies may be also requested by contacting the Radioactive Materials Program at (404) 362-2675 or via e-mail at Rad_Materials@dnr.state.ga.us or through the Environmental Protection Division's Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to better understand the proposed rule amendments, EPD will host a public meeting on Monday, April 21, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the EPD Training Center located at 4244 International Parkway – Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input to the proposed rule amendments, a public hearing will be held on Monday, May 5, 2008 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the EPD Training Center located at 4244 International Parkway – Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. At the hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record. Oral statements should be concise.

Written comments are welcomed. To assure their inclusion in EPD's package for the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business on Friday, May 23, 2008. Written comments may be sent via the postal system addressed to: Program Coordination Branch Chief, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive – Suite 1452 East Floyd Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334 or sent via e-mail to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on June 25, 2008, in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive – Suite 1252 East Floyd Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposed rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to the authority contained in the Georgia Radiation Control Act (O.C.G.A. Section 31-13-1 et seq.). For further information, contact the Radioactive Materials Program at (404) 362-2675.