

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED RULES
FOR REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
CHAPTER 391-3-32**

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR GROUNDWATER USE
CHAPTER 391-3-2**

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 to adopt Rules for Regional Water Planning, Chapter 391-3-32 (hereinafter, "Rules"), amend Georgia's Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6 and amend Georgia's Rules for Groundwater Use, Chapter 391-3-2 (hereinafter, "Amendments").

The proposed Rules and Amendments are described below:

Chapter 391-3-32, "Regional Water Planning," is being proposed to provide minimum uniform statewide regulations for the preparation of Regional Water Development and Conservation Plans, as authorized by O.C.G.A. §§12-5-31 and 12-5-96, in a manner consistent with O.C.G.A. § 12-5-520, et seq.

Chapter 391-3-6 is being amended to add Rule 391-3-6-.25, "Permitting Based on Regional Water Development and Conservation Plans," to provide minimum uniform statewide regulations for the issuance of any permit for the use of surface water based on Regional Water Development And Conservation Plans, as authorized by O.C.G.A. §12-5-31, in a manner consistent with O.C.G.A. § 12-5-520, et seq.

Chapter 391-3-2 is being amended to add Rule 391-3-2-.16, "Permitting Based on Regional Water Development and Conservation Plans," to provide minimum uniform statewide regulations for the issuance of any permit for the use of groundwater based on Regional Water Development And Conservation Plans, as authorized by O.C.G.A. §12-5-96, in a manner consistent with O.C.G.A. § 12-5-520, et seq.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Rules, proposed Amendments and a synopsis of and statement of rationale for each is 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/32> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1058, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Watershed Protection Branch at 404-463-1425 or the Environmental Protection Division Director's Office at 1-888-373-5947.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Rules and Amendments, a public hearing will be held on October 21, 2008 at the following location:

October 21, 2008 (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) Environmental Protection Division Training Center, Atlanta Tradeport, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 114, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

At the public 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 insure their inclusion in EPD's package for the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received on or before the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on November 7, 2008. Written comments may be e-mailed to EPDcomments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to: Ms. Suzanne Desmond, Watershed Protection Branch, Hydrology Unit, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1058 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

The proposed Rules and Amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting on December 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., in the DNR Board Room, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E., Suite 1252, East Floyd Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposed Rules and Amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to the following authorities: O.C.G.A. §§ 12-5-31, 12-5-96, and 12-5-520, et seq.

For further information, please contact Ms. Suzanne Desmond at 404-463-1425.