

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
TO GEORGIA'S RULES FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL  
CHAPTER 391-3-7**

**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 an Amendment to Georgia's Rules for Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Chapter 391-3-7 (hereinafter, "the proposed rule Amendment"). The proposed rule Amendment includes revision to Rule 391-3-7-.09 as follows:

**Rule 391-3-7-.09, "Local Issuing Authorities,"** is being amended to clarify that a certified Local Issuing Authority with a Memorandum of Agreement with the appropriate local Soil and Water Conservation District (hereinafter, "District") to review and approve an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (hereinafter, "Plan") must approve or disapprove a revised Plan submittal within 35 days of receipt. Failure of the city or county to act within 35 days shall be considered an approval of the revised Plan submittal.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule Amendment, a synopsis of, and a statement of rationale for, the rule revisions, 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://gaepd.org/envirnet/7> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Watershed Protection Branch at 404/675-6240 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 rule Amendment, a public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 2007 at the EPD Training Room, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

At the public hearings 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 ensure their inclusion in EPD's briefing package for the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business on May 31, 2007. Written comments may be emailed to [EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us](mailto:EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us) or sent via regular mail addressed to: Lawrence W. Hedges, Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Watershed Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on June 27, 2007, at the DNR Board Room, Suite 1252, East Tower, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposed rule amendment is proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-7-1, et seq. For further information, contact the Watershed Protection Branch at 404/675-6240.