

PUBLIC NOTICE
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2010 – 12ML

On August 18, 2010, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issued a public notice for General Permit Number GAG620000 (Reference: PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 2010 – 11ML) which can be found on EPD's website at www.gaepd.org.

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This general permit is statewide and is proposed for authorization of any land disposal system that receives septic tank waste from any one or more septic tank pumping and hauling businesses coverage, under controlled conditions, by either injection or incorporation within the State of Georgia.

EPD is also proposing the following documents for review and comment:

1) GUIDELINES FOR LAND APPLICATION OF DOMESTIC SEPTAGE AT AGRONOMIC RATES

These Guidelines address the permitting of septage application to land with a low potential for public exposure (i.e., agricultural land) based on nutrient (in most cases nitrogen) uptake of the crop, unless the application is limited by other parameters. The type and the condition of the soil and cover crop, topography, and other properties of the septage will determine the application rate. The septage must meet pollutant concentration limits, pathogen reduction, and vector attraction reduction requirements located in Federal Regulations 40 CFR Part 503 and State of Georgia Rules Chapter 391-3-6-.23. In addition to this, the septage must be screened and stabilized prior to land application.

2) CLOSURE PLAN OF LAND APPLICATION OF DOMESTIC SEPTAGE FACILITIES

The Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6-.23(4)(d) state that prior to the issuance of a land disposal permit, the applicant shall have submitted and the Division shall have approved a detailed closure plan for clean up and closure of the facility.

Both of these proposed documents can be found on EPD's website at:

http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/techguide_wpb.html#ets

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed documents are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below, no later than **September 18, 2010**.

Documents related to the draft permit and other information are available for review at 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Documents are available for review between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. For additional information contact: Jane Hendricks, Permitting, Compliance and Enforcement Program, Phone (404) 362-2680. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested persons.