

PUBLIC NOTICE

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JANUARY 15, 2021

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed applications and is considering the issuance, modification, or termination of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Land Application System (LAS), and/or Pretreatment permits, Sludge Management Plans, and/or Industrial Pretreatment Programs to the following applicants, subject to specific pollutant limitations and special conditions.

NPDES, LAS, and Pretreatment permits are valid for a maximum of five years. A new application must be submitted 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing permit, evaluated by EPD, and the draft permit be placed on public noticed for a prescribed period of time.

For proposed new or expanded NPDES point source discharge permits, an antidegradation analysis is conducted. The analysis evaluates whether allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. In all cases, existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing designated use is maintained and protected.

All municipalities must be in compliance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) in order to receive a permit.

EPD issues permits in compliance with the governing regulations and is not involved in local zoning, land use, or property value issues. The issuance or modification of a permit, plan or program does not authorize the facility to violate local ordinances. Please contact your local county or municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

Individual draft permits, applications, supporting documents, and fact sheets are available on EPD's website accessible through the publicly available Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS). A direct link to the draft permit and fact sheet is listed below the individual notice.

For General permits, the draft permit, notice of intent, fact sheet, and supporting documents are accessible through the EPD Watershed Protection Branch Permit and Public Comments Clearinghouse website at the following address: <https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-and-permits/watershed-protection-branch-forms-permits/watershed-protection-branch-permit-and>

For Industrial Pretreatment Programs, new or modified program documents may be available on EPD's website accessible through the Watershed Protection Branch Permit and Public Comments Clearinghouse website at the following address: <https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-and-permits/watershed-protection-branch-forms-permits/watershed-protection-branch-permit-and>

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Directions on how to comment on a proposed action, comment deadlines, and obtain copies of permit files

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed permit determinations are invited to submit same in writing to the EPD address below or via e-mail at **EPDcomments@dnr.ga.gov**, no later than **February 15, 2021** (30-day notice period). In the case of Industrial Pretreatment Program Approvals and Modifications, comments are to be submitted to EPD no later than **March 2, 2021** (45-day notice period). Please use the words “**Public Notice No. 2021-01ML**” and the name of the subject facility that you are commenting on in the subject line to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff. All comments received prior to or on that date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. In the case of the permits which are on this notice for proposed modification, only those conditions subject to modification are open to public comment. A public hearing may be requested or additional information regarding public hearing procedures is available by writing to the EPD at 2 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., 1152 East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

If the direct hyperlink provided is not functional, the permit application, supporting documents, fact sheet, and draft permit are available on EPD’s website, GEOS at the below address and specific directions to locate the documents can be found at the end of this notice document.

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx>

For additional wastewater permitting information, please contact Audra Dickson, Wastewater Regulatory Program, phone (404) 463-1511 or at **audra.dickson@dnr.ga.gov**

For additional information regarding industrial, UIC, CAFO, or pretreatment please contact Whitney Fenwick, Industrial Permitting Manager, at **whitney.fenwick@dnr.ga.gov**

For additional information regarding municipal, domestic wastewater, septage, pesticide, or GEFA please contact Benoit Causse, Municipal Permitting Manager, at **benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov**

If you are having trouble locating documents using the online portal, GEOS, please contact Connie Coleman, Watershed Data Manager, at **connie.coleman@dnr.ga.gov**

Please bring or attach this notice to the attention of interested persons.

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Franklin County

EPD Notice Type: NPDES Permit Issuance

Permit No.: GA0039292

Facility Name: GRP Franklin Renewable Energy Facility, LLC

Mailing Address: 2100 Southbridge Parkway, Suite 540, Birmingham, Alabama, 35209

Facility Address: 3465 Highway 198, Carnesville, Georgia 30521

River Basin: Savannah

Receiving Water: Unnamed tributaries of Indian Creek (outfall 001 and 002)

Description: A maximum of 1.5 MGD boiler blowdown, boiler feedwater, boiler area drainage, reverse osmosis reject water, STG sump area drainage, cooling tower blowdown, and stormwater is discharged to unnamed tributaries of Indian Creek (a tributary to Middle Fork Broad River) in the Savannah River Basin.

GEOS Submittal ID: 471807

GEOS Hyperlink:

https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/pages/util/StreamDoc.ashx?id=964111&type=PERMIT_FILLED_OBJECT

Public Hearing:

EPD will host a public hearing via Zoom software at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2021. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. In accordance with EPD's safety precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus, EPD encourages members of the public to participate in the public hearing via Zoom. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the draft NPDES permit for GRP Franklin Renewable Energy Facility, LLC.

To log into the public hearing on your computer, please click this link or copy and paste it into your browser to join the meeting: <https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/96881364173>

To ensure that you are ready to participate when the meeting begins, we recommend that you download Zoom in advance. Zoom can be found here: <https://zoom.us/>

To dial in by phone, please call this number: **1-470-381-2552**

The meeting ID is **968 8136 4173**

The passcode is **572750**

Please note that if you choose to participate by phone, your number may be visible to other meeting attendees.

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Directions to Access the Georgia EPD Online System (GEOS) Public Portal

1. Navigate to the GEOS homepage:

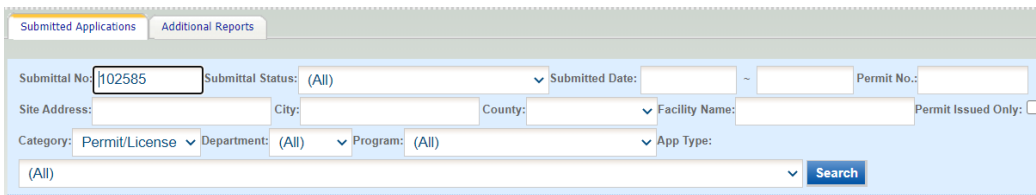
<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/GovEnt/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx>

2. Find the Public Inquiry Portal link in the middle of the page or navigate directly to:

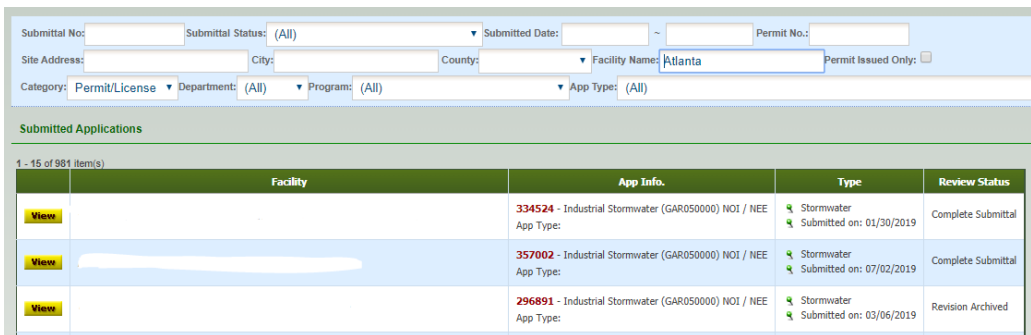
https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/Client/GA_GEOS/Public/Pages/PublicApplicationList.aspx

 **Public Inquiry Portal: Search for Applications and Permits Submitted in GEOS**

3. The easiest way to locate the facility and associated documents is to only enter the GEOS submittal ID provided in the public notice.



4. If the GEOS submittal ID was not provided or it's not working, enter the site address or facility name and select "Search" to find a submittal. Note that partial search terms are allowed and encouraged when exact terms including punctuation are not precisely known. Less is more when searching in the GEOS portal. As you can see below, the search results provide the facility name, application information, application type, and the application review status.



Facility	App Info.	Type	Review Status
View	334524 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 01/30/2019	Complete Submittal
View	357002 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 07/02/2019	Complete Submittal
View	296891 - Industrial Stormwater (GAR050000) NOI / NEE App Type:	Stormwater Submitted on: 03/06/2019	Revision Archived

5. Selecting "View" will allow the searcher to view the submittal information, application form, attachments, and where applicable, the draft and final issued permit.