

Georgia EPD Watershed Protection Branch

Notice of Public Meeting for Updates on Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will hold a virtual public meeting to review and discuss proposed changes to the Georgia Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6.03 (Water Use Classifications and Water Quality Standards) that were initiated at the beginning of the 2019 Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards, in February 2019. The meeting will be held on **Monday, September 13, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am** on the Zoom web conferencing platform.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public and interested stakeholders the opportunity to learn about the proposed updates to Georgia's Water Quality Standards. A working draft of the proposed rule change can be found here on the EPD Water Quality Standards web page, under the 2019 Triennial Review section (<https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/georgia-water-quality-standards>).

Among the changes being considered are adoption of EPA's recommended aquatic life criteria for Acrolein and Carbaryl, adoption of language to allow site-specific WER and biotic ligand models for aquatic life criteria, update of bacteria criteria for fishing and drinking water designated uses, update of Lake Oconee and Lake Sinclair criteria, addition of definitions for primary and secondary contact recreation, and revision of the designated uses to change 16 waterbody segments to recreation.

**Zoom Meeting Details:
September 13, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

Join Online:

<https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/96368403687?pwd=dEtuR1NLY0tIRWpGRmoyTzdYNIRNdz09>

Join by Phone:

470-381- 2552 (Atlanta)

888-788-0099 (Toll-free)

Meeting ID: **963 6840 3687**

Passcode: **883516**

At the virtual public meeting, anyone may make a statement, or offer comments either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, should be submitted in writing.

Written comments are also welcomed and must be received by close of business on Friday, September 17, 2021. Written comments may be emailed to EPD.Comments@dnr.ga.gov or sent via regular mail to: EPD Watershed Protection Branch, Attention: Gillian Gilbert-Wason, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "Triennial Review Comments" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.