

**SYNOPSIS OF  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
RELATING TO AIR QUALITY, CHAPTER 391-3-1**

**Rule 391-3-1-.03(8), “Permit Requirements,”** is being amended.

**Purpose:** This rule is being revised to remove the fine particulate matter nonattainment new source review requirements for the Macon area and for Floyd County. In 2004, U.S. EPA designated these two areas as nonattainment for the fine particulate matter air quality standard set by U.S. EPA in 1997. In May of 2014, both of these areas were redesignated to “attainment” of the 1997 standard by the U.S. EPA. As a result, federal statutes and rules no longer require nonattainment new source review for these areas and it is being removed from the Georgia rules.

**Main Features:** The Macon area (Bibb County and a portion of Monroe County) and Floyd County are stricken from subparagraph 391-3-1-.03(8)(c)16.(i). The definition of “Monroe partial county area”, subparagraph 391-3-1-.08(c)16.(viii)(III), is stricken.

**STATEMENT OF RATIONALE  
Rules for Air Quality Control**

**Rule 391-3-1-.03(8) – Permit Requirements**

The basis of this rule is to provide permitting requirements for nonattainment areas in Georgia. The purpose of this revision is to remove the nonattainment permitting requirements for the Macon Area (Bibb County and a portion of Monroe County) and for Floyd County as these two areas have been redesignated from nonattainment to attainment for the fine particulate matter ambient air quality standard.

This revision will reduce the administrative burden to the Environmental Protection Division and will reduce costs to major industrial sources and utilities that wish to locate or expand in these areas.