

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED
RULES FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE WATER
SUPPLY EFFICIENCY, CHAPTER 391-3-33**

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 Rules for Public Water Systems to Improve Water Supply Efficiency, Chapter 391-3-33 (hereinafter, "the proposed Rules").

The proposed Rules would create new Chapter 391-3-33 including Rules 391-3-33-.01 through 391-3-33-.05. The proposed Rules address the requirement under O.C.G.A. §12-5-4.1 for the DNR Board to adopt new rules and regulations establishing minimum standards and best practices for monitoring and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of water use by public water systems to improve water conservation.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Rules, a synopsis, and a statement of rationale of the proposed rules, 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://environet.dnr.state.ga.us/33> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch file room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Watershed Protection Branch at (404) 463-1511 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 Rules, a public hearing will be held on May 5, 2015 at the following location:

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 (10:00 am – 11:30 am); in the EPD Training Center located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

At the public hearing, 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 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. In order to be included in EPD's summary to the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by **May 13, 2015**. Written comments may be emailed to: EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch; 2 MLK Jr. Drive,

SW, Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. If you choose to email your comments, please include the words "Water Supply Efficiency Rules" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments are forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed Rules will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on June 24, 2015 in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The meeting is open to the public.

The proposed Rules are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in the O.C.G.A. §§ 12-5-4, 12-5-4.1, 12-5-20 et seq., 12-5-90 et seq., and 12-5-170 et seq.

For more information, contact Nap Caldwell at (404) 463-4348.