

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GEORGIA'S
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER QUALITY CONTROL
CHAPTER 391-3-6**

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 Amendments to the Georgia Rules And Regulations For Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6 (hereinafter, "the proposed Rule Amendments").

The proposed rule amendments revise the permit requirements in Chapter 391-3-6-.20 – "**Swine Feeding Operation Permit Requirements**" and Chapter 391-3-6-.21 – "**Animal Feeding Operation Permit Requirements**" as follows: revising the animal unit (AU) threshold for determining applicability of the Swine Rule and various requirements of that Rule, revising existing definitions in both Rules and adding new definitions, revising descriptive terminology, and correcting formatting errors.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Rule Amendments and a synopsis of and statement of rationale for the rule revisions, 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://www.gaepd.org/envirnet/6> or during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, Wastewater Regulatory Program, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Watershed Protection Branch, Wastewater Regulatory Program at (404) 362-2680 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 rule, a public hearing will be held on October 25, 2013 at the following location:

October 25, 2013 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.); Department of Natural Resources; EPD Tradeport Training Center; 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 or economic 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. To insure their inclusion in EPD's package for the Board of Natural Resources, written comments should be received by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on October 28, 2013. Comments may be sent via regular mail addressed to: Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 4220 International Parkway – Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us. If you choose to email your comments, please be sure to include the words "Animal Feeding Operation Permit Requirements" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

The proposed Rule Amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting on December 3, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center (Conference Center Facility), 543 Elliott Trail, Mansfield, Georgia 30055. The meeting is open to the public. The proposed rule amendment is proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. § 12-5-20, et seq.

For further information please contact Watershed Protection Branch, Wastewater Regulatory Program at (404) 362-2680.