

NOTE: This notice is being re-issued to change the date of the public hearing to June 26, 2015 and to correct an omission on page 13 of the proposed amendments.

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
GEORGIA'S RULES 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 Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6. Specific amendments are proposed to Rule 391-3-6-.03, "Water Use Classifications and Water Quality Standards.\"", and Rule 391-3-6-.06, "Waste Treatment and Permit Requirements. Amended." (hereinafter, the "proposed rule amendments"). The Director of EPD certifies that the proposed rule amendments are authorized by 40 CFR 131.4, and EPD is delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement Section 303, 304(a), and 307(a) of the Clean Water Act.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, a synopsis, and statement of rationale of the proposed rule amendments, 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/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 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.

The supporting technical document for the site-specific copper criteria, titled "*Biotic Ligand Model Report for Site Specific Copper Water Quality Standard: Buffalo Creek, Carroll County, Georgia,*" and the nomination package for the headwaters of the Conasauga River as an Outstanding National Resource Waters are also available for viewing at <http://environet.dnr.state.ga.us/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 file room, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SW, West Tower, Balcony, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334. In addition, more information regarding EPA's recommended recreational water quality criteria for the protection of human health can be found at <http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/health/recreation/index.cfm>.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments, a public hearing will be held on June 26, 2015 at the following location:

Friday, June 26, 2015 (1:00 pm – 3:00 pm) in the Environmental Protection Division 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 on or before June 26, 2015. Written comments may be emailed to EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us or sent via regular mail addressed to: Elizabeth Booth, Manager, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please include the words "Water Quality Standards Triennial Review" 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 at 9:00 a.m. on August 26, 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 rule amendments 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, please contact Elizabeth Booth at (404) 463-4929.