PUBLIC NOTICE January 13, 2023

NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING ON THE PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) GENERAL PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY FOR STAND ALONE AND INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO WATERS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (Division), Watershed Protection Branch, is conducting stakeholder meetings to discuss the reissuance of General NPDES Permit Nos. GAR100001 and GAR100002, authorizing stormwater discharges associated with construction activity for stand alone and infrastructure construction projects to waters of the State of Georgia. The stakeholder draft permits and other information are available for review at the Division's website listed below:

https://epd.georgia.gov/forms-permits/watershed-protection-branch-forms-permits/storm-waterforms/npdes-construction-storm

In addition, the documents are available for review on Tuesdays between 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. To schedule an appointment, email gorarequest.water@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you.

The purpose of the meetings is to inform and to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to request clarification on the proposed permit changes. At the meeting, anyone may offer comments. The Division will listen to comments and address stakeholder questions during the meetings. However, lengthy comments or statements should be submitted in writing. The Division will be hosting the stakeholder meetings via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. The virtual stakeholder meetings will be held as follows:

Zoom Meeting Details: Permit to be Discussed: Infrastructure (GAR100002) Date: February 8, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. To participate in the stakeholder meeting, please click the following link or copy and paste it into your browser: https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/96130997714?pwd=TDRYN3UxYXJKYWo2bHhVWjBNemNNdz09

Meeting ID: 961 3099 7714 Passcode: 322988

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll-free) When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and/or Passcode shown above.

Zoom Meeting Details: Permit to be Discussed: Stand Alone (GAR100001) Date: February 9, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. To participate in the stakeholder meeting, please click the following link or copy and paste it into your browser:

https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/95804271039?pwd=OUd3Mkk0bnpxa3pjWURzc0hnWnNWOT09

Meeting ID: 958 0427 1039 Passcode: 914928

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll-free) When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and/or Passcode shown above.

Stakeholders may provide written comments which will be considered by the Division to develop the draft permits. Persons wishing to comment on the stakeholder drafts can submit written comments by the close of business on February 17, 2023, to <u>EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov</u> or by mail to the following Division address:

Georgia Environmental Protection Division Nonpoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Unit 2 MLK Jr. Drive Suite 1462 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334

The words "Stakeholder Draft Construction Stormwater General Permit GAR100001" or "Stakeholder Draft Construction Stormwater General Permit GAR100002" should be placed at the top of the first page of comments and in the email subject line (if sent via email) to ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the appropriate staff. All comments received or postmarked prior to the deadline will be considered.