

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

## State Update: Regulatory & Permitting Activities

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- Regulatory Activities
  - Triennial Review
  - E-reporting
- Permitting
  - Wastewater
  - Stormwater



- Triennial Review
  - Initiated in 2016 with public feedback through 2018
  - Updates include:
    - Clarify the antidegradation rule;
    - Explicitly incorporate the use of compliance schedules in NPDES permits;
    - Clarify the definition for "estuarine waters";
    - Include pH in the definition of "natural conditions";
    - Adopt EPA's recommended aquatic life cadmium criteria;
    - Adopt bacteria criteria for the protection of secondary contact recreation;
    - Develop site-specific lake standards that include numeric chlorophyll, nutrient criteria for Lakes Oconee, Sinclair;





- Electronic Reporting Rule (2015)
  - Increase transparency and efficiency
  - GEOS Public Portal: epd.georgia.gov/geos/





- Barrow Co.
  - New pretreatment permit (0.025 MGD) for Price Industries (metal finishing) to Tanner's Bridge WPCP
- Greene Co.
  - New Greenbriar Sand facility covered under NPDES general permit (removing silt from Lake Oconee)
- Jackson Co.
  - Commerce Northside WPCP permit modified to include a Cityoperated pretreatment facility
  - KEMRON Environmental Services issued discharge permit for treated wastewater from a fluids treatment system for the former Agri-Cycle pond closure project in Talmo
  - LAS permit issued to Walton Development & Management for Arcade Meadows LAS (0.25 MGD)



- Laurens Co.
  - Griffin Industries expanded LAS system from 0.1 to 0.125 MGD
- Oconee Co.
  - New LAS permit issued to Oconee County Schools, Dove Creek Elementary School (0.01 MGD)
- Washington Co.
  - Industrial pretreatment permit issued to Howard Sheppard, Inc. (0.084 MGD) for truck tank wash water discharge to Sandersville WPCP
  - Permit issued to new Imerys Clays' Danzy Mine in Deepstep
- Wilkinson Co.
  - New permits issued to Arcilla Mining & Land Company for 7 mine pump out discharge points
  - New permits issued to Active Minerals International for 3 kaolin mining locations in Gordon





- Industrial Stormwater
  - 1 general permit
  - Reissued June 1, 2017
  - All submittals electronic
  - Compliance assistance











- Municipal Stormwater
  - Phase II MS4 permit reissued December 6, 2017
  - Phase II MS4 Remand Rule (2016)
    - Specific program requirements
    - Clear, concise and measurable
  - Green Infrastructure





- Construction Stormwater
  - 3 general permits
  - Reissued August 1, 2018
  - Construction and Development Rule (2014)
    - Cover construction waste and building materials
  - Renewal window closes next week





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