

# **Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

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## **NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION AIR PROTECTION BRANCH**

STATE OF GEORGIA

NOTICE OF DRAFT 2007 ANNUAL AIR MONITORING PLAN – May 2007

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to issue a 2007 Annual Air Monitoring Plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in July 2007.

The Georgia EPD is required to produce this annual plan as part of EPA's amended ambient air monitoring regulations established October 17, 2006.

The Division's 2007 plan will show how the state agency plans to meet EPA regulations for monitoring air quality in the state by assessing monitoring objectives, site appropriateness for air quality characterization, spatial scale represented by each monitor and appropriate new technologies.

Georgia EPD's air monitoring network consists of 62 stations located throughout the state. EPD uses the air monitoring data to track if air quality standards are being met, to assist in enforcement actions, to determine the improvement or decline of air quality, to trace the extent of allowable industrial expansion and to provide air pollution information to the public.

The draft Annual Air Monitoring Plan is available for review. The draft plan is available for review at the office of the Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Atlanta Tradeport - Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Anyone interested in reviewing the draft plan may also visit the following EPD Regional Offices from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Coastal District (Brunswick), One Conversation Way, Brunswick, GA 31520 – 912-264-7284; Coastal District (Savannah), 6555 Abercorn Street, Suite 130, Savannah, GA 31405 – 912-353-3225; East Central District (Augusta), 1885 Tobacco Road, Suite A, Augusta, GA 30906 – 706-792-7744; Mountain District (Atlanta), 4244 International Parkway, Suite 114, Atlanta, GA 30354 – 404-362-2671; Mountain District (Cartersville), 16 Center Road, Cartersville, GA 30120 – 770-387-4900; Northeast District (Athens), 745 Gaines School Road, Athens, GA 30605; Southwest District (Albany), 2024 Newton Road, Albany, GA 31701 – 229-430-4259; West Central District (Macon), 2640 Shurling Drive, Macon, GA 31211 – 478-751-6612. Lowndes County residents can review the draft Annual Air Monitoring Report at the South Georgia Regional Library, 300 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Valdosta, GA 31602 – 229-333-0086.

The draft Air Monitoring Plan will be available at our internet site <http://www.georgiaair.org> by selecting under Hot Topics. (Please note that the Internet is generally accessible from most public libraries in Georgia and at the Air Protection Branch office listed above.)

If copies are desired, the first 25 pages are free of charge, and every page thereafter costs \$0.10 per page. A copying machine for public use is provided by EPD at the Atlanta Air Protection Branch office only and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, excluding holidays.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft state Annual Air Monitoring Plan. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Air Monitoring Plan are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the following address

**Air Protection Branch  
Attn: Annual Air Monitoring Plan Comments  
4244 International Parkway, Suite 120  
Atlanta, Georgia 30354.**

Comments must be received by the EPD no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the newspaper. (Should the comment period end on a weekend or holiday, comments will be accepted up until the next working day.) The Division, in making its final decision to issue the Annual Plan to EPA, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

After the comment period has expired, the EPD will consider all comments received. EPD's responses to comments and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review during normal business hours at the office of the Air Protection Branch.

For additional information, contact the manager of the Air Monitoring Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information.

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