

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVISION TO GEORGIA'S
RULES FOR AIR QUALITY CONTROL, CHAPTER 391-3-1,
STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 Georgia's Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1 (hereinafter, "the proposed Air rule amendments"). The proposed Air rule amendments include revisions to 391-3-1-.02 (5) for "Open Burning." The proposed rule is amended to include the counties of Bibb, Catoosa, Columbia, Crawford, Houston, Peach, Richmond, Twiggs, and Walker for the purpose of mitigating the contribution from open burning to ground level ozone pollution by imposing restrictions on open burning during the period from May 1 to September 30 of each year.

The notice, an exact copy of the proposed Air rule amendments and a synopsis, may be viewed at <http://www.air.dnr.state.ga.us/airpermit/>. A copy of this notice together, with an exact copy of the proposed Air rule amendments and a synopsis, may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. In addition, a copy of this notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Air rule amendments and a synopsis, may be reviewed during normal business hours at Washington Memorial Library, 1180 Washington Avenue, Macon, Georgia 31201. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Air Protection Branch at 404/363-7000.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed Air rule amendments, a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 26, 2004, at Mercer University School of Medicine Auditorium located at 1550 College Street in Macon, Georgia. 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 ensure their consideration, written comments must be received by close of business on October 26, 2004, or during the public hearing scheduled for the same date. Written comments should be addressed to: Chief, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

The proposed Air rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board of Natural Resources at its meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 7-8, 2004, in the DNR Board Room located at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Suite 1252, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. The proposed Air rule amendments are proposed for adoption pursuant to authority contained in Georgia Air Quality Act, O.C.G.A. Section 12-9-1 et seq.

For further information, contact the Air Protection Branch at 404/363-7000.