

Georgia Environmental Protection Division

NPDES Permitting Update Watershed Protection Branch

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*Watershed Planning &
Monitoring Program*

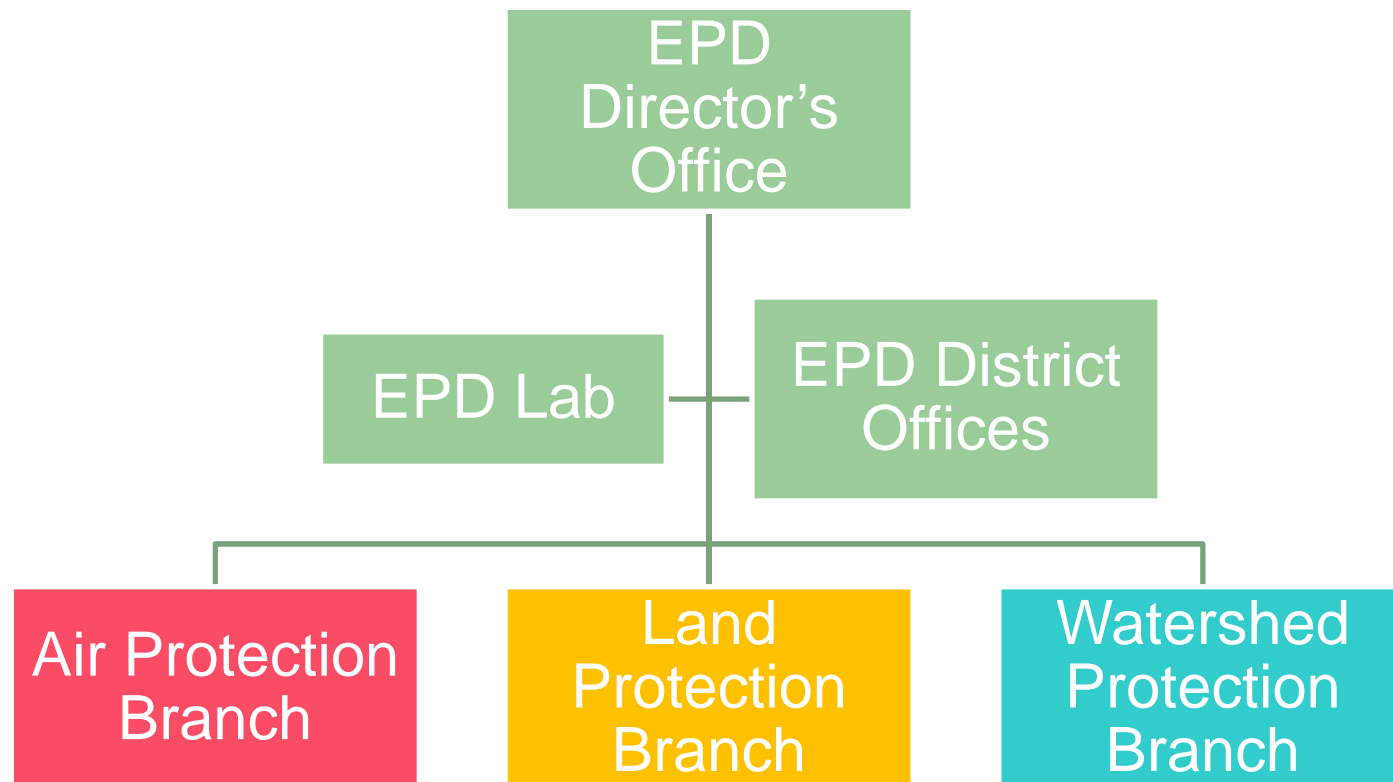
GIEC Water Workshop
Atlanta, GA - Oct 27, 2015



Presentation Overview

- ❖ Wastewater Regulatory Program Overview
- ❖ Online Applications - GEOS
- ❖ E-Reporting and NetDMR
- ❖ NPDES Permitting
- ❖ Other

Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD)



EPD Watershed Protection Branch

❖ James “Jac” Capp – Branch Chief

❖ Six Programs:

- Wastewater Regulatory
- Watershed Compliance
- Nonpoint Source
- Water Supply
- Watershed Planning & Monitoring
- Regulatory Support



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Wastewater Regulatory Program (WRP)

Jeff Larson – Program Manager

- ❖ Issues Water Quality Permits in Georgia (NPDES and LAS)
 - Municipal and Industrial
 - General and Individual permits



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Wastewater Regulatory Program (cont.)

- ❖ Industrial permitting includes:
 - Issuing FOG Registrations (*FOG-xxx*)
 - Issuing Underground Injection Control Permits (UIC)
- [Nondomestic Septic System Permits (NDSS)]

GEOS

Georgia EPD Online Permitting & Reporting System

- ❖ GEOS is an EPD Portal to provide the one-stop interface to allow the regulated community to submit information to EPD, and also to support the general public to query environmental data of their interests
- ❖ The initial launch will offer:
 - Air permit options regulated under the Clean Air Act Title V Operation permit program
 - NPDES wastewater permit option regulated under the Clean Water Act





Welcome to Georgia DNR Environmental Protection Division Online Permitting & Reporting Services

Online services offer the convenience of obtaining environmental permits and submitting compliance reports online. It supports the following features:

- Establish a user account and manage all your submittals online;
- Apply environmental permits, certificates, licenses and other environmental issuances online;
- Submit environmental reports;
- Monitor processing status of your online submittals;
- Receive e-mail notifications on permitting results;
- Receive e-mail alerts for upcoming reporting obligations;
- Submit requests to revise permits or submit revised reports;
- Track historical versions of all submittals.

[Public Inquiry Portal: Search for Applications and Permits Submitted in GEOS](#)

ALERT: ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED USING GEOS IS OPEN AND AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. Information that a person claims is not subject to disclosure to the public ("Non-disclosure Claims") **MUST** be submitted to EPD in compliance with *EPD's Procedures for Submitting Information Pursuant to a Claim That Information in the Submittal is Protected Under Georgia Law from Disclosure to the Public*

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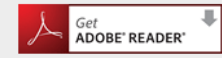
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Access to GEOS

❖ Through EPD website:

<http://epd.georgia.gov/geosinfo>

❖ Direct link:

<https://geos.epd.georgia.gov/GA/GEOS/Public/EnSuite/Shared/Pages/Main/Login.aspx>

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Public Hearing on Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC - Albany Compressor Station - Draft Operating Permit


November 5, 2015
Albany GA

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GEOS Status

- ❖ Used for Title V Air Permits
- ❖ Used for Municipal NPDES Permits
- ❖ As of October 22, 2015 there were 89 items
 - Eighty-three Title V Applications
 - Six NPDES Applications

Application Detail (NPDES)

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Click the form link under "Application Form(s) Detail" to view the submitted Application Form.

Application Basic Information

Submittal ID: **40200**


Submittal Name: **NPDES Municipal Application**

Submitted Date: **5/29/2015 9:48:48 AM**

Submitted by: **Steven Nestor**
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770-419-6321
Steven.Nestor@cobbcounty.org

Review Status: **Admin Review Completed**

Application Form(s) Detail

 [NPDES 2A Form - Form View](#)

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e-Reporting and NetDMR

- ❖ On September 24, 2015, the EPA Administrator signed the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Electronic Reporting Rule for publication in the Federal Register
- ❖ The final rule will likely be published in the *Federal Register* sometime in October

e-Reporting and NetDMR (cont.)

- ❖ Final Rule information is on the EPA website:
<http://www2.epa.gov/compliance/proposed-national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-npdes-electronic-reporting-rule>

e-Reporting and NetDMR (cont.)

- ❖ The final rule requires that NPDES regulated entities electronically submit the following permit and compliance monitoring information instead of using paper reports:
 - Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs);
 - Notices of Intent to discharge in compliance with a general permit; and
 - Program reports

e-Reporting and NetDMR (cont.)

- ❖ EPA will phase in the requirements of the rule over a five (5) year period following the effective date of the final rule
- ❖ Phase 1 – One (1) year after effective date of final rule
 - Inspections, violations, enforcement actions (to EPA from states)
 - DMR data (to states from permittees)

e-Reporting and NetDMR (cont.)

- ❖ Also within Phase 1 – One (1) year after effective date of final rule
 - Authorized NPDES programs will submit an implementation plan for meeting the Phase 2 data requirements for EPA to review

e-Reporting and NetDMR (cont.)

- ❖ Phase 2 – Five (5) years after effective date of final rule
 - General Permit Reports (NOIs, NOTs)
 - Sewage Sludge/Biosolids Annual Reports
 - CAFO Annual Reports
 - Pretreatment Program Reports
 - SIU Compliance Reports
 - Sewer Overflow/Bypass Reports
 - CWA Section 316(b) Annual Reports

NetDMR

- ❖ The “How” for Getting DMR Data Submitted Electronically
- ❖ NetDMR is a web application that can be used to enter and submit data required to meet NPDES permit reporting requirements
- ❖ Use of NetDMR rather than submitting paper forms will be required by EPA in 2016*

*Or beginning 1 year after Final Reporting Rule effective date



Information About NetDMR

❖ EPD website:

<http://epd.georgia.gov/netdmr/>

❖ Test NetDMR:

<https://netdmrtest.epacdx.net/netdmr-web/public/home.htm>

Information About NetDMR

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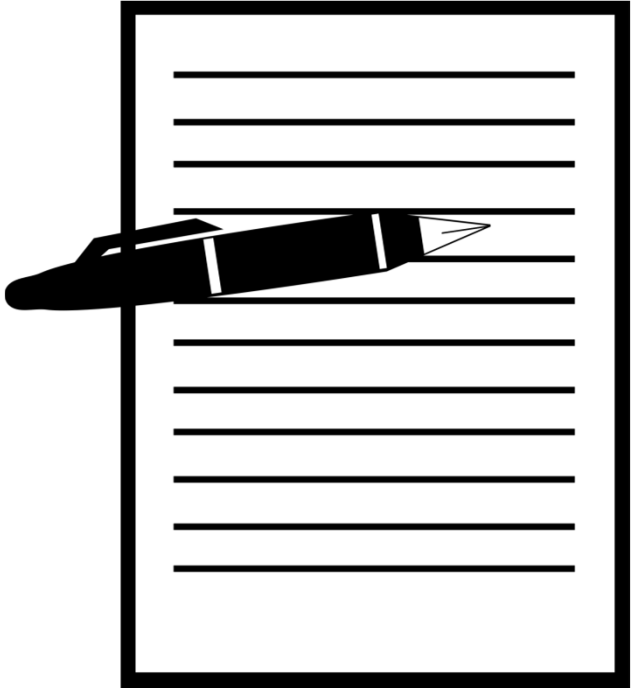
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- ❖ Gigi Steele – Municipal Permitting Manager

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