

NOTICE OF THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
AIR PROTECTION BRANCH

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
NOTICE OF DRAFT PART 70 OPERATING PERMIT MODIFICATION

To All Interested Parties:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division announces its intent to modify Part 70 Air Quality Operating Permit No. 3295-303-0008-V-06-0 issued to **Thiele Kaolin Company - Deepstep Road Plant** by the issuance of Permit Amendment No. 3295-303-0008-V-06-1. The facility is located at **4062 Deepstep Road, Sandersville, Georgia**. The main purpose of this permit amendment is to Replace the existing No. 5 Boiler with a new modern boiler with low NOX burners. Boiler will be natural gas with fuel oil back up and replace area source boiler MACT conditions, and incorporate NSPS Subpart Dc conditions for Boiler No. 5, which will decrease PM, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, VOC, NO_x, CO and total HAPs emissions by approximately 2.82 tpy, 2.2 tpy, 1 tpy, 0.2 tpy, 3.3 tpy, 1.4 tpy and 0.03 tpy respectively. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has prepared this Title V Operating Permit Amendment in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act. This permit amendment will be enforceable by the Georgia EPD, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other persons as otherwise authorized by law.

The draft permit, explanatory narrative, and permit application will be available for review on our Internet site, <https://epd.georgia.gov/draft-title-v-permitsamendments>.

These documents, and all information used to develop the draft permit amendment are available for review at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. All visits to EPD's offices are by appointment only. To set an appointment, email askepd@dnr.ga.gov with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies of the draft permit, explanatory narrative, and associated permit application may also be requested by contacting Steve Allison, steve.allison2@dnr.ga.gov.

You are hereby notified of the opportunity to submit written public comments concerning the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification. Persons wishing to comment on the draft Part 70 Operating Permit Modification are required to submit their comments, in writing, to EPD at the above Atlanta Air Protection Branch address or via email [preferred] to epd.comments@dnr.ga.gov (emails must contain the facility name and "air permit" in the subject line). Comments must be received by the EPD no later than 30 days after the date on which this notice is published in the newspaper before close of business at 4:30 p.m. (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 Part 70 permit, will consider all comments received on or prior to that date.

Any requests for a public hearing must be made within the 30-day public comment period. A request for a hearing should be in writing and should specify, in as much detail as possible, the air quality related issues that constitute the basis for the request. Where possible, the individual making the request should also identify the portion(s) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control and/or the Federal Rules that the individual making the request is concerned may not have been adequately incorporated into the draft permit. If a public hearing on the draft Title V Operating Permit is to be held, the date, time, and location of the hearing will be provided by a subsequent separate public notice. At such hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing concerning the draft Title V permit. Any information received during a public hearing will be considered by the Division along with all other information received during the comment period when making its final decision to issue the Title V permit amendment. The Division conducts public hearings in “virtual” format using Zoom meeting applications.

Following this 30 day public comment period, the EPD will consider all comments, make any necessary changes, and issue a proposed permit amendment to U.S. EPA. The proposed permit amendment will then undergo a 45 day review by U.S. EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 70.8. Information pertaining to U.S. EPA’s review period can be found on their website at <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/georgia-proposed-title-v-permits>.

After the EPA review period has expired, the EPD will issue a final Part 70 Operating Permit Amendment incorporating any changes required by U.S. EPA. Copies of the final Title V Operating Permit, comments received, EPD’s responses to comments, and any other relevant information will then be made available for public review at our offices by appointment only. A summary of comments and any changes made to the final permit will be found in an addendum to the narrative. A copy of this narrative and the final Title V permit will be added to the information already available at the Internet address given above.

For additional information, contact the manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program, at the Atlanta address, or by phone at 404/363-7000. Please refer to this notice when requesting information. You can sign up to receive weekly emails regarding Air Public Notices at <https://epd.georgia.gov/subscribe-air-protection-branch-updates>