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DeKalb Watershed Management to Host Industrial Pretreatment Workshop on March 24

DECATUR, Ga. – The DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management (DWM) will host an Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) Stakeholder Workshop on **Friday, March 24, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at 4572 Memorial Drive, Decatur.**

At the workshop, companies enrolled in the county's IPP program will receive updates on organizational and programmatic changes implemented to improve compliance with county rules and ordinances, the Federal Clean Water Act and the Georgia Water Quality Control Act.

Since DeKalb County is currently under a federally mandated Consent Decree related to the operation and maintenance of the sewer system, the goal of IPP is to prevent further deterioration of pipes and other parts of the system. The IPP also prevents the introduction of pollutants to county treatment plants that may pass through into rivers, lakes and streams, adversely impacting the environment.

DWM has increased enforcement requirements for businesses within the county enrolled in the IPP and is actively identifying industries that are required by law to enroll in the program. DeKalb County's IPP is under the oversight of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The IPP Workshop is limited to 75 participants and is open to both regulated industries and the public. To reserve space in the workshop, send an email request to IPP@DeKalbCountyGA.gov. Questions about the event should be addressed to Bernard Bethea, pretreatment supervisor, at brbethea@dekalbcountyga.gov or 770-687-7147. General inquiries or questions about the IPP may be sent to IPP@DeKalbCountyGA.gov.

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