



Georgia Department of Agriculture

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Gary W. Black
Commissioner

DATE: March 22, 2017

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Consider Adoption of New Chapter 40-31 Entitled “Soil Amendments”

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. §§ 2-12-80 and 50-13-4, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Agriculture will be accepting written comments regarding the adoption of a new Chapter 40-31 entitled “Soil Amendments.” The Department will be accepting written comments from March 22, 2017, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on April 21, 2017.

SYNOPSIS, MAIN FEATURES AND DIFFERENCES

The Department is proposing to adopt new Chapter 40-31 entitled “Soil Amendments.” Specifically, the Department is proposing to adopt new Rule 40-31-1-.01 entitled “Soil Amendment Sampling” which would clarify that the Commissioner or his duly designated agent is authorized to collect samples of a soil amendment upon demand without charge or cost from any public or private premises within this state in which a soil amendment is manufactured, processed, packed, stored, distributed or held for distribution and from any vehicle used to transport or hold such a soil amendment. Methods of sampling shall be those prescribed by the Commissioner.

COMMENT PERIOD AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Department will be accepting written comments from March 22, 2017, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on April 21, 2017. Comments will be considered on April 24, 2017. Please submit written comments to:

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Interested persons may call or submit a written request to obtain a copy of the proposed rules. A copy of the synopsis and the proposed rules may be downloaded from the Georgia Department of Agriculture website at www.agr.georgia.gov.

This notice is given in compliance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.