

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To assist with the submission of 2024 Calendar Year Fees

- The Georgia Air Protection Branch's Emission Fee Reports are now online. It is crucial that if you received this notice, your facility must complete the online form and submit your data electronically, regardless of any fees that may be due. Even if **your facility does not owe a fee**, you must complete the online form and submit the Georgia Air Emissions data electronically.

➤ The Calendar Year 2024 Emissions Fees:

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE LATE FEE

An administrative late fee of 0.05% of the total fee owed for each calendar day following September 2, 2025, until the permit fee form is submitted and paid. Please note that this fee can accumulate quickly, so submitting the form as soon as possible is in your best interest.

(2) PART 70 (TITLE V)

For major Part 70 (Title V) sources paying the 'calculated fees', the cost is **\$45.37/ton** for stationary sources that contain a coal-fired EGU and **\$43.13** for all other sources. Understanding these specific fees will help you accurately calculate and prepare for your facility's emissions fees.

The Part 70 fee does not apply if **ALL** 3 of the following conditions are met: (1) the stationary source has permanently ceased operations, (2) has submitted a written request to revoke the Part 70 permit, and (3) the Division revoked the Part 70 permit for the facility on or before December 31, 2024. As of July 2, 2020, all Part 70 (Title V) facilities will be subject to a Maintenance Fee of **\$1,300.00**.

(3) SPECIAL PART 70 SITUATIONS

Any source for which a Part 70 (Title V) permit application is **or will be** required to be submitted to obtain a Part 70 permit is required to pay fees. For new Part 70 sources, fees apply once a construction (SIP) permit required under 391-3-1-.03(1) **has been issued**. That facility shall be considered a stationary source, even if it has not been constructed or begun operation. Any facility that **did not begin operation during or before 2024 must calculate fees based on 50% of its potential emissions** instead of paying the Part 70 minimum fee. Sources with multiple Part 70 permits (i.e., multiple active AIRS numbers for a single facility) must report and pay for each separately permitted portion of the facility.

(4) SYNTHETIC MINOR (SM) AND TRUE MINOR (B)

Synthetic Minor (SM) sources (excluding SM sources required to obtain a Part 70 permit) owe a Synthetic Minor Fee of **\$2,730**. True Minor (B) and Permit-by-Rule (PR) sources (excluding those that are required to obtain a Part 70 permit) do not have to pay either the Part 70 or the Synthetic Minor Fee.

The SM fee does not apply if ALL the following conditions are met: (1) the stationary source has permanently ceased operations, (2) has submitted a written request to revoke the SM permit, and (3) the Division revoked the SM permit for the facility on or before December 2024.

(5) NSPS STANDARD

Sources subject to at least one NSPS standard are required to pay the \$2,470 NSPS fee. This fee is due **in addition** to any Part 70 or SM fee that may be due.

The NSPS fee does not apply if all the NSPS standards to which the source is subject are listed in Section 2.1 (Exemption List) of the Fee Manual.

(6) GENERAL INFORMATION

- If the total amount due for a facility is **\$10,000 or greater**, the fee may be paid in four equal quarterly payments.
- Fee calculations are only required for Part 70 Major sources (source classification = A). **There are no emission threshold limits; all emissions must be considered in the calculations.** If the calculated fees are below the Part 70 minimum fee of \$5,850, then the minimum fee of \$5,850 is due. An NSPS fee may also be due.
- **If no fee is due for a facility**, the Georgia Air Emission Fee Reporting Form must be submitted online, and a copy must be emailed to lydia.davis@dnr.ga.gov.
- Please only submit the Georgia Air Emission Fee Invoice(s) and check(s). **DO NOT** send copies of your calculations as they will be discarded. Please retain all information and calculations for a minimum of five years.
- Cover letters are required only if an explanation is needed to clear up discrepancies.
- **Please send the Georgia Air Emission Fee Invoice and payment in the same envelope. Checks are frequently written without an indication of which AIRS number they apply to, sometimes leading to incorrect crediting of the payment. Please arrange to mail checks to Air Quality Fees, P.O. Box 101713, Atlanta, GA, with the invoice to minimize processing errors. This is the bank address and the address on the invoice.**

If you have questions regarding:

1. Calculations – Contact the compliance engineer assigned to your facility or call 404-363-7000 and ask for your assigned engineer.
2. Other fee questions (due dates, payments, etc.) – Please contact Lydia Davis at 470-524-2613 or email lydia.davis@dnr.ga.gov.

GECO Registration and Information

The Georgia Air Protection Branch (APB) has developed an online facility information system called Georgia Environmental Connections Online or GECO (pronounced gĕk-ō)., GECO is an electronic facility information application and submittal system. As the APB continues to increase the amount of facility information it maintains electronically, GECO is the portal through which facilities can access and provide information. Currently, GECO includes facility name, location, and status information and receives fee submittals, emission statements, and emission inventories.

➤Features of GECO:

- Single-user accounts can access multiple facilities.
- Each facility has one Admin User to access other GECO users.
- There is no limit to the number of users a facility can have.
- Current facility information, as the APB maintains it, and thus, the EPA's ECHO system.
- Customizable help to the left of each webpage
- News and Events are posted as new features are added.

!! IMPORTANT!!

- Anyone can register; all you need is a valid email address.
- Registration is simply providing user information and creating an account.
- Once you have registered, a confirmation email with an activation link will be sent to your email address. **If you do not receive an email**, check that your email system allows for emails from Georgia Air Protection Branch (Air Web), GeorgiaAirProtectionBranch@dnr.ga.gov
- After activating your account, you can log in to the GECO system.
- If you cannot see your AIRS number, email lydia.davis@dnr.ga.gov for help.

➤How do I register, log in, and access GECO and my facility information?

- (1) Open an internet browser and navigate to the GECO homepage – <https://geco.gaepd.org>.
- (2) To register in the GECO system, locate the “Register” link to the right of the login or in the Quick Links. Please follow the online instructions for registering and activating the GECO email.
- (3) To log in to GECO, navigate to the GECO homepage, enter your email address and password, and click the Sign In button.
- (4) After logging in to GECO, you will visit the “My Home” page. GECO-My Home lists the facilities you can access, and the permissions associated with your account for each facility. **If you do not have access to the facilities you need, please use the “Request access to a facility” link or call the name and number listed at the bottom of this page.** GECO-My Home also provides access to the user's Profile and the ability to change the user's email and password.
- (5) To access the facility information and application, select a facility to open the Facility Home page. From the Facility Home page, you can view the Facility Location and Facility Header Data that the APB currently has on file. If you are an Admin user, there is a tab for Admin Tools where you can add and remove users for your facility.
- (6) To access the fee submittal tool, select the Emissions Fees button from the Facility Home Page at the top of the page. Then, you will be ready to submit the fee online. Please follow the instructions on the website and the fee manual to clarify your fee calculations further.

Effective June 2024, Georgia Environmental Connections Online (GECO) will allow facilities to choose between receiving electronic notifications, continuing to receive paper notices, or receiving both.

When you log into GECO, you will be prompted to select your facility's “Communication Preference for Permit Fees” and to make any changes to the Primary Contact (see below). Regardless of the choice, the primary contact information must be correct to ensure the proper facility contact receives the notification.

Users cannot generate their invoices until this information is entered or confirmed. All fields are required to proceed.

Permit Fees
Edit Preferences for *Permit Fees*

Preferred Method of Communication

Select your preferred method of communication for Permit Fees. Please note that both electronic and email contact are still required.

☐ Prefer to receive electronic communications.
☐ Prefer to receive mailed communications.
☒ Prefer to receive **both** electronic and mailed communications.

Save Communication Preferences

Primary Contact

Salutation	<input type="text"/>	("Ms.", "Dr.", etc.)
First Name	<input type="text" value="Tammy"/>	
Last Name	<input type="text" value="Tucker"/>	required
Title	<input type="text" value="Financial Analyst"/>	
Organization	<input type="text" value="GA DNR"/>	
Street Address	<input type="text" value="4244 International Pkwy"/>	required
Apt / Suite / Other	<input type="text" value="Suite 120"/>	
City	<input type="text" value="Atlanta"/>	required
State	<input type="text" value="GA"/>	required
Postal Code	<input type="text" value="30354"/>	required
Telephone Number	<input type="text" value="4782573222"/>	required
Primary Contact Email	<input type="text" value="tammy.tucker@dnr.ga.gov"/>	required

Save Contact Info

You can change this choice in the future by using the “Communication Preferences” tab on the Facility Home Screen.

Each facility's communication preference must be selected individually if a user manages multiple facilities.

If you need further assistance with GECO registration or facility access for your account, please contact Lydia Davis at 470-524-2613 or lydia.davis@dnr.ga.gov.