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Mr. James D. Giattina, Director
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Re: Draft 2010 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

Dear Mr. Giattina:

The purpose of this correspondence is to transmit to you a copy of Georgia's draft 2010 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters as required by Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The list was developed in accordance with 40 CFR Part 130.7(b)(4) and guidance provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

As in previous years, the list of waters was prepared using all existing and readily available data and information in accordance with USEPA guidance. The data assessment and listing methodology were similar to that used in previous years and a copy of the 2010 Listing Assessment Methodology is enclosed as Attachment #1. A list of changes made to the individual water listings is included as Attachment #2. Attachment #3 of this letter contains a key to the abbreviations and codes used in the list of waters. Attachment #4 contains Georgia's draft 2010 305(b)/303(d) list of waters.

The list of waters is being placed on public notice at this time. EPD is planning to hold a public meeting in late February or early March to provide the public an opportunity to ask questions and to submit comments on the list. EPD will provide U.S. EPA with the final 2010 Integrated Report once the comment period has expired and we have addressed the comments received. EPD will submit the ADB database of the List of Waters and a GIS coverage of these waters along with the Integrated Report.

We respectfully request EPA to review the attached documents during the public notice period and to provide us with any comments or questions that you may have in order to facilitate the approval of the final package. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachments