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### **Georgia EPD Announces Selection Of State Geologist**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has announced the appointment of Dr. Jim Kennedy as State Geologist. Dr. Kennedy will serve as a senior policy advisor to EPD on matters involving geology and environmental management, with a focus on groundwater and surface water availability and quality.

Dr. Kennedy has 25 years of experience consulting in the field of hydrogeology. Hydrogeology is the science of how water moves underground and how it can affect surface water bodies, such as streams and rivers. He most recently served as a senior scientist for MACTEC Engineering and Consulting Inc. in Kennesaw.

Dr. Kennedy holds a doctorate in geology, with a specialty in hydrogeology from Texas A&M University, a Master of Science in geophysical science from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Science in physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a registered professional geologist.

“We conducted a nationwide search for a state geologist, but found the most qualified candidate right here in Georgia,” said EPD Director Carol A. Couch. “Dr. Kennedy has lived and worked here since 1987 and has a wealth of knowledge about the geology of our state.”

Dr. Kennedy replaces Dr. William McLemore as State Geologist. Dr. McLemore retired from state employment late last year.

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