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Georgia EPD Releases New Report on the State of the Environment

A new report from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) offers a comprehensive look at the current condition of Georgia's natural resources and also gives citizens an overview of future environmental challenges as our diverse state continues to grow.

"The report, *The State of Georgia's Environment 2009*, contains important information for all Georgians to help us understand the impact we have on the environment," said EPD Director Carol A. Couch. "The amount of trash we send to landfills, the air pollution we create and the gallons of water we conserve are important today, but our actions will also make a big difference in our quality of life in the coming years."

The report is organized in three sections, which each address a major objective of environmental management: Protecting Human Health, Sustaining Healthy Ecosystems and Ensuring Resources to Support a Growing Economy. Numerous state and federal agencies contributed their best available data and information to make the report as current as possible.

The release of *The State of Georgia's Environment 2009* coincides with the 40th observance of Earth Day. The report is available for viewing, downloading and printing at www.georgiaepd.org/Documents/soe2009.html.

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