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MEMORANDUM

To: Judson H. Turner, Director
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From: Jeff Cown, Chief
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Subject: Responses to Comments Received During the Public Comment Period
Regarding Proposed Revisions to the Rules for Hazardous Waste Management,
Chapter 391-3-11

On March 1, 2016, EPD issued a public notice requesting comments on the proposed revisions to the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11. The notice was re-issued on April 20, 2016 to correct a typographical error in the date of the Board meeting for action on the proposed amendments.

The proposed changes included the following rules:

Rules 391-3-11-.01, 391-3-11-.02, 391-3-11-.04, 391-3-11-.05, 391-3-11-.07, and 391-3-11-.11 are being amended to include regulations published by the EPA through June 30, 2015; these updates are proposed by incorporating federal regulations by reference including EPA's final "Definition of Solid Waste Rule". The rule establishes a uniform recycling standard for hazardous secondary materials that encourages recycling while ensuring the safe management of the materials. The rule does so by clarifying recycling definitions as to what can be recycled and how. Additionally, the rule provides the state with oversight through notification, and a variance or permitting process.

Rules 391-3-11-.01, 391-3-11-.08, 391-3-11-.10, 391-3-11-.11 are being amended to streamline or clarify parts of the rules so that it is easier to understand what has or has not been adopted by reference.

A public hearing was held at 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2016 in the Tradeport Training Room, located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. Only one commenter spoke at the hearing. The comments, which were also submitted in writing, supported adoption of the proposed rule amendments. No other comments were received during the public comment periods.