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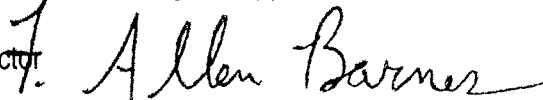
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F. Allen Barnes, Director  
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404/657-8600

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Georgia Voluntary Remediation Program Applicants

From: F. Allen Barnes, Director



Re: Fee Waivers for the Voluntary Remediation Program

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Section 12-8-104(a)(6) allows the Director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to grant waivers of fees provided by the Georgia Voluntary Remediation Program Act to small businesses, counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of the state. This memorandum establishes the process under which the Director will grant requested waivers.

EPD will utilize the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Enforcement Economic Models ([www.epa.gov/oecaerth/civil/econmodels/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/oecaerth/civil/econmodels/index.html)) to evaluate waiver requests. The models to be used by EPD are as follows:

ABEL: Evaluates a corporation's or partnership's ability to afford compliance costs, cleanup costs or civil penalties.

INDIPAY: Evaluates an individual's ability to afford compliance costs, cleanup costs or civil penalties.

MUNIPAY: Evaluates a municipality's or regional utility's ability to afford compliance costs, cleanup costs or civil penalties.

To run these models, EPD requires the submittal of a minimum of three years of federal income tax returns (ABEL and INDIPAY) or US census data and the last three years of annual audited financial statements, bond prospectuses, and budgets (MUNIPAY) for the voluntary remediation program applicant, as appropriate.

When requesting a fee waiver, the voluntary remediation program applicant must include the minimum information required above with the waiver request. If additional information is required, EPD will send a written request to the applicant requesting the additional information.

EPD reserves its rights to request additional information as needed to complete its evaluation of the fee waiver and/or utilize any updates, revisions, etc. to USEPA's Enforcement Economic Models.

Questions regarding voluntary remediation program fee waiver requests should be directed to Alexandra Cleary at 404-657-8600 or [alex.cleary@gaepd.org](mailto:alex.cleary@gaepd.org).