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**Notice of Draft Groundwater Withdrawal Permit –
Ellijay-Gilmer County Water and Sewerage Authority – February 13, 2025**

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) announces its intent to issue a New Groundwater Withdrawal Permit No. 061-0003 for water withdrawal of 4.00 MGD/ 4.000 MGD (Monthly Average/Annual Average in million gallons per day) from one well(s) in the Crystalline Rock aquifer for the purpose of a central water supply.

The Ellijay-Gilmer County Water & Sewerage Authority is requesting to withdraw water with the intention of being a regional water source supplying drinking water to the Pickens County Water Authority and the City of Jasper in addition to withdrawing water for its own use. The application requests for utilization of one well also known as the Discharge Pipe (DP) that goes into the mine at the decommissioned Talona Mine previously operated by the Carmeuse Lime & Stone (Carmeuse) company.

NEW GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT

Permittee's Name: Ellijay-Gilmer County Water and Sewerage Authority

Permittee's Address: Ellijay, GA 30540

River Basin / County: Coosa / Gilmer County

Comment Period Expires: March 14, 2025

Additional Information: The draft permit and all information used to develop the draft permit are available for review. The information includes the application and all relevant supporting materials available to the permitting authority used in the permit review process. This information is available for review at the office of the Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., S.E., East Floyd Towers, Suite 1052, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. All comments received prior to or on the comment period expiration date above will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit.

Persons wishing to comment on the draft permit should submit their comments in writing to the address listed below, or alternatively to EPDComments@dnr.ga.gov. Please include "Groundwater Application for the Ellijay-Gilmer County Water and Sewerage Authority" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

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A public meeting or hearing may be held if the Director of the EPD finds a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit.