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Ms. Amber Phillips, State Environmental Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Re: Request for Variance under the Provisions of O.C.G.A. § 12-7-6(b)(15)
GDOT Project PI # 0013733
Intersection Improvement at SR 5/US 78 @ SR 6/US 278
Douglas County
File: BV-048-26-01

Dear Ms. Phillips:

EPD has received your request to revise the buffer variance authorization for the subject project. The revision requested is to correct an error pertaining to the applicant's variance application date. This revision correctly identifies the application date as February 4, 2026.

This revision to a previously approved buffer variance will not affect the project's original concept, does not change the amount of buffer encroachments and is only a revision to reflect the correct date of the applicant's buffer variance application. The proposed revision will not require further application to GAEPD. Conditions 1 – 6 specified in the attached April 20, 2026 approval remain in effect.

You remain obligated and responsible for complying with the provisions of any other law or regulations of any federal, local or additional State authority; **however, the aforementioned are not obligated to permit this project if they do not concur with its concept of development/control.**

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact please contact Jonathan Calabria-Russell, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, Nonpoint Source Program, at (470) 512-9182.

Sincerely,

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