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March 7, 2024

Mr. Lane Davis
City of Blakely
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Re: Buffer Variance (BV-049-18-01)—TIME EXTENSION
Blakely Welcome Center
Early County

Dear Ms. Collins:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received an email dated March 2, 2024 requesting a buffer variance time extension for the above referenced project. The authorization of BV-049-18-01 is set to expire on April 3, 2024. As per DNR Rule 391-3-7-.05(8), a buffer variance time extension may be granted for a period of up to five years.

This extension 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 an extension of the proposed expiration date. ***Buffer impacts authorized by the original variance must be completed within five years of the date of this letter. A buffer variance time extension may be issued only once.*** Conditions 1-4 specified in the attached April 3, 2019 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 Brian Kent, Environmental Engineer, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, NonPoint Source Program, at (470) 604-9419.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Cown
Director

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Attachment

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cc: Russell Parr, Resource & Land Consultants
Travis Wimbush, Mayor of Blakely
Melinda Cook, City Clerk
Rob Weller, Wildlife Resources Division, Region 5 Fisheries Management
Robert Amos, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission
Lisa Myler, EPD Southwest District

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