



Jeffrey W. Cown, Director

EPD Director's Office
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Suite 1456, East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
404-656-4713

Mr. Eric Duff, State Environmental Administrator Jun 24, 2024
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Environmental Services
600 W. Peachtree Street, NW, 16th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Attention: Sarah Kriigel

Re: Request for Variance under the Provisions of O.C.G.A. § 12-7-6(b)(15)
GDOT Project - PI # 0016319
State Route (SR) 17 at SR 17 Thomson Bypass
McDuffie County

Dear Mr. Duff:

EPD has received your request to revise the buffer variance authorization letter for the subject project. The revision requested is for a change in the project PI# from "PI#0013605" to "PI#0016319."

This revision to a previously approved buffer variance will not affect the project's original concept, will not change the amount of buffer encroachments and is only a correction in the project title. The revision will not require further application to GAEPD. Conditions 1 – 6 specified in the attached June 11, 2024, 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 Jacob Kelley, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, Nonpoint Source Program, at (470) 531-2938.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Cown
Director

JWC:jk

BV-097-24-01

Mr. Eric Duff
BV-097-24-01
PI # 0016319
Page 2

cc: Courtney Cedor, GDOT Project Manager
Alexandra Nelson, GDOT Environmental Analyst
GDOT Environmental Inbox
EPD-GDOT Inbox
Daryl Williams, GDOT ECB
Lisa Westberry, GDOT Mitigation
GDOT IOEQ Inbox
Robert (Bobby) Dollar, GDOT Environmental Program Manager
Andrea Wahl, AtkinsRéalis
Rebecca Ricks, AtkinsRéalis
Jeffery Williams, EPD East Central District (Augusta)
Robert Amos, GSWCC
Steve Schleiger, Region 3 Fisheries
Charles Newton, McDuffie County Commission Chairman