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Mr. Eric Duff
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Attention: Diana Gu

Re: GDOT Project PI# 522180, 522190, 522220
US 1/SR 4 Corridor Improvements
Appling and Toombs Counties
BV-138-19-01 Extension

Dear Mr. Duff:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received your letter dated December 14, 2024 requesting a buffer variance time extension for the above referenced project. The authorization of BV-138-19-01 is set to expire on January 27, 2025. 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 1-5 specified in the attached January 27, 2020 original approval and the modified Condition 6 specified in the attached April 27, 2020 modification approval (BV-138-20-01) 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 Josh Hanselman, Environmental Compliance Specialist, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Unit, Nonpoint Source Program, at (470) 524-0599.

Sincerely,

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