This notice is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Site Plans are available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch 200 Piedmont Avenue, S.W. Suite 418 West Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Please contact Ms. Arnettia Murphy at (404) 656-4157 or e-mail arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov to schedule an appointment to review the plans. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 MLK Jr., Dr., SW Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7.05 (2)(a-k)}: h

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: This project will widen an approximately 6 mile section of SR 25/US 17 and reconstruct/replace two bridges. The project has a total disturbed area of 46 acres in the Brunswick River – Atlantic Ocean (HUC 0307020302) and Altamaha River – Atlantic Ocean (HUC 0307010605) Watersheds. Disturbances will be mitigated for using onsite erosion control best management practices and the purchase of off site mitigation credits.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Eric Duff
Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact: Andres H. Santana, Environmental Specialist EPD, Watershed Protection Branch NonPoint Source Program 2 MLK, Jr. Dr. S.W., Suite 1462 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334 Telephone: 404.463.3142 FAX: 404.651.8556