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Ms. Jeaneanne Gettle, Director Water Management Division U. S. EPA, Region 4 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Re: Draft 2020 305(b)/303(d) List of

Waters

Dear Ms. Gettle:

The purpose of this correspondence is to transmit to you a copy of Georgia's draft 2020 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters as required by Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act. The list was developed in accordance with 40 CFR Part 130.7(b)(4) and guidance provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The draft 2020 305(b)/303(d) package will be being transmitted to U.S. EPA's ATTAINS database via the Exchange Network. We are currently working through issues we are having with the transmission. In the meantime, documents will be sent to our 305(b)/303(d) listing coordinator, Bonita Johnson via email.

As in previous years, the list of waters was prepared using all existing and readily available data and information in accordance with U.S. EPA guidance. The following documents are included as part of our draft submittal:

- 2020 Listing Assessment Methodology
- A summary of listing decisions
- Highlights of the 2020 list
- A list of changes made to the individual listings between 2018 and 2020
- Key to the abbreviations and codes used in the list of waters
- Georgia's draft 2020 305(b)/303(d) list of waters
- Copy of the public notice for the draft 2020 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

The draft 2020 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters is being placed on public notice at this time. GA EPD will provide U.S. EPA with the final 2020 Integrated Report once the comment period has expired and we have addressed the comments received. This submission will be made using ATTAINS.

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We respectfully request U.S. EPA to review the attached documents during the public notice period and to provide us with any comments or questions that you may have in order to facilitate the approval of the final package. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James A. Capp Branch Chief

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