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Ms. Kathlene “Katie” Butler, Director  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960

Re: Draft 2026 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

Dear Ms. Butler:

The purpose of this correspondence is to transmit to you a copy of Georgia’s draft 2026 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 submittal of the draft 2026 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters to EPA’s ATTAINS database via the Exchange Network has been delayed due to an issue with the EPA’s Virtual Exchange Service (VES). EPA Headquarters is aware of the situation and it working to fix this issue. Once the bug has been fixed, we will submit our 2026 cycle data to ATTAINS.

As in previous years, the 305(b)/303(d) 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:

- 2026 Listing Assessment Methodology
- Summary of Listing Decisions
- Highlights of the 2026 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters
- A list of changes between the final 2024 and draft 2026 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters
- Key to the abbreviations and codes used in the 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters
- Tables of waters where we have updated AU IDs, Names, Locations or made changes to the GIS coverages
- Georgia’s draft 2026 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters
- Copy of the public notice for the draft 2026 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

The draft 2026 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 2026 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 to facilitate the approval of the final package. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Veronica", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Veronica Crow  
Branch Chief

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Attachments