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MEMORANDUM

To: Jeffrey W. Cown, Director
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From: James Boylan, Chief
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Subject: Responses to Comments Received During the Public Comment Period Regarding
Proposed Revisions to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1

On February 29, 2024, EPD issued a public notice requesting comments on proposed revisions to the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1. The proposed changes included the following rule:

- **Rule 391-3-1-.03(9), “Permit Fees,”** is being revised to specify the dollar-per-ton rate, reference the “Procedures for Calculating Air Permit Application & Annual Permit Fees” (Fee Manual) for state fiscal year 2025 fees, and change the date that administrative fees start being calculated.

A public hearing was held at 11:00 a.m. on April 1, 2024, via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone. One comment from a private citizen was received at the public hearing. The public comment period ended April 8, 2024. A summary of the comment and EPD’s response is attached. No changes to the proposed amendments are recommended based on the comment received.

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Attachment: Responses to comments

Responses to Comments Received on the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1

February 29, 2024 through April 8, 2024

On February 29, 2024, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) issued a public notice requesting comments on Georgia's proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to permit fees. One comment from a private citizen was received at the public hearing on April 1, 2024. The public comment period ended on April 8, 2024. The comment and EPD's response has been summarized below.

Private Citizen

Comment: I'm here to say that I fully support increasing the emission fee for things like coal power plants at \$37/ton. I do not support the 4,000 ton limit and believe it should be removed. Companies should have to pay for their emissions. There should be no cap on this.

EPD Response: While Georgia EPD may consider increasing fees or making other changes in future rule updates, no fee increases were necessary for this year.

The 4,000 tons per year per stationary source limit for annual fees referenced in the comment is contained in subparagraph (9)(d). This language was previously adopted by the DNR Board and is not the subject of this rule change.