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Mr. Craig Helms  
City of Forsyth  
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**RE: Drought Response Variance Approval -- Drought Response Level Two**

Dear Mr. Helms:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-5-7 and GA Rule 391-3-30-.08, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has reviewed the City of Forsyth's (City's) request for a local variance from the current State Drought Response Level in order to impose more stringent restrictions.

Considering all available relevant information, EPD has determined that "good cause" has been shown to support the request of more stringent restrictions. Based on the information you provided in support of your request, and in consideration of the ongoing drought conditions occurring within your area, your request is hereby approved to impose a Drought Response Level 2. This approval is valid until December 31, 2019. However, if conditions have not improved 10 days prior to the expiration of this variance, please notify EPD and provide any new applicable information so it may be determined if a timeframe extension is warranted.

In addition to the above, this variance requires the City to continue to work with EPD to install the monitoring infrastructure required in Condition #7 of its water withdrawal permit (permit # 102-0501-07). The City must work to achieve compliance with this condition, which will enable it to comply with Conditions #8 – 12 of the permit as well. Compliance action will be forthcoming to bring the City into compliance with its permit.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Mr. Wei Zeng, EPD's Water Supply Program Manager, at 404-463-2883 or [Wei.Zeng@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Wei.Zeng@dnr.ga.gov).

Sincerely,

Richard E. Dunn  
Director