NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA July 6, 2023

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for stream segments in the Ogeechee and Savannah River Basins. The cause of impairment listed in Georgia's 2022 303(d) list is fecal coliform or "FC". In the same river basin TMDL documents, previously approved fecal coliform TMDLs (approved in 1998, 2000, and 2006) are being revised to ensure that all previously issued fecal coliform TMDL calculations conform to the loading curve approach for bacteria TMDL development currently used by GA EPD.

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d)(2)(A) of the CWA. Each TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety. TMDLs are proposed for the list of waterbodies starting on page 2 of this notice.

A copy of the TMDLs are available online on the EPD TMDL webpage, under the Proposed TMDL section: <u>https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch/total-maximum-daily-loadings</u>

In addition, a copy of this notice and a copy of the TMDL documents may be reviewed during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or office closures) by appointment only, at the following location:

Environmental Protection Division Watershed Protection Branch File Room 200 Piedmont Ave. S.W., Suite 418 Atlanta, Georgia 30334 (404) 463-1511.

A single copy of the TMDL document for each river basin is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD). Please direct requests to Ms. Arnettia Murphy at the address or phone number given above. If additional copies are requested, a copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 5:00 p.m., <u>August 18, 2023</u>. Written comments should be addressed to:

Ms. Anna Truszczynski Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1470 Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Comments may also be emailed to <u>EPD.Comments@dnr.ga.gov</u>. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "<u>TMDL Comments</u>" in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Tyler Parsons, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit Manager, <u>tyler.parsons@dnr.ga.gov</u> or (470-524-1724).

After a review of comments, a final revision to the proposed TMDL documents will be made, and the finalized TMDL documents will be submitted to the USEPA for approval.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.

Ogeechee River Basin

TMDLs for Segments in the Ogeechee River Basin on the 2022 303(d) list of impaired waters

- Buckhead Creek Eightmile Creek to Rocky Creek GAR030602010613
- Bull River Richardson Creek to Lazaretto River GAR030602040120
- Ogeechee River Spring Creek to Williamson Swamp Creek GAR030602010409
- Ogeechee River Long Branch to Nevills Creek GAR030602020305
- Tributary to Mill Creek Unnamed tributary 0.3 miles upstream Sims Road to Mill Creek GAR030602020511
- Tributary to Salt Creek Headwaters near Louis Mill Blvd (Savannah) to tributary 500 ft downstream Veterans Parkway GAR030602040213
- Upper Black Creek Crombly Pond to Lower Black Creek -GAR030602020509

Revised TMDLs for Segments in the Coosa River Basin with previously approved TMDLs

- Jackson Branch Upstream King Finishing Company from SR 17 to County Road 39, Dover -GAR030602020303 – TMDL approved in 1998
- Jackson Branch Downstream King Finishing Company from SR17 to Ogeechee River, Dover GAR030602020301 TMDL approved in 1998

Savannah River Basin

TMDLs for Segments in the Savannah River Basin on the 2022 303(d) list of impaired waters

- Hart Creek Headwaters to Clarks Hill Lake GAR030601050303
- Tributary to Buck Creek Headwaters to tributary 0.16 miles downstream of SR 21 GAR030601090104
- Wahachee Creek Tributary 0.07 miles upstream Dr. George Ward Dr to Wych Branch GAR030601040608

Revised TMDLs for Segments in the Savannah River Basin with previously approved TMDLs

- Butler Creek Phinizy Ditch to Savannah River, Augusta GAR030601060601 TMDL approved in 2000
- Chechero Creek Headwaters to Stekoa Creek GAR030601020213 TMDL approved in 2006
- Eastanollee Creek Toccoa to Lake Hartwell GAR030601020501 TMDL approved in 2000
- Fortson's Creek Elberton to Beaverdam Creek GAR030601030310 TMDL approved in 1998
- Jones Creek Headwaters to the Savannah River near Evans GAR030601060103 TMDL approved in 1998
- Little River Rocky Creek to Clarks Hill Lake GAR030601050202 TMDL approved in 2000
- Reed Creek Bowen Pond to Savannah River GAR030601060605 TMDL approved in 2000

Revised TMDLs for Segments in the Savannah River Basin with previously approved TMDLs (continued)

- Rocky Creek SR 56 to tributary 0.5 miles downstream Doug Barnard Parkway, Augusta -GAR030601060603 – TMDL approved in 2000
- Saddle Gap Creek Headwaters to Stekoa Creek GAR030601020212 TMDL approved in 2006
- Savannah Harbor SR 25 (old US Hwy 17) to Elba Island Cut GAR030601090318 TMDL approved in 2000
- Savannah River Butler Creek to McBean Creek GAR030601060615 TMDL approved in 2000
- Scott Creek Headwaters to Stekoa Creek GAR030601020211 TMDL approved in 2006
- Stekoa Creek Cox Lake to Scott Creek GAR030601020215 TMDL approved in 2000
- Stekoa Creek Scott Creek to She Creek GAR030601020219 TMDL approved in 2000
- Stekoa Creek She Creek to the Chattooga River GAR030601020220 TMDL approved in 2000