



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

**Richard E. Dunn, Director**

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Dr. Brant Keller, Public Works Director  
City of Griffin  
100 S. Hill Street  
Griffin, Georgia 30223

**OCT 11 2019**

**RE: Approval of a more stringent drought response level**

Dear Dr. Keller:

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 Griffin's request for a local variance from the current State drought response level in order to impose more stringent restrictions. The State is not currently in a drought response level. The City of Griffin currently has an approved variance for a drought response level D1.

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 as requested in your variance application. 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.

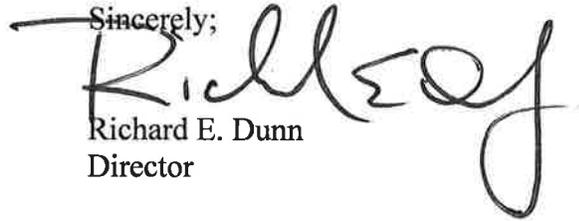
In addition to the above, this variance requires the City of Griffin to contact all water systems that purchase water from the City, including but not limited to Spalding County, Coweta County, Butts County as well as the Cities of Williamson, Zebulon, and Concord, to notify them of this variance. When providing this notification, the City will also review with each system any applicable contractual provisions and emphasize the need for each of the systems that rely upon the City for water supply to consider their own drought response options including but not limited to: understanding the extent of their available remaining supplies, other available supply options, implementation of their drought contingency plans and requesting a drought response variance of their own. EPD will also follow up with these water systems to discuss their water supply conditions and options.

Dr. Brant Keller

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If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Mr. Wei Zeng at 404-463-2883 or Wei.Zeng@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "R" and "D".

Richard E. Dunn  
Director

cc: Honorable Steve Fry, City of Williamson  
Mr. Larry Mitcham, City of Zebulon  
Honorable John Strickland, City of Concord  
Chairman Dave Lamb, Spalding County Water Authority  
Director James Rigdon, Lamar County  
Tracy Thigpen, Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority  
Ms. Marcie Seleb, Butts County & Sewer Authority  
Springs Industries