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Honorable John Stallings, Mayor
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RE: EPD Response to Comments
City of Thomaston – Bell Creek
Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)
NPDES Permit No. GA0020079
Upson County

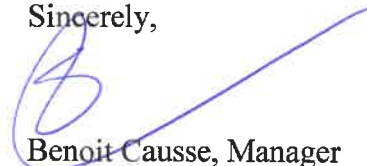
Dear Mayor Stallings:

Thank you for your comments, received via electronic mail on December 4, 2017, on the Bell Creek WPCP draft permit. After reviewing your comments, EPD has corrected typographical errors in the permit. EPD has determined that the permit, as revised, meets all necessary requirements and is protective of the environment. Therefore, EPD has issued the revised NPDES permit.

Attached is a summary of your comments and our responses to the issues raised. EPD appreciates your interest in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Hembree of my staff at 404-463-4937 or kim.hembree@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,



Benoit Causse, Manager
Municipal Permitting Unit

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Attachment: Response to Comments

cc: David Moore, ESG Operations (dmoore@esginc.net)

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Comments	EPD Response
The current NPDES permit defines the Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP) year as ending in June of each year, with the annual report due in July. We request that the draft permit be amended to the current IPP year.	An incorrect reporting period for the Industrial Pretreatment Program was inadvertently used in the draft permit. The reporting period has been corrected in the final permit to July 1 through June 30, with the annual report due in July.
The current permit for this facility defines the Instream Wastewater Concentration (IWC) as 29%. The draft permit identifies the IWC as 69%. Please verify the correct IWC for this facility.	An incorrect instream wastewater concentration (IWC) of 69% was inadvertently listed in the draft permit. The correct IWC of 21% (as shown in Appendix A of the Fact Sheet) has been used in the final permit. This IWC was calculated using combined effluent flow from the City's Bell Creek and Town Branch Water Pollution Control Plants.
Please identify the schedule for completion of the Draft permit for the Town Branch WPCP	A draft permit for the Town Branch WPCP will be prepared in February 2018.