

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

November 22, 2016
Notice Issue Date

Rockdale County
City / County

December 22, 2016
Notice Close Date

BV-122-16-01
Control Number

Alexanders Lake – East Dam and West Dam - Rehabilitation
Panola Mountain State Park
Activity

This notice is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental Law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Site plans are immediately available for review and are located in the following EPD office: Watershed Protection Branch, 200 Piedmont Avenue SW, Suite 418 West, Atlanta, GA 30334. Please contact Ms. Jarell Singleton at (404) 463-2382 or email jarell.singleton@dnr.ga.gov to schedule an appointment to review the plans. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SW, Suite 1462 East, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered {391-3-7-.11 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project will involve the restoration of the *existing* earthen dams (Category II) and the construction of *new* principal spillways (i.e., concrete labyrinth weirs with permanent energy dissipators and riprap plunge pools) and drain systems along Alexanders Lake in Rockdale County. This project will consist of clearing and grubbing inappropriate vegetation along the crests and slopes of the dams and re-grading and stabilizing the dams (including riprap and *maintainable*, permanent vegetation). Activities will result in buffer impacts to 2,557 linear feet total (63,925 square feet total) along Alexanders Lake, tributary to the South River in the *Upper Ocmulgee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Michael Roy, Chief Engineer
Office of Engineering and Construction Services
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE
Suite 1352, East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact:

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