ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

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Fannin County
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Tennessee Valley Authority - Curtis Switch Road Access Site – Toccoa River 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. Thais Edwards at (404) 463-2387 or email thais.edwards@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 50-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 consist of constructing a new concrete boat ramp with riprap and a gravel turn-around area for trailer launching along the Toccoa River near Curtis Switch Road in Fannin County. Mitigation for the permanent buffer impacts will consist of 1,600 square feet of soil bioengineering practices (including Black Willow and Silky Dogwood live stake cuttings, Winterberry, Big Bluestem and Kentucky Tall Fescue grasses, geotextile fabric and toe protection) along the Toccoa River adjacent to the boat ramp. This project will result in 100 linear feet total (6.125 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along the Toccoa River in the Hiwassee Watershed.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Jerry G. Fouse
Tennessee Valley Authority
400 W Summit Drive, WT-11A
Knoxville, TN 37902-1401

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: Frank M. Carubba, Environmental Engineer
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