

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

May 15, 2017  
Notice Issue Date

Rabun County  
City / County

June 14, 2017  
Notice Close Date

TSV-119-16-01  
Control Number

Posey Lake Dam – Category I Dam – Rehabilitation  
(Tarheel Lane, Rabun Gap, GA 30568)  
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](mailto: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 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:

Posey Lake Dam, a high hazard Category I dam, is located on Shoemaker Branch (upstream of Patterson Creek and Betty Creek) along Tarheel Lane in Rabun Gap. The proposed project will consist of removing the *existing* spillway and installing a *new* concrete labyrinth spillway and a stilling basin, raising the elevation of the *existing* dam crest, and re-grading and stabilizing the dam (including *maintainable*, permanent vegetation). The buffer vegetation will be restored to current existing conditions. Activities will result in 1,584 linear feet total (66,016 square feet total) of buffer disturbances along Posey Lake and Shoemaker Branch (tributary to Patterson Creek) in the *Upper Little Tennessee Watershed*.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant: Robin Line  
336 Tarheel Lane  
Rabun Gap, GA 30568

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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