

February 1, 2023

To All Interested Parties:

RE: Request for data for use in Georgia's 2024 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

In accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, Sections 305(b) and 303(d), the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is gathering water quality data to be used in the biennial assessment of State waters for Georgia's 2024 305(b)/303(d) List. These data and the subsequent assessment of water quality health will inform EPD's [Watershed Protection Branch](#) program activities and provide the public with information on the streams, rivers, lakes, and estuaries that they use every day.

The Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, [Chapter 391-3-6-.03\(13\)](#) requires that data used for 305(b)/303(d) listing decisions be collected under an EPD approved Sampling Quality Assurance Plan (SQAP). The document "[Guidance on Submitting Water Quality Data for Use by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division in 305\(b\)/303\(d\) Listing Assessments](#)" contains specific instructions for developing an approvable SQAP. Copies of this guidance document may be viewed at EPD's [305\(b\)/303\(d\) webpage](#). SQAPs should be approved prior to data collection activities. If data were collected prior to the approval of a SQAP, the party who collected the data may submit a SQAP to EPD that describes how the data were collected and analyzed. If the data collection and analysis methods described in the SQAP meet the requirements in the SQAP guidance document, then EPD would be able to use the data for 305(b)/303(d) listing decisions.

If you have water quality data that were collected from January 2021 through June 2023 that you would like to be considered in the development of the 2024 305(b)/303(d) list of waters, the data should be submitted to EPD no later than July 3, 2023. If you collect data at a site every year, please provide the data from the last five years (January 2018 – June 2023). Data submissions should include all measured or analyzed results in tabular format including result units, the date and time of collection, each monitoring location description, the location latitude and longitude (in decimal degrees), and any other pertinent information that may be helpful in our water quality evaluation. Electronic data submissions are strongly preferred and may be sent directly to susan.salter@dnr.ga.gov. If you choose to mail your submission you can send it to the address below.

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