



**GEORGIA**  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

# Workshop on Revisions to Antidegradation Implementation Guidance

May 25, 2018



# Outline

- **Workshops**
- **Review changes to the current document**
  - Relocated Items
  - New Items
- **Provide opportunity for public to give feedback and comments**



# Schedule and Timeline:

## Workshops:

1. Friday, May 25, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
  - Interim comments by June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Try to post updated document online before next workshop
2. Monday, June 11, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Comments:** Due June 15, 2018

Web Link: <https://epd.georgia.gov/georgia-water-quality-standards>



# Purpose

Provide an opportunity for public involvement during the development and revisions of EPD's Antidegradation Implementation Guidelines document.





# New Items as a Result of Triennial Review

- Use either a parameter-by-parameter or waterbody-by-waterbody approach
- Practicable alternative must be selected



# Other Proposed Items

- Clarified Private & Institutional Developments (PIDs)
- Created applicable criteria for year round discharges from PIDs
- Clarified nonpoint source language
- Added section on Public Participation Process
- Domestic Wastewater



# Relocated Items

- Municipal (Domestic) and Industrial sections have been combined
- Reorganized the document for clarity
  - Applicability and Reasonable Alternatives
  - Antidegradation Analysis
    - Wasteload Allocation Process
    - Social and Economic Development Evaluation/Population and Flow Projections
    - Reasonable Alternative Analysis
    - Economic Feasibility Analysis
  - Nonpoint Source



# Additional Items for Consideration

- Further elaborate upon “practicable alternatives,” beyond the definition provided in the rules
- Further elaborate upon “economic or social development”
- Clarify that LAS are not point source discharges to surface water and therefore are not required to do an antidegradation analysis
- Clarify that WLA are part of the antideg process and can be a practicable alternative
- Clarify requirements for Watershed Assessments and Protection Plans for new and expanded domestic facilities
- Clarify that permitted nonpoint source discharges do not have to do economic or social development requirements, but must implement BMPs





# Questions or Comments?

