

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
PUBLIC ADVISORY
WATERSHED PROTECTION BRANCH

October 20, 2015
Advisory Issue Date

Pulaski County
City / County

November 19, 2015
Advisory Close Date

BV-116-15-01
Control Number

Ocmulgee Public Fishing Area (PFA) – Reservoir Maintenance
Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division
Activity

This advisory 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. 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, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Type of PermitApplication: 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 {391-3-7.05 (2)(a-k)}: (a)

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

Multiple sinkholes have formed in the Ocmulgee PFA reservoir – currently, the reservoir is dry except for wetlands and a perennial stream that flow through the reservoir. A 30-inch impervious clay blanket will be installed over approximately 17 acres of the reservoir foundation to prevent water seepage and to maintain full pool. This maintenance project will result in 3,414 linear feet (164,908 square feet) of buffer impacts to an unnamed perennial stream located within the Ocmulgee PFA reservoir in Pulaski County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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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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