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Re: Draft 2018 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

Dear Ms. Gettle:

The purpose of this correspondence is to transmit to you a copy of Georgia's draft 2018 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters as required by Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The list was developed in accordance with 40 CFR Part 130.7(b)(4) and guidance provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). While it was expected that States would submit their draft 2018 305b/303d documents into the new ATTAINS system, Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD) is unable to do so at this time. GA EPD is currently working under an Exchange Network Grant to update our State monitoring and assessment database (GOMAS) to allow us to flow our assessment data to ATTAINS via the EPA virtual node. This project is not complete at this point and we did not want to delay the issue of the public notice for the 2018 list any more than necessary. We are therefore submitting the draft documents to you outside of ATTAINS at this time. The 2018 305b/303d list documents will be loaded to ATTAINS as soon as we are able to do so.

As in previous years, the list of waters was prepared using all existing and readily available data and information in accordance with U.S. EPA guidance. The following documents are enclosed as part of our draft submittal:

- Attachment #1 - 2018 Listing Assessment Methodology
- Attachment #2 - A summary of listing decisions
- Attachment #3 - Highlights of the 2018 list
- Attachment #4 - A list of changes made to the individual listings between 2016 and 2018
- Attachment #5 - Key to the abbreviations and codes used in the list of waters
- Attachment #6 - Georgia's draft 2018 305(b)/303(d) list of waters
- Attachment #7 – Copy of the public notice for the draft 2018 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

Ms. Jeaneanne Gettle

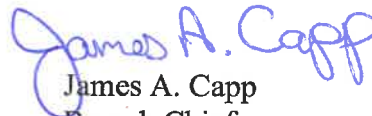
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The draft 2018 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters is being placed on public notice at this time. GA EPD will provide U.S. EPA with the final 2018 Integrated Report once the comment period has expired and we have addressed the comments received. This submission will be made using ATTAINS.

We respectfully request U.S. EPA to review the attached documents during the public notice period and to provide us with any comments or questions that you may have in order to facilitate the approval of the final package. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


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Attachments