**Notice of Availability of Precipitation Data from**

**EPD Stakeholder Meeting**

**Watershed Protection Branch**

**Discussion of Possible Future Rule Changes**

On October 22, 2014, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch held a stakeholder meeting at the EPD Tradeport Training Room located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116 Atlanta GA 30354. The purpose of the meeting was to inform and solicit input from the public and impacted organizations regarding possible development of a Drought Management Rule and Water Efficiency Rules. The Drought Management Rule would replace the current Rules for Outdoor Water Use (391-3-30) and the 2003 Drought Management Plan. The Water Efficiency Rules would constitute new rules under Chapter 391-3-33.

The purpose of this notice is to announce that the precipitation data referenced in the Report of Climatic Indicators handout that was distributed at the October 22nd stakeholder meeting is now available. The precipitation data depicts the one month cumulative precipitation, and 3, 6, and 12 month cumulative average precipitation for Climate Division 1. The precipitation data have been posted to EPD’s website and are now available for viewing and downloading at:

<http://epd.georgia.gov/development-possible-new-drought-management-rules>

The graphs shown in this posting are an example of the type of precipitation data that may be considered as part of EPD’s analysis and public reporting of climatic indicators under the proposed Rules for Drought Management.

Additional information regarding the development of these proposed rules is also available at the above referenced links.