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Mr. Paul Bechtold, Plant Manager
City of Woodstock
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RE: City of Woodstock – Rubes Creek
Water Reclamation Facility (WRF)
NPDES Permit No. GA0026263
Cherokee County
Coosa River Basin

Dear Mr. Bechtold:

Thank you for your letter regarding the permit for the City of Woodstock – Rubes Creek WRF. EPD has carefully considered your request to not reduce the ammonia limitation to 2.1 mg/L due to growth of population and oxygen loss in aeration tanks due to seasonal heat. EPD has determined based on demonstrated performance that the permittee is able to meet the new ammonia effluent limitation of 2.1 mg/L. This ammonia limit was developed to comply with U.S. EPA's 1999 Ammonia Toxicity Criteria and is more stringent than the current permit.

Further, please note that U.S. EPA has developed 2013 Ammonia Toxicity Criteria which is more stringent. EPD is developing a strategy to implement the 2013 criteria, which may further reduce the City's ammonia effluent limitation in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Goodman of my staff at 404-463-4936 or Jennifer.Goodman@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Larson, Assistant Branch Chief
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