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Mr. William F. Hodges, P.E.  
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RE: EPD Response to Comments  
General Permit for Mining and Processing  
Facilities  
NPDES Permit No. GAG300000

Dear Mr. Hodges:

Thank you for your comments regarding the permit issuance for the Mining and Processing Facilities General Permit. Attached is a summary of comments from the public and our responses to the issue raised. Additionally, we have included a Permit Addendum documenting the changes made to the permit. We appreciate your interest in this matter.

After consideration of your comments, EPD has determined that the permit is protective of water quality standards and we have issued the permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Audra Dickson of my staff at 404-463-4934.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Larson, Manager  
Wastewater Regulatory Program  
Watershed Protection Branch

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Attachment

**Public Comments and EPD Responses on Draft NPDES General Permit  
Mining and Processing Facilities – Permit No. GAG300000**

<b>COMMENTS RECEIVED</b>	<b>EPD RESPONSE</b>
<p>It is inappropriate for EPD to require the permittee to implement and adhere to the Best Management Practices referenced in Part IV, A. Special Conditions, No. 2, “Water Quality Best Management Practices for the Aggregate Mining Industry.” It is not an engineering manual and is intended to provide guidance in the industry. Additionally, the document is not dated.</p>	<p>The document referenced in Part IV.A.2, “Water Quality Best Management Practices for the Aggregate Mining Industry” is intended to be used as one source of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the applicable industries covered under the General Permit. The document was created on May 21, 2009 by the industry stakeholders and is one of the accepted BMP documents in the State of Georgia for the Aggregate Mining Industry.</p> <p>EPD has revised the Special Condition, Part IV.A.2 and removed the specific reference to the BMP document.</p>