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August 15, 2016

Mr. David Ashburn, General Manager
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RE: Comments Received for
Walker County
Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)
NPDES Permit No. GA0020478
(Walker County)

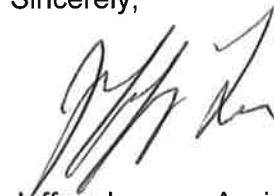
Dear Mr. Ashburn:

Thank you for your comments regarding the permit issuance for the Walker County Water Pollution Control Plant. Attached is a summary of comments received and our responses to the issues raised. In addition, we have attached a fact sheet addendum which documents changes (if any) in the attached 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 Yilin Fan of my staff at 404-463-4936 or Yilin.Fan@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Larson, Assistant Branch Chief
Watershed Protection Branch

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Attachment: Response to Comments

**Public Comments and EPD Responses on Draft NPDES Permit
Walker County WPCP – GA0020478**

COMMENTS RECEIVED	EPD RESPONSE
<p>Just as clarification, the Fact Sheet page 5 of 12 Section 3.2 reads, "The receiving segment of West Chickamauga Creek is listed on Georgia's 2014 305(b)/303(d) list not supporting its designated use of Fishing. The segment is listed as impaired for Fecal Coliform under Category 4(a). This category indicated that though the designated use is not supported, a TMDL has been completed." Our portion of West Chickamauga Creek does support its intended use. There are sections downstream that do not support fishing, however, at the wastewater plant discharge and upstream until the area around the USGS data station at Cloud Springs Road in Ft Oglethorpe, the stream does support its intended use.</p>	<p>The language in section 3.2 of the fact sheet "The receiving segment of West Chickamauga Creek is listed on Georgia's 2014 305(b)/303(d) list not supporting its designated use of Fishing." was an error. The receiving segment of West Chickamauga Creek is not listed on the 2014 305(b)/303(d) list. The fact sheet has been revised and will reflect this modification.</p>