This advisory is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an Application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental Law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.W., Suite 1456, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 25-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered (391-3-7.05 (2)(A-K)): A

Description and Location of Proposed Activity:

The proposed project involves buffer encroachments necessary to rehabilitate Prichard Lake dam in order to meet Georgia Safe Dams regulations for Category 1 dams. The front and back of the dam will be flattened to 3:1 slopes. A new principle spillway with a 12-inch PVC siphon will be constructed as well as a new open cut auxiliary spillway lined with cable concrete. The project is located off of County Line Road northwest of Bridgeboro in Worth County and will result in 140 linear feet of buffer disturbance along an unnamed tributary to the Flint River.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

Mr. Patrick Jones
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Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

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