



# GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Alyssa Moody  
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RE: EPD Response to Comments  
Unimin Corporation  
NPDES Permit No. GA0037257

Dear Ms. Moody:

Thank you for your comments regarding the permit issuance for the Unimin Corporation NPDES Permit. Attached is a summary your comments and our responses to the issue raised. 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 Whitney Fenwick of my staff at 404-656-2795.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Larson, Manager  
Wastewater Regulatory Program  
Watershed Protection Branch

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Attachment

**Public Comments and EPD Responses on Draft NPDES Permit  
Unimin Corporation – Permit No. GA0037257**

COMMENTS RECEIVED	EPD RESPONSE
<p>For outfalls 002, 003, 006 the effluent characteristics for flow, total suspended solids, oil &amp; grease, and turbidity have a measurement frequency of twice per month. We request this be reduced down to once per month monitoring frequency. These three outfalls are storm water collection only and plant personnel have communicated that these three sites have not discharged in the past 3 years. Based upon this specific situation and history, Unimin believes that the once per month monitoring frequency is sufficient. Monitoring twice per month would put an undue hardship on the plant for marginal environmental return.</p>	<p>Monitoring is only required when discharging. If Unimin Corporation rarely discharges, no hardship would occur because no monitoring is required when there is no discharge. The monitoring frequency of twice per month will only be applicable when Unimin Corporation discharges from two or more times per month.</p> <p>No effluent data was provided by Unimin Corporation for outfalls 002, 003, or 006. To ensure Water Quality Standards are protected, and to ensure that representative data is available during the subsequent permit renewal, EPD is requiring twice per month monitoring.</p>