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Persons who commented on
Draft NPDES Permit No. GA0046680

RE: Comments Received for
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Rice Yard
NPDES Permit No. GA0046680
Waycross, Ware County

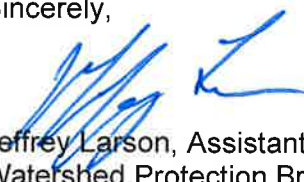
Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for your comments regarding the permit issuance for the CSX Transportation, Inc. – Rice Yard. Attached is a summary of comments from the public and our responses to the issues raised. In addition, we have attached a permit 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 Charles Nezianya of my staff at 404-232-1567 or charles.nezianya@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Larson, Assistant Branch Chief
Watershed Protection Branch

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Attachments

**Public Comments and EPD Responses on Draft NPDES Permit
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Rice Yard – Permit No. GA0046680**

COMMENTS RECEIVED	EPD RESPONSE
<p>We are opposed to you issuing or reissuing any permits for discharging any contamination in our creeks, rivers, canals or any other area until both EPA and ASTDR have had the opportunity to evaluate the health concerns of our community. As you know, our community has had over 19 cases of childhood cancers and 4 rare sarcomas within 58 days. Reissuing permits at a time when the community is concerned with the toxic environment would be irresponsible.</p>	<p>The CSX Transportation, Inc. NPDES permit renewal specifically addresses the discharge of treated groundwater recovered from the activity associated with RCRA Part B Permit No. HW-049 (D); a permit issued by EPD’s Land Protection Branch.</p> <p>The NPDES permit is consistent with the Georgia Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Standards and is protective of the waters of State.</p>

Permit Addendum
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Rice Yard
NPDES Permit No. GA0046680
Ware County

Were there any revisions between the draft proposed NPDES permit and the final proposed NPDES permit? If yes, specify: Yes No

- Part I.A.1 pH monitoring only requirement has been removed from the permit and the permittee is required to meet the pH limits upon the effective date of the permit.

- Part I.B Reporting Requirements were revised and relocated to comply with the new NPDES E-Reporting Federal Rules and Regulations (40 CFR Part 127).

- Part I.B.2 “Reporting Requirements” replaced with “Sampling Period.”

- Part I.B.7 Reference to DMR Form 3320-1 was removed.

- Part I.C The “Definitions Section” was moved from Part I.B.

- Part I.D E-Reporting language has been added to the permit.

- Part II.7 Reference to Part.I.B.2 revised to Part I.D

- Part III.B.4 Compliance schedule for meeting the pH effluent limits has been removed, since the permittee will be able to meet the effluent limits upon the effective date of the permit.

The permittee has been made aware of these changes