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Honorable Pat Graham, Chairman
Barrow County Board of Commissioners
30 N. Broad Street
Winder, GA 30680

RE: Tanner's Bridge Water Pollution Control Plant
LAS Permit No. GAJ020271
(Barrow County)

Dear Chairman Graham:

We are in receipt of the County's comment on the Tanner's Bridge WPCP draft permit. After consideration of your comments, EPD has determined that the permit as drafted is protective of water quality standards and we have issued the permit.

We have included an attachment, which addresses your concerns submitted during the public comment period. We appreciate your interest in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Benoit Causse of my staff at 404-463-4958 or benoit.causse@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Response to comments

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ATTACHMENT – Response to Comments
Barrow County Board of Commissioners
Tanner’s Bridge WPCP
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1. **We suggest Section 10 (page 18 of 24) to be revised to state:**

“If the required parameters (Section B.2.) of groundwater samples are measured to be above the primary maximum contaminant levels for drinking water, the permittee shall immediately develop a plan to reduce the measured levels so that future groundwater samples do not exceed the primary maximum contaminant levels for drinking water. The plan will be implemented by the permittee upon EPD approval.”

EPD response:

Part II.A.10 is boilerplate language included in municipal LAS permits to require a corrective action plan if any of the monitored parameters are above the primary maximum contaminant levels for drinking water and/or indicate contamination. The condition is required to ensure that violations are resolved in a timely manner through detailed measures.

2. **The County’s Storm Water Department manages the Barrow County Watershed Protection Plan (WPP). The County established the responsibility from its beginning. The geographic area associated with the WPP plan is county wide and not specific to the areas associated with the wastewater permit. Therefore, we respectfully request that the County’s Storm Water Department continue to manage the approved WPP.**

EPD response:

The language regarding the approved watershed protection plan (Part II.C.1) was added to the Tanner’s Bridge WPCP permit to be consistent with the Barber Creek WRF permit (NPDES Permit No. GA0038733). EPD has no objections if the staff from the County’s Storm Water Department conducts sampling and submits the annual report.