NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA November 20, 2015

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that the State of Georgia has developed proposed Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for fecal coliform for a number of segments of rivers and streams in the Satilla and Suwannee River Basins.

Section 303(d)(1)(C) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. 1313(d)(1)(C), and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency implementing regulation, 40 C.F.R. 130.7(c)(1), require the establishment of TMDLs for waters identified in accordance with Section 303(d)(2)(A) of the CWA. Each TMDL is to be established at a level necessary to implement applicable water quality standards with seasonal variations and a margin of safety. TMDLs are proposed for the following waters:

Satilla River Basin

Alabaha River, Hurricane Creek to Tan Trough Creek East River, Academy Creek to Brunswick River Otter Creek, Long Branch to Griffin Branch

Suwannee River Basin

Jumping Gully Creek, Bevel Creek to State Line Tributary to Withlacoochee River #2, Headwaters to Withlacoochee River Willacoochee River, Turkey Branch upstream SR90/US Hwy 319 N of Ocilla to SR 90, SE of Ocilla Withlacoochee River, Little River to Okapilco Creek Withlacoochee River, New River to Bay Branch

A copy of this notice and a copy of each TMDL may be reviewed during normal business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except official State holidays or EPD office closures) at the following location: Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 200 Piedmont Ave. S.W., Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, (404) 463-1508.

A single copy of each TMDL is available by written or phone request to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. Please direct requests to Ms. Arnettia Murphy at the address or phone number given above. If additional copies are requested, a copying charge of 10 cents per page will be assessed. A copy of each TMDL is also available online at:

http://epd.georgia.gov/documents/proposed-tmdls

Written comments are welcomed. To insure their consideration, written comments should be received on or before 4:00 p.m., January 20, 2016. Written comments should be addressed to: Mr. Jac Capp, Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Comments may be emailed to <u>EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us</u>. If you choose to e-mail your comments, please be sure to include the words "TMDL Comments" somewhere in the subject line to help ensure that your comments will be forwarded to the correct staff.

For technical information contact Mr. Josh Welte, TMDL Modeling and Development Unit, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program, (404) 463-4948.

After a review of comments, a final decision on each of the proposed TMDLs will be made and the proposed TMDL will be submitted to the USEPA for approval.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you believe will be interested in this matter.