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To All Interested Parties:

RE: Request for data for use in Georgia's 2020 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

In accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act, Sections 305(b) and 303(d), the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is gathering water quality data to be used in the assessment of State waters for Georgia's 2020 305(b)/303(d) List. The Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control, [Chapter 391-3-6-.03](#)-(13) requires that data used for 305(b)/303(d) listing decisions be collected under an EPD approved Sampling Quality Assurance Plan (SQAP). The document "*Guidance on Submitting Water Quality Data for Use by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division in 305(b)/303(d) Listing Assessments*" contains specific instructions for developing an approvable SQAP. Copies of this guidance document may be viewed at EPD's [305b/303d webpage](#). ([https://epd.georgia.gov/water-quality-georgia#\\_Guidance\\_Submit\\_Data](https://epd.georgia.gov/water-quality-georgia#_Guidance_Submit_Data)).

If you have water quality data from January 2017 through June 2019 that you would like to be considered in the development of the 2020 305(b)/303(d) list of waters, the data should be submitted no later than July 1, 2019. If you collect data at a site every year, please provide the data from the last five years (January 2014 – June 2019). Data are to be sent to the address below or e-mailed to [susan.salter@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:susan.salter@dnr.ga.gov).

EPD would like to include data used in the assessment of State waters in our water quality database and to submit this data to U.S. EPA's Water Quality Portal. In order to facilitate this effort, we are developing an Excel template for people to use when submitting data. If you plan to submit data for use in the development of the 2020 305(b)/303(d) list, please contact Susan Salter at [susan.salter@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:susan.salter@dnr.ga.gov) or at (404) 463-4917 and we will provide you with a copy of the template when it is completed along with instructions for using it.

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