This advisory is issued to inform the public of a receipt of an application for a variance submitted pursuant to a state environmental law. The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity. Since the EPD has no authority to zone property or determine land use, only those comments addressing environmental issues related to air, water, and land protection will be considered in the application review process. Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, NonPoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 2 MLK Jr. Dr. S.W., Suite 1462, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Type of Permit Application: Variance to encroach within the 50-foot State waters buffer.

Applicable Law: Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act O.C.G.A. 12-7-1 et seq.

Applicable Rules: Erosion and Sedimentation Control Chapter 391-3-7

Basis under which variance shall be considered (391-3-7.05 (2)(a-k)): a

Description and Location of Proposed Activity: Application proposes to impact 64 linear feet (2,759 square feet) of stream buffer to Cox Creek and an unnamed tributary to Cox Creek for improvements to existing infrastructure where the new Cleveland Bypass ties into SR 11. Disturbance activities will consist of the installation of a rip-rap lined ditch and bank stabilization. The project on West Cleveland Bypass begins on US 129/SR 11 and ends on SR 115 in White County.

Name and Address of Permit Applicant:

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Office of Environmental Services
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Summary of Rules Requirements for Variance Application:

The application for a variance must include an approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan with control measures based on sound conservation and engineering practices which meet or exceed the standards in the "Manual for Erosion and Sediment Control in Georgia" and which will minimize erosion and deposition of sediments on adjacent lands or into State waters.

For Additional Information Contact: William F. Smith, Environmental Specialist EPD, Watershed Protection Branch NonPoint Source Program 2 MLK, Jr. Dr. S.W., Suite 1462 East Atlanta, Georgia 30334 Telephone: 404-651-8553 FAX: 404-651-8556