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Re: Draft 2016 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters

Dear Mr. Giattina:

The purpose of this correspondence is to transmit to you a copy of Georgia's draft 2016 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters as required by Section 303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA). The list was developed in accordance with 40 CFR Part 130.7(b)(4) and guidance provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

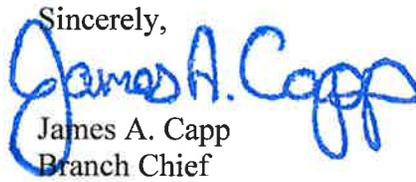
As in previous years, the list of waters was prepared using all existing and readily available data and information in accordance with U.S. EPA guidance. The following documents are enclosed as part of our draft submittal:

- Attachment #1 - 2016 Listing Assessment Methodology
- Attachment #2 - A summary of listing decisions
- Attachment #3 - Highlights of the 2016 list
- Attachment #4 - A list of changes made to the individual listings between 2014 and 2016 (changes in assessment or TMDL priority)
- Attachment #5 - A list of changes to the designated uses, Assessment Unit (AU) names and AU location description information
- Attachment #6 - Key to the abbreviations and codes used in the list of waters
- Attachment #7 - Georgia's draft 2016 305(b)/303(d) list of waters
- Attachment #8 - Copy of the public notice for the draft 2016 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters and Georgia's List of Priority Waters prepared in accordance with the State's priority framework and U.S. EPA's Long-Term Vision for the 303(d) Program.

The draft 2016 305(b)/303(d) List of Waters and Georgia's List of Priority Waters are being placed on public notice at this time. EPD will provide U.S. EPA with the final 2016 Integrated Report once the comment period has expired and we have addressed the comments received. This submission will include the ADB compatible database of the List of Waters, a GIS coverage of these waters, and a crosswalk that traces changes made to assessment units between the 2014 and 2016 lists.

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We respectfully request U.S. EPA to review the attached documents during the public notice period and to provide us with any comments or questions that you may have in order to facilitate the approval of the final package. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Attachments