



Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition

January 25, 1999

TO: GIEC Water Resources Workgroup

FROM: Debbie Ryan, Executive Director

Teleconference Notes of January 22, 1999 (*Action Items in italics*)

Participants: M. Wilder, J. Burson, D. Duggar, M. Johnson, T. Cheek, B. Sapp,
L. DeHihns, D. Ryan

Purpose: To further prepare for the February 5th TMDL Workshop

M. Wilder, as WRW Chair, facilitated this teleconference and began by providing an overview of the activities of the TMDL Subgroup since the WRW last met on October 29, 1998. TMDL Subgroup activities included: meeting twice and teleconferencing once; sent letter to EPD requesting participating in the February 5th TMDL workshop; received papers "Evaluative Report of the 303(d) Listing of Impaired Waters Process" and "Proposed 303(d) Listing Policy", in draft form, from Law Engineering; and sent follow-up letter to EPD, which listed talking points for February 5th workshop.

M. Wilder reviewed and explained proposed agenda for TMDL workshop.

L. DeHihns will send D. Ryan, for distribution to WRW members, a copy of a December 1998 EPA memo that refers to a February 1999 303(d) list-related meeting among agency representatives of each Region 4 state. Information and decisions shared at this meeting will likely be of great interest to the WRW, therefore it was suggested that a follow-up meeting to the TMDL workshop be requested of EPD also.

M. Wilder plans to talk with A. Hallum again before the TMDL workshop to: (1) request EPD bring data for a given segment fitting a "marginal" and "biota" profile; (2) let him know that GIEC is interested in learning more about how Wildlife Resources has directly interfaced with EPA to list impaired segments; (3) find out when the next Tri-Annual Review is scheduled to take place (it has had very little public notice in the past and is likely to be held soon); and (4) review overall TMDL workshop format.

M. Wilder reviewed the proposed talking points with participants of the call. Concern was raised that we would not have time to get through each one of these points and so we might want to prioritize them. *M. Wilder agreed and hoped to spend some time prioritizing the list when we are together at the Annual Meeting on February 4th.*

T. Cheek summarized the Evaluative Report of the 303(d) Listing of Impaired Waters Process and asked that any questions be directed to M. Wilder or T. Cheek.

B. Sapp said it becomes even more critical to know what EPD's listing/delisting policy is since EPA has been making some noise about going to a 5-year cycle for the development of the 303(d) list. This point will be added to the talking points already developed.

The known EPD representatives attending the TMDL workshop are: Alan Hallum, Bob Scott, Clint Moye and Mork Winn.

Cc: Steering Committee