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**Subject: Technical and Regulatory Dialogue on TMDL Issues
Workshop - February 5, 1999**

Dear Alan,

The Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition (GIEC) Water Resources Workgroup appreciates EPD's willingness to participate in another TMDL workshop and informal regulatory dialogue.

The workshop will be held on Friday, February 5, 1999, in the Boardroom located on the 23rd floor of Georgia Power Company, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, NE. The objective of this workshop is to obtain updated information from EPD on technical issues regarding 303(d)-listed waters, TMDL development, allocation, and related issues in Georgia and to provide GIEC Water Resources Workgroup members the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions for discussion.

While the technical aspects of the process will be emphasized, associated regulatory drivers and policies are also of interest to our membership. The workshop will be facilitated by Law Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. in an informal and interactive roundtable dialogue format that promotes the mutual exchange of ideas and concerns. We encourage you to bring along the EPD technical leadership for the TMDL process in Georgia.

Time will be allotted over an approximately half-day period to a roundtable dialogue on each of four subject areas: 1) the 303(d) listing and de-listing process; 2) the development of TMDLs; 3) the allocation process; and 4) the implementation and enforcement process. The Water Resources Workgroup, on behalf of the GIEC membership, will be seeking specific technical, regulatory, and policy information from EPD on each of these subjects. As an important stakeholder in this process, we hope to provide similarly responsive and specific input on these subjects that will assist EPD in fulfilling its mandate.

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We have scheduled the workshop to begin at 9:30 AM and extend to 2:00 PM. The workshop agenda will be forwarded to you in the very near future. Again, we appreciate your willingness to meet with us. If you have any questions at this time, please call me (404-506-7757).

Sincerely,

GEORGIA INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION

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