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Ms. Deborah Phillips
Georgia Industry Environmental Council
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Re: Georgia New Source Review
Upcoming Stakeholder Workshop and Preliminary Position Outline

Dear Ms. Phillips:

During March through June, 2004, EPD held a number of NSR Reform Stakeholder Technical Workgroup meetings to answer questions and receive input on Georgia's development of rules to implement the December 31, 2002, Federal NSR rule changes. A representative of your organization attended and participated in these meetings. Since June, 2004, EPD staff have taken the input from your organization's representative and spent a great deal of time putting together a Preliminary Position Outline. Our goal is to adopt as much of the federal rule as possible, consistent with Georgia's statutes and rules, while improving the implementation and clarity of the federal rule.

EPD has sent a letter inviting your organization's representative to a technical workshop to be held March 14, 2005 from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm at the Atlanta Tradeport Training Room, Suite 104. At the workshop, EPD will present the Preliminary Position Outline and answer questions related to it. Stakeholder input concerning the Preliminary Position Outline will be requested. During the workshop we will also discuss the next steps for public participation and toward finalizing the Preliminary Position Outline, drafting a proposed rule, and taking the proposed rule to the DNR Board for adoption. While the actual stakeholder representatives have been specifically invited to participate in the March 14th workshop, the workshop is open to anyone and there will be opportunity to receive questions and receive input from all attendees.

EPD has established an NSR Reform web site (go to www.air.dnr.state.ga.us/airpermit, click on "Hot Topics" and select "NSR Reform") to disseminate EPD's Preliminary Position Outline and other documents to stakeholders. We will have a few copies of these documents available at the workshop should they be needed.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Jimmy Johnston at (404) 363-7014.

Sincerely,



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