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Mr. Russell Kaiser, Chief
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District
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Re: Water Quality Certification
2012 Reauthorization of Nationwide Permits
Statewide

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, the State of Georgia issues this certification to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District for reauthorization of the Nationwide Permits. This reauthorization extends for a period of five years from March 19, 2012.

The State of Georgia certifies that there is no applicable provision of Section 301; no limitation under Section 302; no standard under Section 306; and no standard under Section 307, for the applicant's activity. The State of Georgia certifies that the applicant's activity will comply with all applicable provisions of Section 303.

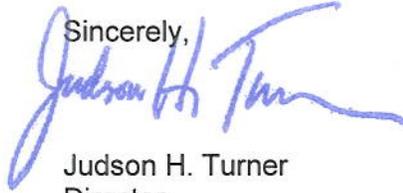
This certification is contingent upon the following conditions:

1. All work performed during construction will be done in a manner so as not to violate applicable water quality standards.
2. No oils, grease, materials or other pollutants will be discharged from the construction activities that reach public waters.
3. This certification is contingent upon satisfaction of the Savannah District's Regional Conditions, including the Appendix A provisions requiring prior notification to Georgia EPD before the commencement of NWP authorized projects.
4. For bank stabilization projects conducted under NWP 13, particularly those that involve work in state buffers, applicants should consult Georgia EPD's Streambank and Shoreline Stabilization Guidance, available at <http://georgiaepd.org/Documents/techguide.html>.
5. Where the Savannah District grants a waiver to exceed the project impact limits authorized under Nationwide Permits 13, 21, 29, 36, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 50, 51 or 52, Georgia EPD reserves the right to review such projects for consistency with Georgia's water quality rules, and where necessary, to issue individual 401 water quality certification for qualified projects.



6. Georgia EPD may require submission of a formal application for individual 401 water quality certification for any project if it is determined, based upon consideration of Georgia's water quality rules, that the project is likely to have a significant adverse effect upon water quality.

This certification does not relieve the applicant of any obligation or responsibility for complying with the provisions of any other laws or regulations of other federal, state or local authorities.

Sincerely,

Judson H. Turner
Director

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