

Appendix **C**

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Glossary of Terms

Agar – A gelatinous medium on which to grow bacteria.

Blank – Pure distilled water used to monitor for contamination by comparing against actual samples, and is often used as a control.

CFU – Colony Forming Units.

Colony – Visible growth of microorganisms.

Culture – Growing microorganisms (i.e., *E. coli*) in a nutrient medium that encourages their growth

Delineate – To define or portray, often by drawing.

DNR – Department of Natural Resources.

E. coli – A species of fecal bacteria that lives in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals and is essential in digestion.

EPA – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a government agency whose mission is “...to protect human health and the environment.”

EPD – Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

Gastroenteritis – Irritation of the digestive tract, often resulting in abdominal pain, vomiting and/ or diarrhea.

Geometric mean – the average results of four samples collected within a 30-day period, with all samples collected at least 48 hours apart from one another.

GIS – Geographic Information Systems. A software program that combines different layers of information (streams, land use, cities, counties, elevation, etc.) for analyses.

GPS – Global Positioning System. Hand-held or larger devices that triangulate your position on earth from satellites in orbit. One can take reading(s) at a sampling site, and later download this data into a software program.

Holding time – The amount of time a sample can be stored before it is considered void.

Imperviousness – Impenetrable surfaces such as driveways, roads, etc.

Incubator – An apparatus in which environmental conditions can be set and controlled (i.e. temperature).

Medium – The nutrient substance used to grow microorganisms.

Pathogen – A disease-causing life form such as a virus, bacterium, or other microorganism.

Pipette – An instrument used in the lab to transfer measurable amounts of liquid.

Plate – A container with nutrient medium on which, microorganisms can be cultured.

Replicate – Samples collected in the field in duplicate, triplicate, or more. Or samples plated in the lab in duplicate, triplicate, or more. Replicates help identify any variability in the stream or lab procedures.

TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load. A TMDL is a regulation that specifies the sum of the pollutant contributions from point source discharges, *non-point* (diffuse) sources, and natural background levels that a water body can process and still meet water quality standards.

TNTC – Too Numerous To Count or too many colonies were present, generally defined as greater than 150 colonies.

Tributary – Smaller streams that feed into a larger portion of the main stream or river.

Watershed – The area of land that drains to a common water body.

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream “Who to Call List”

Emergency Response 1-800-241-4113 or 404-656-4863

Use this number to report an emergency situation that is currently happening. Examples include fish kills, chemical, sewage or oil spills, illegal dumping in progress, poaching or anything that warrants immediate attention.

Non-Emergency Response 1-888-EPD-5947 or 404-657-5947

Use this number for non-emergency situations such as illegal dumping after the fact, buffer violations, sedimentation, or other impairments that warrant attention.

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream State Office 404-657-5947

Monday through Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Your phone call may be forwarded to a voicemail box, in this instance please review the notes below.

Your Local Contacts

Local Emergency Hotline _____ Local DNR Ranger _____
Local Health Department _____ Local EPD Office _____
Local Code Enforcement _____ Local AAS Coordinator _____

* Remember to get after hour numbers as well.

Please call Georgia Adopt-A-Stream and your local coordinator if you have reported a situation to one of the numbers above so that we are aware of the situation and can follow-up within the Environmental Protection Division.

Please remember to take detailed notes on the following:

- Exact location: address or GPS coordinates (more specific than ‘John Doe’s Farm’)
- Clear directions on how to get there
- Describe the nature of the issue
- Date and when the issue occurred or what time did it start
- Take a picture of the site
- If the conditions are safe, gather water quality data and a water sample in a sterile container

Important information to give to the operator:

- Your phone number first, so they can call you back if you are disconnected
- Request a call back if you wish to talk to an EPD officer, if you have not received a call within 1 hour, please call back and also report this to Adopt-A-Stream.
- Talk clearly and slowly

Other Useful Numbers

EPD Hazardous Waste Program (for illegal dumping)	404-656-7802
EPD Water Protection (responds to underground storage complaints)	404-362-2688
EPD Georgia Safe Dams Program (questions about dams)	404-362-2678
EPD Water Protection (modeling and monitoring of water quality)	404-675-6236
NonPoint Source Program (erosion, buffers, stormwater)	404-657-5947

EPD Regional Offices (for water quality questions, erosion & sedimentation problems)

Mountain District (Atlanta)	404-362-2671	Northeast District (Athens)	706-369-6376
Mountain District (Cartersville)	770-387-4900	Northeast District (Augusta)	706-792-7744
Middle GA District (Macon)	478-751-6612	Northwest District (Albany)	229-430-4144
Coastal District (Brunswick)	912-264-7284		

DNR Coastal Resource Division	912-264-7218
Georgia Wildlife Resources Division	770-918-6400
Endangered Species	912-994-1438
Georgia Cooperative Extension Service	706-542-3824
Georgia Forestry Commission	912-751-3500
Georgia Soil & Water Conservation Commission	706-542-3065

US NRCS Regional	404-347-6105
Clayton	770-473-5467
Fulton	770-393-2849
Gwinnett	770-963-9288
Henry	770-957-5705
Cobb	770-528-2218

EPA Environmental Education	404-562-8327
Lakes/Rivers/Streams	404-562-9355
Wetlands Information	1-800-426-4791
Wetlands/Oceans/Watersheds	404-562-9355

USGS Water Resources Division	770-409-7700
US Fish and Wildlife Service	404-679-7319
Army Corps of Engineers	678-422-2720
US Geological Survey	404-656-3214

For a complete list of EPD numbers look under "Contacts" at http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/wpb_phonelist.pdf