



GEORGIA

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

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February 5, 2024

Mr. Rick McCaskill, Executive Director
Development Authority of Bainbridge & Decatur County
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**RE: Notice of Violation
General Permit No. GARI00001
NPDES Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity
For Stand Alone Construction Projects
Downrange Industrial Park, Parcel No. 00670011
Decatur County, Georgia**

Dear Mr. McCaskill,

On February 1, 2024, a technical assistance visit was conducted by representatives of the Environmental Protection Division (Division) in order to determine compliance with the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act (E&S Act), the Georgia Water Quality Control Act (WQ Act), the Georgia Water Quality Rules (WQ Rules) and General Permit No. GARI00001 entitled "Authorization To Discharge under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water Discharges Associated with Stand Alone Construction Projects" (General Permit).

The investigation revealed that land disturbing activities in excess of one (1.0) acre had occurred at the Site without first obtaining General Permit coverage in violation of Section 391-3-6-.16(3)(b) of the WQ Rules and O.C.G.A § 12-7-7. of the E&S Act. Additionally, Best Management Practices had not been properly designed, implemented, and maintained at the Site in violation of O.C.G.A § 12-7-6. of the E&S Act.

Please correct the aforementioned violations and notify the Albany EPD office in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter regarding the measures taken to correct the above listed items. Compliance documentation may be submitted by either mail or by email to ashley.davis1@dnr.ga.gov. Please be advised that further enforcement action is pending, which may include a monetary settlement to the State of Georgia. Should you have any questions, please contact this office at (229) 430-4144.

Sincerely,


Wen Howell
Program Manager
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