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NOTICE:

SAVANNAH-UPPER OGEECHEE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING COUNCIL NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF INITIAL RECOMMENDED REGIONAL WATER PLAN TO EPD AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Announcement Date: May 9, 2011

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The **Savannah-Upper Ogeechee** Regional Water Planning Council has submitted their Initial Recommended Regional Water Plan to the Environmental Protection Division.

As required by the State Water Plan, the initial recommended regional water plans are subject to a public notice and comment period prior to EPD adoption. Therefore, EPD is releasing for public notice and comment, each of the ten initial draft recommended regional water plans. This 45-day public notice and comment period will begin on May 9, 2011.

More information about the public comment process for all plans, Savannah-Upper Ogeechee's included, may be found at the Georgia State Water Planning website at the following link - <http://www.georgiawaterplanning.org>

The **Savannah-Upper Ogeechee** Initial Recommended Regional Water Plan and associated materials may be found at the Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Council website at the following link (in addition to the State Water Planning website) - <http://www.savannahupperogeechee.org>

For additional information about the **Savannah-Upper Ogeechee** Regional Water Planning Council please contact:

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NOTE – the plan transmittal letter to EPD is attached to this notice

May 2, 2011

Mr. F. Allen Barnes, Director
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
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Subject: Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Water Planning Council, Initial Recommended Regional Water Plan

Dear Director Barnes:

The Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Water Planning Council is pleased to present you with the Initial Recommended Water Development and Conservation Plan (Regional Water Plan) for the Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Region. The Savannah-Upper Ogeechee Council has worked very hard with EPD staff, interested stakeholders and its Planning Contractor to develop an Initial Recommended Regional Water Plan that will help manage the region's water resources in a sustainable fashion through the year 2050.

We believe that the enclosed Initial Recommended Plan meets all of the mandates of the State Water Plan and complies fully with all EPD guidance received during the water planning process. We are ready to have EPD release the Plan for public review and look forward to feedback regarding our Council's recommendations. Comments provided will be fully considered by the Council during the official 45-day public review for the Regional Water Plans, scheduled to begin on May 9th.

We look forward to finalizing the Regional Water Plan and will be in close contact with your staff during and following the public review period. Please feel free to call me at 706-868-3379, or our Planning Contractor (David Ashley at 678-333-0444, or Tai-Yi Su at 678-333-0257) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron C. Cross".

Ron C. Cross
Council Chairman

Cc: Mr. Charlie Newton, Vice Chairman
Ms. Linda MacGregor, EPD
Mr. Jeff Larson, EPD
Mr. Brian Baker, EPD