



GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

EPD: Protecting Georgia's Water Resources

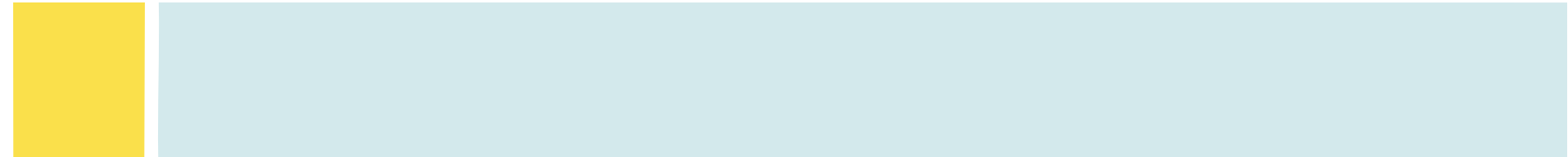
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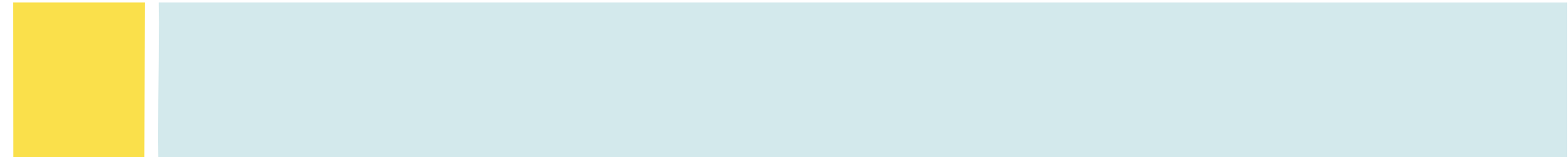
The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) protects and restores Georgia's environment. We take the lead in ensuring clean air, water and land. With our partners, we pursue a sustainable environment that provides a foundation for a vibrant economy and healthy communities.





ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

- Watershed Protection Branch
 - Protects and manages Georgia's water resources
 - Encourages citizen and stakeholder involvement in protecting and restoring Georgia's waterways
 - Ensures a responsive EPD





PROTECT AND MANAGE WATER RESOURCES

- Compliance assistance
 - Providing clear guidance to permittees
 - One-on-one conversations and group presentations
 - Treating inspections as a chance for education
 - Coordinating across branches to better serve Georgia
 - “Mining School” presentations discussing Surface Mining, Wastewater, and Stormwater permits
 - Permit Application Coordination



ENCOURAGE INVOLVEMENT

- Stakeholder engagement
 - Active stakeholder process for each reissued permit
 - Hosting multiple public meetings and reviewing stakeholder comments prior to public comment
 - Direct work with Georgia communities
 - Rivers Alive, Project WET





ENSURE A RESPONSIVE EPD

- Utilizing electronic reporting and data
 - Launch the Georgia EPD Online System to accept permit applications, forms, and reports electronically
 - More efficient review, easier for permittees
 - Increase transparency

