



Organization: Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD)

Title: Environmental Compliance Specialist (Water Quality Standards specialist)

Organization details: EPD / Watershed Protection Branch / Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program / TMDL Modeling and Development Unit

Position #: 00194481

This environmental compliance specialist position is housed in the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch main office in downtown Atlanta, GA. The incumbent in this position will serve as Georgia's Water Quality Standards (WQS) specialist under the direct supervision of the TMDL Modeling and Development Unit manager. The incumbent will have the following specific duties and responsibilities that advance the implementation of the Clean Water Act and Georgia Water Quality Control Act within the State of Georgia. The WQS specialist will lead efforts to evaluate and analyze U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Recommended Water Quality Criteria and develop tailored Rules that will be adopted and implemented by EPD. The WQS specialist will also lead efforts to evaluate and update current Rules and Regulations for Water Quality Control and initiates Rule revisions when needed. The WQS specialist will prepare technical documentation to support Rule changes, ensuring sound scientific principles have been used. The WQS specialist will lead efforts for the development of nutrient and biological criteria for State waters. Working closely with EPA counterparts, the WQS specialist will ensure that EPD is meeting milestones defined in a mutually agreed upon Numeric Nutrient Criteria Development Plan. The WQS specialist will promote and conduct public stakeholder engagement through direct communications, electronic notifications, public meetings, and public hearings in compliance with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and EPD procedures and protocols. The WQS specialist will lead the preparation of materials to be distributed to stakeholders through these varying engagement processes. The WQS specialist will also prepare information packages for the DNR Board of Natural Resources in accordance with approved DNR procedures and established deadlines. The WQS specialist will brief EPD upper management on rule changes, as required. The WQS specialist will provide technical support to Watershed Protection Branch programs regarding interpretation of WQS and assist in development of Variances and Use Attainability Analysis.

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