

## Fact Sheet: Public Comment Period for Regional Water Plans

### **General Information:**

- The public comment period for the ten Regional Water Plans developed pursuant to the State Water plan is expected to begin **May 9, 2011**, and will extend 45 days, ending June 23, 2011.
- EPD has developed an online tool to facilitate the public comment processes. Comments will be accepted via the GAEPD Comment Collection Center: **[www.gaepdcommentcenter.org](http://www.gaepdcommentcenter.org)**
- EPD encourages all interested parties to use the Comment Center; however, comments may also be submitted via email (EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us), Fax (**FAX:** 404-651-5778), or mail to: Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite 1152, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334.

### **Information on GAEPD's Comment Collection Center ([www.gaepdcommentcenter.org](http://www.gaepdcommentcenter.org)):**

- Initially, the Comment Collection Center will be used for the public review and comment period for Regional Water plans, and may also be used for future GAEPD public comment periods.
- The Comment Collection Center allows the public to download documents released for public review, make comments on documents, view comments made by others, and download all submitted comments into a spreadsheet.
- Users must register to use the collection center, and should receive a password via email within 24 hours of registering. Users may comment multiple times, and may comment on one or any combination of plans.

### **Regional Water Plans:**

- All 10 Regional Water Plans will be posted for public comment. All plans will be available for download on the Comment Collection Center website, as well as at [www.GeorgiaWaterPlanning.org](http://www.GeorgiaWaterPlanning.org). For large files, plans may be divided into sections for ease of download. Please visit the Regional Water Planning website: **[www.GeorgiaWaterPlanning.org](http://www.GeorgiaWaterPlanning.org)** for more information.