



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

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October 20, 2022

Mr. Henry Evans  
State of Georgia  
75 Fifth Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

**RE: Notice of Violation (NOV)**  
Georgia Water Quality Rules (Rules)  
NPDES Stand Alone Permit GRA 100001 (Permit)  
Stanton Springs North Rough Grading (Facility)  
GAR 392428-V1  
Walton & Morgan Counties

Dear Mr. Evans:

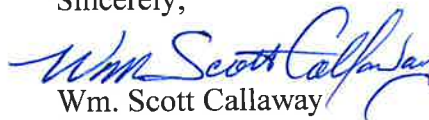
On October 13, 2022, the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Northeast District Office was contacted by Mr. Landon Perkins with Plateau Excavation to report that sediments were discharged for the referenced permitted land disturbing project and entered State Waters (Rawlings Branch) from a recent rain event. EPD personnel met with Plateau representatives on site to document impacts to State Waters. EPD documented the detention pond had not been completely installed, sediment overwhelmed perimeter silt fencing and sediment entered State Waters. Plateau personnel were actively repairing and maintaining silt fencing and started removing sediment from State Waters.

Where impacts to State Waters have occurred due to land disturbing activities, failure to proper design, installation, and maintenance of BMPs shall constitute non-compliance with Paragraph 391-3-6-.03(5)(d). of the Georgia Water Quality Rules as well as Part III.D. of the Permit. The Rules state that all waters shall be free from turbidity which results in a substantial visual contrast in a water body due to a man-made activity.

On October 14, 2022, EPD received a self-report from Mr. Sean Whitaker, Senior Project Manager with Plateau Excavation. On October 17, 2022, EPD personnel conducted a follow-up site inspection of the remediation process on-site. At the time of the follow-up inspection, Plateau had removed sediments from State Waters by using shovel and buckets and all sediments deposited outside of the perimeter controls had been stabilized to prevent additional migration of sediments into State Waters.

All initial phase perimeter controls including detention ponds are to be completed before any additional mass grading not associated with the construction and operation of these Best Management Practices. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Jamie Lewis or me at (706) 369-6376.

Sincerely,

  
Wm. Scott Callaway  
Program Manager

CC: Kevin Forbes, Thomas & Hutton  
Charna Parker, Walton County  
Landon Perkins, Plateau Excavation