treatment plant, or a septic tank, or a nonpoint source such as horses, cows, pets, or wildlife. Or for that matter from a Land Application Site (LAS), which I learned at the Dawson meeting is classified as a nonpoint source.

As you are probably aware, sources of E. coli have become a bi-state issue because of sewage spills from Valdosta. <a href="http://wwals.net/?p=48962">http://wwals.net/?p=48962</a>

This issue is of course not limited to Valdosta, with numerous cities around Georgia spilling even more sewage from time to time, as is now more visible, thanks to the daily Sewage Spill Reports posted by GA-EPD. <a href="http://www.sew.net/blog/issues/vww/ga-spills/">http://www.sew.net/blog/issues/vww/ga-spills/</a>

Georgia should consider adding similar water quality monitoring on Georgia rivers, at least monthly, preferably weekly. Similarly to how GA-EPD now posts Sewage Spill Reports each business day, water quality monitoring results to be most useful need to be published online as soon as possible after sampling. People use our rivers all the time, especially on weekends, so weekly monitoring results available before the weekend would be most useful.

No matter how great the new Plan is, the only way to be sure it is working is through monitoring.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

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