

**STATE OF GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION**

IN RE: Alapaha Plantation Subdivision Water System)
327 North Ashley St)
3rd Floor)
Valdosta, GA 31601) ORDER NO. EPD-WP-9549
Lowndes County)
C/O Bill Slaughter, Chairman)

CONSENT ORDER

Authority

WHEREAS, The Lowndes County Board of Commissioners (the “Respondent”) was issued Permit Number CG1850274 (the “Permit”), in 2016, to operate the Alapaha Plantation Subdivision Water System, WSID Number GA1850274 (hereinafter referred to as the “System”) located in Lowndes County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Director (the “Director”) of the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (“EPD”) administers and enforces the Georgia Safe Drinking Water Act of 1977, as amended, O.C.G.A. §12-5-170 *et seq.* (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, EPD administers and enforces the Rules for Safe Drinking Water, GA. COMP. R. AND REGS. 391-3-5-.01 to .55 (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules”), which were promulgated and are in effect pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act and the Rules make it unlawful for any person to own or operate a public water system, except in such a manner as to conform and comply with all rules, regulations, Orders and permits established under the provisions of the Act and applicable to the water system involved; and

Civil Penalty

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 12-5-192 provides that for any public water system serving fewer than 10,000 individuals, any person violating any provision of the Act or any permit condition or limitation established pursuant to the Act or, negligently or intentionally, failing or refusing to comply with any final order of the Director shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the first day of each violation and a subsequent additional civil penalty not to exceed \$500.00 per violation per day; and

Background

WHEREAS, Rule 391-3-5-.18(7)(a) of the Rules sets the Maximum Contaminant Level for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) as 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L); and