

November 26, 2025

Honorable Julie Smith, Mayor
City of Tifton
PO Box 229
Tifton, Georgia 31793

RE: Draft Permit
New River Water Pollution Control Plant
NPDES Permit No. GA0048470
Tift County, Suwannee River Basin

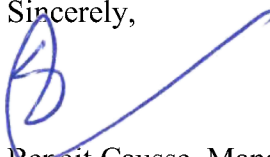
Dear Mayor Smith:

The Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received your application for renewal of the above-referenced permit. We are processing your application and are considering the issuance of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in accordance with the Georgia Water Quality Control Act and the Federal Clean Water Act.

Before reissuing the permit, we require that you publish the attached public notice once in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Tift County. When deciding whether to publish in one or more newspapers, please ensure that the notice will be published in all affected jurisdictions. The cost of publishing the public notice is the responsibility of the City. Within ten days of receiving this draft permit, please send a letter to our office stating where and what date the notice was published. The letter should be signed by an authorized representative of City. The draft permit will also be placed on the upcoming EPD public notice. Once posted, the public notice may be viewed on EPD's website at: <https://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protection-branch-public-announcements>. At the end of the public comment periods, EPD will make a determination on the reissuance of the NPDES permit.

Enclosed are the draft permit and additional documents. We request that all the documents be reviewed carefully by appropriate personnel. If you have comments or questions, please contact Shauna Hennessey of my staff at (470) 524-0596 or shauna.hennessey@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,



Benoit Causse, Manager
Municipal Permitting Unit
Wastewater Regulatory Program

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Attachments: Public Notice, Fact Sheet, Draft Permit

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