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Submitted via email to: [jhorton@sgrc.us](mailto:jhorton@sgrc.us)

**RE: DRI 4689 – Irwin County, Georgia**

Dear Mr. Horton,

The Georgia Water Coalition thanks the Southern Georgia Regional Commission for the opportunity to comment on DRI 4689 – Irwin County, Georgia.

The Georgia Water Coalition (GWC) is comprised of more than [266 organizations](#), representing thousands of Georgians and encompassing conservation organizations, farmers, homeowners and lake associations, business owners, sportsmen’s clubs, professional associations, and religious groups. The GWC’s mission is to protect and care for Georgia’s surface water and groundwater resources, which are essential for sustaining economic prosperity, providing clean and abundant drinking water, preserving diverse aquatic habitats for wildlife and recreation, strengthening property values, and protecting the quality of life for current and future generations. A copy of the GWC’s most recent membership list is attached.

Our high-level interest in commenting on the Project Arrowhead DRI is because this is the first data center in Georgia that we are aware of that will withdraw water directly from the Floridan Aquifer.

Our general comments on the DRI are as follows:

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. What is data center?**
- 3. Why are data centers interested in Georgia?**
- 4. What challenges do data centers present?**
- 5. Recommendations**