

**Minutes**  
**Environmental Protection Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**March 22, 2011**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Ray Lambert, Chairman  
Steven Woodruff, Vice Chairman  
Dennis Billew  
Warren Budd  
Phyllis Johnson  
Robert Leebern  
Jim Walters  
Philip Watt  
Philip Wilheit  
Earl Barrs, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Gene Bishop  
Bill Carruth  
Joe Hatfield  
Walter Hudson  
Mabel Jenkins  
Duncan Johnson  
Mark Smith  
Loyce Turner

Visitors

Jim Scarbrough, Gwinnett Water  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power  
Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power  
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Colleen Kiernan, Sierra Club  
Bob Curry, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission  
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation  
Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation  
Daniel Groce, Georgia Agribusiness Council

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Allen Barnes  
Todd Holbrook  
Becky Kelley  
Dan Forster  
Marlin Gottschalk  
Dave Crass  
Emily Hitchcock  
Kyle Pearson  
Lauren Curry  
Lisa Mehalko  
John Bowers  
John Biagi  
Steve Friedman  
Linda MacGregor  
Jac Capp  
Jim Ussery  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Terry West  
Connie Buck  
Vonetta Pryor  
Doug Haymans  
Candy Henderson  
Ced Dolder  
Suzanne Burnes  
Brad Konwick  
Mary Ann Evans  
Hellen Harris

The March 22, 2011 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Earl Barrs. Chairman Barrs called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

Mr. Barrs called on Allen Barnes, Director of Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for an update.

Mr. Barnes gave a briefing on the current funding issue for EPD, including permitting inspections and enforcement.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Lambert called on Linda MacGregor, Chief, Watershed Protection Branch for presentation of the proposed amendments to Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6, pertaining to triennial review of water quality standards, including Lake Allatoona.

Mrs. MacGregor stated that the proposed amendments included the following:

- Rule 391-3-6-.03(5) General Criteria for All Waters – Based on the latest EPA guidance, remove language from footnote three of sub-paragraph (3)(ii) in reference to the minimum hardness value in the calculation of aquatic life criteria for metals; update the numeric human health priority pollutant criteria for 2,3,7,8, tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) based on latest EPA guidance in sub-paragraph (e)(vi);
- Rule 391-3-6-.03(6) Specific Criteria for Classified Water Usage – Revise sub-paragraph (c)(iii) to clarify language where specific bacteria criteria apply along the coast where shellfish may be harvest. The reference manual for the bacteria criteria for shellfish growing areas will also be updated;
- Rule 391-3-6-.03(14) Specific Water Use Classifications – Update and amend the designated uses of waterbodies through the state;
- Rule 391-3-6-.03(16) Waters Generally Supporting Shellfish – Clarify language that the waters listed here either support or have the potential to support shellfish, but this does not necessarily mean that it is legal to harvest shellfish from these areas;
- Rule 391-3-6-.03(17) Specific Criteria for Lakes and Major Lake Tributaries – Revise Lake Allatoona chlorophyll a, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus loading criteria in sub-paragraphs (d)(i), (d)(iii), and (d)(viii), respectively, based on recent data and modeling of nutrient dynamics in the watershed;
- Correct various typographical, grammatical and formatting errors, including alphabetizing designated uses by river basin and trout streams by county.

Mrs. MacGregor stated that she would like to request that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve these proposed amendments.

A motion was made by Dr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Billew and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6, pertaining to Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards, including Lake Allatoona. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Lambert called on Jac Capp, Chief, Air Protection Branch, for a briefing on proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to electric utility steam generating unit compliance dates.

Mr. Capp stated that EPD will hold a public hearing on April 26, 2011 on the proposed amendments and expects to present them to the Board for action at the June meeting. He further stated that the proposed amendments included:

- Rule 391-3-1-.01(2)(sss) Multipollutant Control for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units – is being amended to revise the installation deadlines for Plant Branch electric generating units and Unit 3 at Plant Scherer and to include emission caps on certain units.
- Rule 391-3-1-.02(2)(uuu) SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Electric Utility Steam Generating Units – is being amended to revise the compliance deadlines for Plant Branch electric generating units and Unit 3 at Plant Scherer.

Discussion ensued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.