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EPD Discontinues Drought Response Water Use Reporting

By letter dated December 11, 2009, the Environmental Protection Division notified 168 water users who are permitted to use more than 100,000 gallons per day within the 55-county area that was formerly subject to the drought response Level IV watering restrictions that they would no longer be required to report monthly water use after December 2009 using the Monthly Water Use Reporting Form posted on EPD's website. Data provided by permittees to EPD on the Monthly Water Use Reporting Form was used to measure the success of water providers and their customers in responding to the call to reduce water use during the historic drought conditions that persisted from September 2007 until June 2009. These data clearly demonstrated the outstanding commitment of Georgians to do their part to ensure that adequate supplies of water were maintained during the unprecedented drought conditions.

Permittees were notified that they should still submit Monthly Water Use Reporting Forms for November and December 2009. Monthly water use data for November and December 2009 will be posted on EPD's website as it becomes available.

Although they will no longer be required to submit the Monthly Water Use Reporting Form for water use months after December 2009, permittees were notified in the December 11, 2009 letter that they should still submit other water use reports required by their permits, the Georgia Water Quality Control Act, Groundwater Use Act, the Georgia Safe Drinking Water Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to EPD's Drinking Water Program at (404) 656-2750.