

Response: GORA: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST 0094: Lake Petit Dam Documents
(Submitted: April 1, 2025)

From: Water, GORArequest (gorarequest.water@dnr.ga.gov)
To: themtnsvoice@aol.com
Date: Friday, April 4, 2025 at 11:14 AM EDT

Mr. Hopkins,
Please see the attached documents for additional information to request 0094.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 10:37 AM
To: Murphy, Arnettia <Arnettia.Murphy@dnr.ga.gov>; Water, GORArequest <GORArequest.Water@dnr.ga.gov>; Lips, Sara <sara.lips@dnr.ga.gov>; Griffin, David <David.Griffin@dnr.ga.gov>
Subject: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST 0094: Lake Petit Dam Documents (Submitted: April 1, 2025)

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Greetings,

Please find attached a 3 page PDF copy of a new Open Records Request for any new documents related to the Safe Dams Program, specifically Lake Petit Dam. Of specific (but NOT Exclusive) immediate urgency is any notifications that a TEST is imminent for the LLO. Our permit requires GA Safe Dams be given 48 notice of any test. But The Big Canoe POA is refusing to give Property Owners any Notice, and people deserve to be notified before any testing of the LLO Gate test begins.

Mr Griffin, nothing is stopping you from replying directly to me if you are aware of a TEST Time that is already scheduled. I have a lot of concerned property owners that would like to be made aware of test schedules, and I hear that this may be imminent.

Peace,
- david hopkins / publisher
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Thanks, Michael!

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From: Berry, Michael <Michael.Berry@dnr.ga.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 12:02 PM

To: Jonathan Allen <JAllen@Geosyntec.com>

Subject: RE: Lake Petit Dam (Pickens County) Spillway Flume Replacement

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Yes sir. I'm sticking with trout. Pettit Creek and Lake Petit are located in the East Branch watershed which is secondary trout. Maybe Pickens County was looking at the DNR Fisheries trout designations. Per the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act, trout stream classifications are determined pursuant to the Georgia Water Quality Act/ Water Quality Control Rules.

The drainage structure exemption will not apply so the variance application should request approval for all proposed buffer impacts.

391-3-6-.03(15)(b) Trout Designations by County

PICKENS COUNTY

Primary:

1. Cartecay River watershed.
2. Talking Rock Creek watershed upstream from Route S1011 (GA Highway 136).

Secondary:

1. Amicalola Creek watershed.
2. Ball Creek watershed.
3. Bluff Creek watershed.
4. East Branch watershed (including Darnell Creek watershed).
5. Fisher Creek watershed (upstream from the confluence of Talona Creek and Fisher Creek).
6. Fourmile Creek watershed.
7. Hobson Creek watershed.
8. Little Scarecorn Creek watershed.
9. Long Branch watershed.

10. Long Swamp Creek watershed upstream from Pickens County Road 294.
11. Mud Creek watershed.
12. Pin Hook Creek watershed.
13. Polecat Creek watershed.
14. Rock Creek watershed.
15. Salacoa Creek watershed.
16. Scarecorn Creek watershed upstream from Georgia Hwy. 53.
17. Sevenmile Creek watershed.
18. Soap Creek watershed.
19. Town Creek watershed.
20. Wildcat Creek watershed.

Thanks

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Michael,

Wanted to check in and ask if you've been able to look into this yet?

Regards,

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From: Berry, Michael <Michael.Berry@dnr.ga.gov>
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Looked a little deeper...I believe Petit Creek is part of East Branch watershed which is listed as secondary trout.

From: Jonathan Allen <JAllen@Geosyntec.com>
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From: Jonathan Allen
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