



GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

Shared State Agency Responsibilities

Georgia EPD's CAFO Contract

Contract

- Contract between Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division and Georgia Department of Agriculture Agricultural Inputs Division
- FY 2024 Contract of \$170,000 in quarterly installments
- Includes a Scope of Services that outlines the responsibilities for:
 - Compliance Activities
 - Permitting Activities
 - Website Maintenance
 - Nutrient Management Planning Software
 - Training and Related Support
 - Communication and Coordination

EPD Responsibilities

Permitting:

- Draft and recommend NPDES and Land Application System individual and general permits for issuance by the EPD Director
 - Review and approve or deny approval of the design, construction and local of waste management systems for NPDES and LAS permitted AFOs and CAFOs
 - Review and approve or deny approval of Nutrient Management plans
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- Compliance and Enforcement
 - Initiate enforcement action within the Division's discretion as necessary in consultation with the Contractor

Compliance Activities

- Conduct annual inspections of every facility covered by the NPDES general permit and LAS Large general permit
- Conduct inspections of 1/3 of facilities covered by LAS Medium general permit
- Conduct closure inspections
- Complete inspection reports
- Notify EPD in writing of planned inspections and site visits
- Notify EPD Emergency Response Program and Compliance Programs of discharges to State waters
- Notify EPD Compliance Programs of permit violations
- Provide enforcement assistance and technical support
- Collect, review and track annual reports
- Transmit compliance tracking spreadsheet to EPD monthly

Permitting Activities

- Review Notices of Intent (NOIs) and Notices of Termination (NOTs)
- Inform applicant of NOI and NOT deficiencies
- Complete first review of NOIs and NOTs and transmit to EPD for final review and approval
- Review, recommend for approval or denial and track Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) submittals
- Inform applicant of NMP deficiencies
- Complete first review of NMPs and transmit to EPD for final review and approval
- Transmit NOI, NOT, and NMP tracking spreadsheet to EPD monthly

Website Maintenance and NMP Software

- GDA will ensure that website information is up to date
- FY2024 contract identified concerns with the NMP software currently in use
 - No System Configuration Document
 - Could not verify original assumptions built into the software
- GDA to adapt or develop in-house NMP software

Training and Support

- GDA to oversee Certified Waste Storage & Disposal Operator and Nutrient Management Planner training
- At least 1 Certified Operator and Planner training annually
- Training to include most recent information on state and federal regulations
- GDA to provide continuing education opportunities for Certified Operators and Planners

Communication

- GDA to schedule quarterly meetings to provide updates on
 - Compliance
 - Permitting
 - Software development/selection
- GDA to consult with EPD prior to any training, informational or technical assistance materials prepared or distributed
- EPD will provide permitting or compliance training to GDA staff upon request

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