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Corps Recieves Request From Georgia EPD to Extend Flow Reductions From Lake Lanier

Mobile, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, is reviewing a request from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to extend the flow reductions at Peachtree Creek until May 31, 2008.

“In February of this year the Georgia EPD requested and received a temporary flow reduction from 750 cubic feet per second (cfs) at Peachtree Creek to 650 cfs “said E. Patrick Robbins, Public Affairs Officer, Mobile District. “This is the minimum flow required at Peachtree Creek confluence on the Chattahoochee River to provide for waste water assimilation in the river. The current temporary flow reduction is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2008.”

Georgia EPD’s request represents a proposed temporary drought contingency measure in response to drought conditions experienced this past year and forecasts for continued drought conditions this year. The proposed reduction in flows is based on water quality criteria at Atlanta and seeks to conserve storage in Lake Lanier by reducing minimal releases required to meet State water quality standards during cooler months.

The Corps is currently coordinating this proposal with the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Basin stakeholders. The Corps is asking that all

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agency and stakeholders provide written comments by May 7, at the following email address: cesam-pd-ea@usace.army.mil.

A copy of the request from Georgia EPD and a link to an electronic comment form are also posted on the Mobile District home webpage located at <http://www.sam.usace.army.mil>.