

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: CITY OF VALDOSTA

ORDER NO. EPD-WQ-5478

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the City of Valdosta (City) was issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Nos. GA0033235 and GA0020222 (Permits) by the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (Director, EPD) for its Withlacoochee Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) and Mud Creek WPCP, respectively, located in the Suwannee River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Permits authorize the City to discharge treated wastewater according to effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in the Permits; and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013, the City reported an excessive number of effluent violations of Permit Nos. GA0033235 and GA0020222 (see Attachment 1); and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2008 through July 31, 2013, the City reported an excessive number of raw sewage spills from its sanitary sewer collection system to waters of the State (see Attachment 2); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 391-3-6-.05(2)(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia for Water Quality Control (Rules) defines a spill as “any discharge of raw sewage by a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) to the waters of the State”; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 391-3-6-.05(2)(b)(2) of the Rules defines a major spill, in part, as “Any discharge of raw sewage that (1) is in excess of 10,000 gallons or (2) results in water quality violations in the waters of the State”; and

WHEREAS, the City reported two fish kill events downstream of the November 18, 2009