

The Air Protection Branch's responsibilities include:

- Monitoring Air Quality
- Permitting Stationary Sources
- Licensing Users of Radioactive Materials
- Inspecting Sources Permitted and Licensed by the Branch
- Auditing and Reviewing Stack Tests
- Overseeing the Georgia Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program
- Providing Assistance to Small Businesses
- Developing State Air Quality Rules and State Implementation Plans (SIPs)
- Modeling and Emission Inventory Development
- Fee Collection and Financial Management
- Office of the State Climatologist

Notable APB Events:

- Exceedances of the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard occurred at Rossville on November 13 (48.5 µg/m³) and Augusta on December 17 (44.4 µg/m³).
- On October 23, Jim Boylan and Bill Murphey participated in the “Georgia Tech Ph.D. Networking Night with Employers Valuing Doctoral Expertise” hosted by the Georgia Tech Career Center. The event started with an employer career panel discussion, followed by each organization giving a 30-second pitch, followed by a 1-hour networking session with over 100 Ph.D. students and postdoctoral researchers.