February 17, 2023

Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Nonpoint Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Unit 2

MLK Jr. Drive

Suite 1462 East

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: Stakeholder Draft Construction Stormwater General Permit GAR100001 and Stakeholder Draft Construction Stormwater General Permit GAR100002

To Whom it May Concern:

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or Committee) is a quasi-governmental advisory panel established in 1993 by interlocal agreement between Baker and Nassau counties in Florida and Camden and Charlton counties in Georgia. Initially, SMRMC worked with citizens of local communities as well as county and state governments to develop the 2004 St. Marys River Management Plan and now continues to implement the plan and update it as achievements and regulations dictate.

Please accept this as a comment from SMRMC on the Reissuance by Georgia Environmental Protection Division (Division), Watershed Protection Branch of General NPDES Permit Nos. GAR100001 and GAR100002, authorizing stormwater discharges associated with construction activity for standalone and infrastructure construction projects to waters of the State of Georgia. SMRMC understands and agrees with the clarifications as suggested in the draft document. We do request that EPD ensure that, in the case of phased permits for mining activities, disturbance is deemed complete only when mining is complete and, likewise, all permits remain open until mining is complete and full stabilization of the entire site is achieved.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

Chip Campbell Danny Norton

Georgia Chair Florida Chair