



As Americans, we have a lot to be grateful for, especially our water quality! Even BASS Magazine last month published an excellent article spreading the word to Bass fishermen about our nation's awesome water quality and advising fishermen on what they can do to prevent pollution and invasive species from further damaging our surface waters. While our rivers and lakes are constantly showing the signs of pollution after it rains, we're doing a pretty good job of not giving up on keeping it clean!

While some areas of the country are aggressively going after educating the public about stormwater pollution prevention, some organizations like the North Central Texas Council of Governments rise to the top as far as their aggressive marketing approach to the public about stormwater and water quality.

[Click Here](#) or on the photo to watch an excellent explanation about our nation's water and where the pollution is coming from today!



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## Judge rejects Georgia's Motion to Dismiss Water Wars Case

By Jeff Gill  
June 19, 2015 11:35 a.m.

A Maine lawyer overseeing the latest legal battle in the tri-state water wars has denied Georgia's motion to dismiss a lawsuit by Florida in the U.S. Supreme Court.

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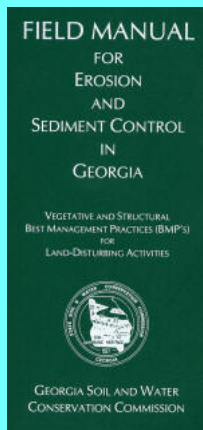
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Georgia based its motion on what it deemed as Florida's failure to include the U.S. as a party.

"Georgia ... has not carried its burden to demonstrate that dismissal is appropriate," Ralph I. Lancaster said in an order filed Friday. Brian Robinson, Gov. Nathan Deal's spokesman,

refused to comment. Representatives for Florida couldn't be reached for comment. The two states and Alabama have battled over water sharing issues for more than two decades.

The [latest tussle](#), focuses on .....

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## DRINKING WATER, An American Perspective

June 22, 2015  
T. Luke Owen, President  
NPDES Training Institute

The human body can last weeks without food, but only days without clean water. The body is made up of 50 to 75 per cent water. Water forms the basis of blood, digestive juices, urine and perspiration, and is contained in lean muscle, fat and bones.

It's not uncommon to run across social media posts that talked about the importance of drinking water every day! Articles like this are great because they remind us about one of the resources we take for granted most in our country, drinking water and water quality! It's amazing the amount of pollution our drinking water

publicly owned treatment systems remove from our rivers and lakes before it's shipped via underground pipes to our homes. It makes me wonder how most Americans have yet to connect the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act dot's together on this issue? So let's try.....

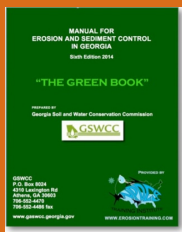
I think we all can agree that drinking untreated stormwater runoff will not help this young girls body and brain work better like it would if it were coming from an American water faucet. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) of permits became federal law

### Drinking Water at the Correct Time Maximizes its Effectiveness on the Human Body

- Drinking 2 glasses of water in the morning helps activate internal organs.
- Drinking 1 glass of water before a meal will help in digestion.
- Drinking 1 glass of water before taking a shower helps prevent high blood pressure.
- Drinking a glass of water before bed helps prevent strokes or heart attacks.

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in 1972 in the United States of America with the specific purpose to remove pollutants from our surface waters so we could have the quality of life that Americans demanded! At the time, American's KNEW we needed to do something about our polluted waters and they supported enforcement

of the laws that eventually cleaned up a bunch of our surface waters! The result of the NPDES and Safe Drinking Water Act compliance and enforcement is that we have cleaner water today than 40 years ago, even while America has more than doubled in population!

Today however, very few American's have heard of NPDES or know what it means, let alone how much they owe their very lives to it. At the end of the day, it's critical that we continue spreading the word about America's clean water, and the system that must be complied with and properly enforced if we are to continue growing as a healthy society!



CLEAN surface waters are critical to our human existence and quality of life, yet they are more stressed today than ever before in our history. Spreading the word louder and more frequently about the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act is key to our country's future.

Accountability for the water quality of others down stream is threatened today, but yet it's what makes Americas water quality cleaner than the water you'll find outside of our borders. So, while we argue about EPA's Clean Water Rule, Georgia's recent decision to not protect wetlands and salt marshes with buffers, and drink and fish from our treated water resources; we must not forget about the very system that ensures our future quality of life!

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Just because an executive order was used to force the Clean Water Rule into existence, it doesn't mean the story is over! As you can imagine, there is A LOT OF OPPOSITION to the USEPAs Clean Water Rule, mostly due to a perceived expense to big business. Remember, it was big corporations and powerful politicians that fought against the Clean Water Act before it was passed into law in 1972.

The article below does a pretty good job of explaining the ongoing saga.

.....*Legislation championed by Republican Rep. Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania to block the new rule recently [cleared the U.S. House](#). Barrasso's bill, has made headway in the Senate. The legislation, named Federal Water Quality Protection Act, recently [passed](#) through a key committee and could be headed for a floor vote. A spokeswoman said Barrasso "will look for any opportunity to pass this bill into law - including opportunities to attach it to must-pass legislation."*

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## Georgia Supreme Court: Buffer Rule Doesn't Apply to Wetlands & Marshes

**Dave Williams**  
*Atlanta Business Chronicle*





Georgia's estuaries contain nearly 350,000 acres of saltmarsh.

Georgia's law protecting waterways from encroachment by construction projects does not apply to marshes and wetlands, the state Supreme Court ruled Monday.

In a 6-1 decision, the justices found the 25-foot buffer required by the Erosion and Sedimentation Act can only be enforced along the banks of state waters edged by "wrested vegetation," where the force of flowing water has torn away the vegetation and there is a clear demarcation between water and vegetation.

The case arose from a plan to create a 960-acre fishing lake in Grady County by building a dam that would flood various creeks and wetlands. Environmental groups challenged a variance for the project issued by the state on the basis the application failed to address its impact on nearby wetlands.

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### ***Respecting our neighbors downstream***

*is the BIG REMINDER!* It's important that we sacrifice a little to give our kids an equally great place to live, swim, fish, and hunt!

***There is a lot happening today with water regulations that affect a diverse community of public and private entities. If you have areas of interest that you would like included in this newsletter, please contact us at 678-469-5120.***



WILL AMERICA FIND BALANCE OR  
WILL WE GO DOWN FIGHTING?

Sincerely,  
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