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ALABAMA WATER AGENDA



Discharge (ft3/s)

O'Neil, 2015

Description of this table

NOTE: Click on the underlined Cause of Impairment Group to see a list of specific state causes of impairment making up the Cause of Impairment Group. See also <u>Pollution categories summary document (PDF)</u> (20 pp, 557 K, <u>About PDF</u>) for brief, non-technical descriptions of general cause categories.

	Size of Assessed Waters with Listed Causes of Impairment				
Cause of Impairment Group	<u>Rivers and</u> <u>Streams (Miles)</u>	Lakes, Reservoirs, and Ponds (Acres)	<u>Bays and</u> <u>Estuaries</u> <u>(Square Miles)</u>	<u>Ocean and</u> <u>Near Coastal</u> <u>(Square Miles)</u>	
Ammonia	<u>223.2</u>	<u>527.3</u>			
Flow Alteration(s)	<u>3.2</u>				
Mercury	<u>915.1</u>	<u>40,976.9</u>	<u>.7</u>	<u>201.0</u>	
Metals (other than Mercury)	<u>162.0</u>		<u>94.6</u>		
Nutrients	<u>585.6</u>	<u>165,021.1</u>			
Organic Enrichment/Oxygen Depletion	<u>845.4</u>	<u>6,904.5</u>			
Pathogens	<u>942.0</u>		<u>428.7</u>		
Pesticides	<u>93.8</u>	<u>85.7</u>			
pH/Acidity/Caustic Conditions	<u>33.5</u>	<u>1,569.2</u>			
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	42.2	<u>57,715.1</u>			
Salinity/Total Dissolved Solids/Chlorides /Sulfates	<u>62.9</u>				
Sediment	<u>1,144.5</u>	<u>3,052.9</u>			
Total Toxics	<u>11.1</u>				
Toxic Inorganics	<u>57.0</u>				
Toxic Organics	<u>44.6</u>	20,633.1			
Turbidity	<u>119.9</u>				

Alabama Probable Sources Contributing to Impairments for Reporting Year 2014

Description of this table

NOTE: Click on the underlined Probable Source Group to see a list of specific state Probable Sources making up the Probable Source Group.

	Size of Assessed Waters with Probable Sources of Impairments				
Probable Source Group	<u>Rivers and</u> <u>Streams</u> (Miles)	<u>Lakes,</u> <u>Reservoirs,</u> <u>and Ponds</u> (Acres)	<u>Bays and</u> <u>Estuaries</u> (Square <u>Miles)</u>	<u>Ocean and</u> <u>Near Coastal</u> <u>(Square</u> <u>Miles)</u>	
Agriculture	<u>1,393.4</u>	<u>93,606.1</u>			
Aquaculture	<u>9.0</u>				
Atmospheric Deposition	<u>894.7</u>	<u>40,891.2</u>	<u>.7</u>	<u>201.0</u>	
Construction	<u>352.4</u>				
Habitat Alterations (Not Directly Related To Hydromodification)	<u>56.4</u>				
Hydromodification	<u>39.4</u>	<u>58,712.6</u>			
Industrial	<u>265.7</u>	32,909.9	<u>94.6</u>		
Land Application/Waste Sites/Tanks	<u>44.8</u>				
Legacy/Historical Pollutants	<u>69.0</u>	32,281.9			
Municipal Discharges/Sewage	<u>563.4</u>	12,276.8	7.7		
Natural/Wildlife	<u>12.4</u>				
Other	<u>30.8</u>	<u>50,019.3</u>			
Resource Extraction	<u>351.2</u>	<u>412.5</u>			
Silviculture (Forestry)	<u>4.2</u>				
Spills/Dumping		412.5			
Unknown	<u>91.4</u>	<u>1,435.1</u>			
Unspecified Nonpoint Source		<u>62.6</u>			
Urban-Related Runoff/Stormwater	<u>757.7</u>	22,499.2	<u>426.2</u>		





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Florida Lawsuit Could Restrict Georgia Irrigation

Allison Floyd, Growing America

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Florida has sued Georgia, asking the U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether Georgia is taking too much water from river basins that feed Apalachicola Bay, a decision that could impact how much farmers in the southwest part of Georgia can irrigate.

A lawsuit that Florida filed against Georgia points directly at irrigation wells as one of the culprits behind a shrinking Floridan Aquifer and a decimated oyster industry in Apalachicola Bay.

"These types of cases are more common in the East," said Doug Wilson, the execu Center. The center, which was created by policies to guide water use.

Georgia and Florida have fought for deca Atlanta, but the new lawsuit is the first tim



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