Introduction

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

- Tied to the Clean Water Act
- Dealing with Point Source Discharge of Pollutants (pesticides ruled as pollutants)

Requires a permit for pesticide applications on or near waterways (discharges to waters of the U.S.)

Effective April 9, 2011
Introduction

- Impacts all pesticide applications made on or near waterways
- Permit issued in Georgia by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) not Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Whew! So Why Do We Care?
  - It impacts pesticide applicators in many arenas
    - Mosquito Control
    - Aquatic Weed Control
    - Right-of-Way Spraying
    - Many Others
Georgia EPD

- Does not have experience with pesticide applications
- Does not have experience with pesticide labels
- Does not have regular communication with pesticide applicators
- They will need our help to “roll out the regulatory carpet”
Georgia EPD and DOA

Establish communication
- Between EPD, DOA and with EPA
- Between EPD and pesticide applicators

Assist with training and information exchange
- For Applicators
- For EPD Employees
Needs Assessment

What does EPD need?

- Input on Permit Draft
- Compliance Assistance Programming
- Workshops and Related Training
- Site Evaluations
What Next?

- Contact your permitting agency now and establish communication
- Learn more about the permit and its’ requirements
- Begin to tell others about the regulation and what you know
- Find out how you can help with implementation
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