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Re: Clean Air Implementation Rule
Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy Set-Aside

Dear «Title» «LastName»:

On July 14, 2006, the Division solicited comments on draft language for Georgia's NO_x and SO₂ Clean Air Interstate (CAIR) rule. In the letter accompanying the draft language we stated that EPD had not yet made a decision on whether to include an Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy (EE/RE) set-aside program as part of the proposed annual NO_x CAIR rule. This letter is to inform you of that decision.

After careful review of all stakeholder comments and other available information, the Division has determined that it would be premature to include an EE/RE set-aside program in Georgia's CAIR rule in advance of Georgia's State Energy Strategy (<http://www.georgiaenergyplan.org/>). Because of the federally required timeframe for submitting CAIR implementation plans, EPD intends to propose regulation implementing the CAIR NO_x program in Georgia without an EE/RE set-aside. Should the final State Energy Strategy indicate that an EE/RE set-aside is appropriate for inclusion in Georgia's CAIR program, the Division will reconsider the issue at that time and propose revisions to Georgia's rules as necessary. Stakeholders will be notified in advance of any action to revise the Georgia CAIR NO_x rule regarding an EE/RE set-aside.

Thank you for your participation in this effort. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (404) 363-7014 or visit EPD's CAIR website at www.georgiaair.org/airpermit/cair .

Sincerely,

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