



ALABAMA PULP & PAPER COUNCIL

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Director Lance LeFleur
Alabama Department of Environmental Management

On behalf of the Alabama Pulp & Paper Council, I appreciate the opportunity to comment of the "Water Management Issues in Alabama." The Pulp & Paper Council represents the competitive, legislative, environmental, and related interests of the pulp and paper manufacturers in the state. Our members share common interests and goals and face common competitive challenges in today's tough global marketplace. Our members include the nation's largest, most recognized corporations. All of them are vital parts of a manufacturing base crucial to Alabama's economy and job base.

While we absolutely support the idea of planning for the management of Alabama's bountiful water resources, we believe and submit that there should be a clear science based understanding of the real issues, problems, and opportunities. This understanding should be well established before policy can be written and enacted into law. Manufacture Alabama's opinion is that much more information on resource availability, resource demands, legal rights, existing and potential stresses on water systems, and policies that have worked/not worked in other states with laws similar to Alabama needs to be gathered.

Given the need for more information, we support AWAWG's efforts to obtain funding for further studies.

We appreciate our opportunity to participate and want to continue to be involved in discussions regarding water management issues.

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