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Georgia EPD To Close Columbus Office Due To Budget Cuts

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has announced that its district office in Columbus will close effective July 1, 2010 due to state budget constraints. The EPD office in Macon will be responsible for providing services in the Columbus area.

All EPD staff currently working from Columbus will be assigned to the Macon office. The Columbus office served Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Meriwether, Muscogee, Talbot and Troup counties. Citizens, permit holders and anyone else doing business with EPD in these counties should direct their inquiries to the Macon office beginning June 15, 2010. The contact information for the Macon office is as follows:

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EPD says that it will also close its district office in Savannah and consolidate office space in the Atlanta area. The changes will save approximately \$400,000 per year.

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