

# Instructions For Retrieving Georgia Water Quality Data

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The basic steps involved in retrieving Water Quality Data from Georgia's Online Water Quality Database are as follows:

- 1) Go to <http://www.gaepd.org/Documents/EPDOnlineWaterQualityData.html> and click on the image to access the Online Water Quality Database.
- 2) To choose the station(s) for which you want to retrieve data enter the search criteria into the text boxes that are to the right in the "Station Report Fields" section. You may make selections for some items by using the drop down lists to the right of the item. At least one item from this section must be selected and only the items selected will be displayed. Choose the items to be displayed by clicking on the small check box to the left of the item.
- 3) To choose the parameter(s) (DO, pH, Temp, NH3, etc.) or parameter group for which you wish to retrieve data enter the search criteria into the text box to the right of the item or select items from the drop down lists. At least one item from this section must be selected for display. Choose the items to be displayed by clicking on the small box to the left of the items in this section.
- 4) After the stations and parameters to be displayed have been selected, click the "GO". This will take you to the next page where the station(s) and parameter(s) that were selected will be displayed.
- 5) From the list of stations and parameters, select the ones that you want to retrieve data for by clicking on the small box to the left of the item. Select the beginning and ending dates for data retrieval. You may type the dates into the boxes or use the calendars to select dates. Alternatively, you may elect to "retrieve all data" by clicking on the check box. To retrieve data, click on the "Retrieve" button. If you wish to download or print the station and parameter information, click the "Download" or "Print" button.
- 6) To display the data for a given station, click on the small square icon to the right of the station name and the water quality data for that station will be displayed. The data all stations may be download into an Excel file as text by clicking on the "Download" button. The data tables for all stations may be printed by clicking on the "Print" button. A simple graph of the data can be created by clicking on the "Graph" button. The station and parameter to be graphed will need to be selected by clicking on the appropriate check boxes.