

APPENDIX A: Letter of Invitation



Alabama • Arkansas • Florida • Georgia • Louisiana • Mississippi • Oklahoma • Tennessee • Texas

January 10, 2009

«fname» «lname»
«street»
«city», «st» «zip»

Dear «fname»:

The University of Georgia is concerned about water issues in Georgia and how these issues affect our businesses and daily lives. Knowing your views and the views of other Georgia citizens about a wide range of water issues is very crucial to guide the University of Georgia's water-related research and educational efforts in Georgia.

You have been selected as one of 1,100 Georgia residents who are being asked to share views on water issues. Your responses will represent the 9,700,000 residents of the state. Your response to the questions on the enclosed survey is very important. Would you please complete this questionnaire and return it in the business reply envelope supplied with this mailing? The questionnaire should only take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. You may note that the business reply envelope is addressed to the University of Idaho as they are collaborating with the University of Georgia as part of a nation-wide effort to collect similar information from many states. All results of this survey will be available to the general public.

Your response will be completely confidential. This questionnaire has an identification number in ink in the top right hand corner for mailing purposes only. This is so that we may check your name off the mailing list when your completed survey is returned. Your name will never be placed on the questionnaire itself.

My name is Robert Mahler and I am the Water Quality Coordinator at the University of Idaho. I have been conducting water resource surveys in the United States for the past seven years. To ensure this survey's integrity I am working with the Water Quality contact at the University of Georgia (Dr. Mark Risse) to implement the enclosed survey and process your input. If you have any questions, we would be happy to answer them. Our email addresses are bmahler@uidaho.edu and mrisse@engr.uga.edu (706-542-9067). Please return the survey in the business reply envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert L. Mahler
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Dr. Mark Risse
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Enclosures