

Statement on Meeting Discussing Industrial Odors and South River Water Quality

On February 16, 2021, State Representative Kim Schofield arranged a meeting with East Point Mayor Deana Holiday Ingraham, City Manager Frederick Gardiner, Deputy City Manager Deron King , Water & Sewer Director Melissa Echevarria and staff members of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to discuss industrial odor complaints within residential neighborhoods and discolored water within the South River. The following staff members of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division attended the meeting:

- Watershed Protection Branch Chief James Capp
- Assistant Branch Chief Anna Truszczynski, PhD.
- Watershed Compliance Program Manager Lewis Hays

There was a resounding commitment to environmental justice, compliance and community education and engagement. Critical information was shared regarding city and state responsibilities, complaint process/procedures and the willingness to continue working together to serve our residents. Please be on the lookout for updates on the City's website, social media platforms and the VERGE newsletter regarding industrial odors and South River Water Quality.