

**E12 IAG WORK PLAN**

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**Issue Statement**

**WE12 & CE12 Wetlands** – Have the wetlands within the project study area been identified and how can those areas be protected or enhanced?

**IAG Tasks and Responsibilities**

The immediate task and responsibility of the E12-IAG is to characterize the existing wetland environment in the Warrior and Coosa basins. This characterization will be used in subsequent relicensing studies for the Coosa-Warrior Cooperative Relicensing Process.

**Work Scope & Product**

- **Task 1** Identify major sources of wetland information available (*e.g.* EPA, ACT study, etc.)
- **Task 2** Consolidate existing wetland information and identify data gaps.
- **Task 3** Characterize the existing basin-wide wetland environment.
- **Task 4** Characterize the existing wetland environment at the projects.
- **Task 5** Identify wetland areas that may be impacted by project operations.
- **Task 6** Long-term task - Identify potential alternatives for protection, mitigation, and/or enhancement measures that can be implemented for wetland areas.

**Schedule**

The E12 – IAG is anticipated to begin work with a Kick-off meeting during the 3rd week of August 2001 by conference call. The Group will meet periodically between August and October (5 meetings anticipated). The following is a “projected” schedule of work that may change with the Group’s approval. These meetings can be either conference calls or “face to face” meetings based on the Group’s suggestions.

- Meeting 1 Kickoff Meeting – discussion of Task 1 – 3rd week of August 2001
- Meeting 2 Discuss results of Task 2 & make assignments for Task 3&4 – end of August 2001
- Meeting 3 Provide update at September 2001 RAT and WCRT meetings

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- Meeting 4 Discuss results of Task 3&4 – end of September 2001
- Meeting 5 Discuss Task 5 & identify data needs – 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October 2001
- Meeting 6 Provide Report to Eco RAT and WCRT on progress – 3<sup>rd</sup> week in October 2001
- Meeting 7 Task 6 – due later in 2001 or 2002 as coordinated with other issues.