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Scope

The purpose of this online research guide is to provide an overview of the dispute between Georgia, Alabama, and Florida over the Apalachicolo-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin.

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Primary Sources

Federal Statutes

Many if of the arguments used from all sides in the Tri-State Water Wars involve Federal Statutes. These are listed below with links to the text of the statute:

- Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 (2000)
  - The main users of the ESA is Florida. They raise issues of the violation of ESA in order to protect sufficient water flow into the Apalachicola Bay where numerous endangered species live.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) - 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 (2000)
  - Florida also relies heavily on the NEPA in order to protect the ecosystem of the Bay and its inhabitants. Local citizens rely on the bay and its fishery business to sustain the economy.
- Water Supply Act of 1958, 43 U.S.C. § 390b (2000)
  - The WSA gives the operational instructions of the Buford Dam and Lake Lanier to the Corps of Engineers. Much of the litigation has centered around whether or not the WSA authorizes Atlanta to draw drinking water from the ACF Basin.

Cases

The heart of the Tri-State Water Wars is a sea of litigation in a multitude of venues. The cases below list out this extensive litigation. Where full text is available, the links go to full text of the case from one of the many free case law providers on the Internet, including LexisOne and FindLaw. In a few instances, the links go to a paid service such as Weslaw or LexisNexis.

	The Alabama Cases
Alabama v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, No. 1:90-cv-01331	The original "first-shot fired" case from Alabama, full text not available. N.D. Ala. filed June 28, 1990.
Alabama v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, 382 F. Supp. 2d 1301 (N.D. Ala. 2005).	The court granted the complaints from the various states but ordered them to revise these complaints in order to accurately determine the court's jurisdiction.
Alabama v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, 424 F.3d 1117 (11th Cir. 2005).	On appeal, the case was remanded after the district court's order enjoining the DC Agreement was vacated.
Alabama v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, 357 F. Supp. 2d 1313 (N.D. Ala. 2005)	The motions of the Corps and Georgia to dissolve the preliminary injunction were denied.
Alabama & Florida v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, 547 U.S. 1192 (2006)	Petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit denied.
Alabama. v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, 441 F. Supp. 2d 1123 (N.D. Ala. 2006).	Applying the traditional four-prong test for injunctive relief, the court held that Florida failed its burden of showing the necessary causal link between the Corps' actions and the harm suffered by an endangered mussels, thus failing to demonstrate a likelihood of success on the merits. The severe drought and an excess buildup of sedimentation that isolated a slough that was the mussels' primary habitat from the river flow downstream from the dam could not be linked to the Corps' activities, so Florida's motion was denied.
In re Tri-State Water Rights Litigation, No. 3:07-md-00001 (M.D. Fla. Mar. 21, 2007)	The Multi-District litigation transfer order.
Alabama v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, No. 1:90-cv-01331 (N.D. Ala. Apr. 19, 2007)	The case was remanded with instructions that Florida and Alabama specifically state exactly which agency actions they were challenging and the statutory authority these claims are based on

	The D.C. Cases
Se. Fed. Power Customers Inc. v. Caldera, No. 1:00-cv-02975 (D.D.C. filed Dec. 12, 2000)	Southeastern Federal Power Customers, Inc. (SeFPC), a consortium of electric power suppliers who purchase hydropower generated at Buford Dam on Lake Lanier, filed suit in December of 2000 against the Corps of Engineers in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.
Se. Fed. Power Customers, Inc. v. Caldera, 301 F. Supp. 2d 26 (D.D.C. 2004)	The DC Agreement was affirmed provided the injunction issued by the Northern District of Alabama was vacated.
Se. Fed. Power Customers, Inc. v. Harvey, 400 F.3d 1 (D.C. Cir. 2005)	The appellate court vacated the district court's decision for lack of jurisdiction and remanded the case.
Se. Fed. Power Customers, Inc. v. Geren, 514 F.3d 1316 (D.C. Cir. 2008).	The appellate court ruled that the DC Agreement should not have been found to be valid and overturned it.
Se. Fed. Power Customers v. Geren, No. 06-5080 (D.C. Cir. May 15, 2008)	The order denying petition for rehearing
Georgia v. Florida, No. 08-199, 2008 WL 3833287 (S. Ct. Aug. 13, 2008)	Petition for writ of certiorari, denied

	The Georgia Cases
Georgia v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, 302 F.3d 1242 (11th Cir. 2002)	Georgia sued to compel the Corps to grant its request for increased releases of water from a reservoir managed by the Corps which was subject to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Compact among Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.
Georgia v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, No. 2:01-cv-00026 (N.D. Ga. July 20, 2004).	Order granting motion to abate proceeding and motion to intervene
In re Tri-State Water Rights Litigation, No. 3:07-md-00001 (M.D. Fla. Mar. 21, 2007)	When Alabama and a group of water suppliers in North Georgia intervened in the case, the case was

	transferred to the Middle District of Florida for consolidation in the Tri-State Water Rights Litigation.

	In re Tri-State Water Rights Litigation
In re Tri-State Water Rights Litig., 639 F. Supp. 2d 1308 (2009)	○ All the various above cases were combined into the The Tri-State Water Rights Litigation under Judge Paul Magnuson. He heard the case in two phases. This case, Phase I, ruled that the Corps did indeed need Congressional authorization to enter into the D.C. Agreement because the terms constituted a major operational change and to fail to have the proper approval would be in violation of the WSA
In re Tri-State Water Rights Litig., 40 ELR 20204 (2010)	○ Florida sought to protect its share of the ACF water flow based on the EPA's placement of three native Apalachicola Bay species on the threatened or endangered species list: the Gulf sturgeon, the fat threeridge mussel, and the purple bankclimber. However, the Court was unpersuaded and dismissed all the ESA claims and declared the NEPA claims moot since all current practices of water allocation were temporary solutions

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Secondary Sources

Legal Encyclopedias

Legal Encyclopedias are an excellent resource for getting an overview of a topic. Here are some examples of articles found within legal encyclopedias that discuss broad topics within water rights law in the United States that might be helpful for someone unfamiliar with water law that needed to do research on the Tri-State Water Wars.

- 78 Am. Jur. 2d, *Territorial Extent of Use and Title; Rights,* § 34 (2010).
- 78 Am. Jur. 2d, *Adjudication and Enforcement, Generally* § 73 (2010).
- 78 Am. Jur. 2d, *Authority and Jurisdiction as Between State and Federal Governments,* § 159 (2010).
- 78 Am. Jur. 2d, *Water Rights,* § 500 (2010).
- 1 Fa. Jur., *Authority to Make Rules and Issue Orders,* § 31 (2010).
- 1 Fa. Jur., *Consumptive Uses of Water,* § 57 (2010).
- 1 Fa. Jur., *Effect of Upland Boundaries on Rights,* § 182 (2010).

American Law Reports

American Law Reports are a very useful tool in getting an overview of a specific legal issue. Within each report, one can find a summary of the legal issue and landmark cases. The following ALR article discusses the Tri-State Water Wars.

- Allocation of Water Space Among Lakefront Owner, in Absence of Agreement or Specification, Daniel F. Sullivan, 14 A.L.R. 4th 1028.
- Apportionment and Division of Area of River as Between Riparian Tracts Fronting on Same Bank, in Absence of Agreement or Specification, C.T. Foster, 65 A.L.R. 2d 143.
- Construction and Application of Water Supply Act, 43 U.S.C.A. § 390b, Jay M. Zitter, 48 A.L.R. Fed. 2d 289.
- Necessity and Sufficiency of Environmental Impact Statements Under § 102(2)(c) of National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 in Cases Involving Water and Waterworks Projects, 67 A.L.R. Fed. 54.
- Riparian Owner's Right to New Land Created by Reliction or by Accretion Influenced by Artificial Condition Not Produced by Such Owner, 63 A.L.R. 3d 249.

Books

Below is a bibliography of books found at the GSU College of Law Library on Water Rights and the Tri-State Water War. These books cover a broad range of topics dealing with water allocation between states. While many of them focus specifically on the Tri-State Water War, some of them deal with the subject of water rights or water conflicts more generally. This list is limited to books published since 2000.

- Arnold, Craig Anthony and Leigh A. Jewell. Beyond Litigation: Case Studies in Water Rights Disputes, Environmental Law Institute (2002). KF5575.A5 B49
  - A collection of essays on various water disputes, including the ACF Basin
- Dean, John R. Improving Summer Drought Prediction in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin with Empirical Downscaling, Electronic Resource (2008). QC929.27.G4 D43

- Empirical data on rainfall and drought predictions for the ACF River Basin area

- Dellapenna, Joseph W. Appropriative Rights Model Water Code, American Society of Civil Engineers (2007). KF5569 .A76
  - A book from a leader in the field of water rights that offers ideal law

- Draper, Stephen E. Sharing Water in Times of Scarcity: Guidelines and Procedures in the Development of Effective Agreements to Share Water Across Political Boundaries, American Society of Civil Engineers (2006). KF5575 .S52
  - This is part II of the final report of the Task Committee for the Shared Use of Transboundary Water Resources

- Eheart, J. Wayland. Riparian Water Regulations: Guidelines for Withdrawal Limitations and Permit Trading, ASCE (2002). KF5575.Z95 E38
  - A brief, 68 page outline of Riparian Law, the dominating rule of law in the southeast.

- Johnson, John W. United States Water Law: An Introduction, CRC Press (2009). KF645 .J64
  - An overview of Water Rights and laws in the USA with an easy to follow Table of Contents

- Jordan, Jeffrey L. Interstate Water Allocation in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia: New Issues, New Methods, New Models, University Press of Florida (2006). HDi695.S65 I58
  - Also comes with an extensive bibliography

- Muys, Jerome C. Model Interstate Water Compact, University of New Mexico Press (2009). KF5575 .M89
  - Another model compact book that again takes more of an international and tribal relations context

- Roth, Dik, Rutgerd Boelens and Margreet Zwarteveen. Liquid Relations: Contested Water Rights and Legal Complexity, Rutgers University Press (2005). K3496 .L57
  - A collection of essays with more of a focus on international water relationships

- Sherk, Georga William, Dividing the Waters: The Resolution of Interstate Water Conflicts in the United States, Kluwer Law International (2000). KF5575 .S53
  - An outline of law by type, starting with litigation, moving onto legislation, then compacts, etc.

- Tarlock, A. Dan, Law of Water Rights and Resources, Thomson/West (2005). KF5569 .T37
  - An overview of Water Law with an extensive bibliography

- Young, Herbert C. Understanding Water Rights and Conflicts, Burg Young Pub. (2003). KFC2246 .Y68
  - An overview of water rights conflicts in the United States

Newspaper Articles

Since the Tri-State Water War is still raging. As a result, there are a multitude of newspaper articles on the subject. Below is just a sampling of some of the most relevant ones from the last year:

- The Anniston Star (Alabama)
  - Editorial: A victory for everyone? Another water-war twist. July 26, 2010.
  - Editorial: Finally, they'll meet: Progress in the water war? Dec. 9, 2009.

- The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
  - Scott, Jeffry, New factor in water debate; City-owned property eyed for reservoir; Purchased as site for second airport, tri-state issue may alter plans. Sept. 19, 2010. Pg. 1B.
  - Fox, Patrick, Corps gives no help on lake use; New manual for Lanier doesn't cover function as metro water source. Sept. 11, 2010. Pg. 1B
  - Redmon, Jeremy, Group forms for water use; Environmentalists, Georgia Power among river stakeholders. Nov. 27, 2009. Pg. 1B.
  - Redmon, Jeremy and Bob Keefe, Finger pointing in tri-state water wars; Federal lawmakers say states must negotiate; Perdue still looks to Congress for a solution; governors yet to meet. Oct. 30, 2009. Pg. 1A.
  - Redmon, Jeremy and Bob Keefe, States urged to act faster, Congressmen tell governors to hurry up. Oct. 29, 2009. Pg. 1A.
  - Redmon, Jeremy and Bob Keefe, 3 states meeting to discuss water war. Oct. 27, 2009. Pg. 1B.
  - Rankin, Bill, Judge to Ga.: Stop water war delays. Oct. 6, 2009. Pg. 1A.

- Birgmingham News
  - Orndorff, Mary, Army Corps goes with court ruling in water wars. Nov. 20, 2009. Pg. 4B.

- Greenwire

- Fish species claim dismissed in ongoing tri-state water wars. July 22, 2010. Air and Water.

- LaGrange Daily News
  - Shrader, Jennifer, Local observers: 'Nobody won' in water ruling, but hope builds for new plan. July 23, 2010.

- The Montgomery Advertiser
  - Ricks, Markeshia, Tri-state water wars continue despite drought relief. Oct. 25, 2009. Pg. NaN.

- US Federal News
  - States Must Solve Tri-State Water Controversy, Not Corps. Aug. 10, 2010.
  - Sen. Shelby: Georgia's Poor Planning Not Alabama's Burden. Oct. 29, 2009.

Law Review Articles

Law Review articles are helpful when researching certain issues for several reasons. They help by collecting data and organizing it in useful ways, analyzing an issue in a new or unique way, and providing insight and opinion while giving an overview of the law as well. Below is a list of some of the most relevant law review articles on the Tri-State Water War. The links take you to the HeinOnline site for the article, which is a paid service, with a few exceptions where the article was not on Hein. In these cases, the link goes to either Lexis or Westlaw, both also paid services.

- Abrams, Robert Haskell, *Water Federalism and the Army Corps of Engineer's Role in Eastern States Water Allocation,* 31 U. Ark. Little Rock L. Rev. 395 (2009).
  - This article outlines the Tri-State Water War while offering solutions through Federal government intervention, granting the allocation power to the Army Corps of Engineers.

- Beaverstock, Jeffrey U, *Learning to Get Along: Alabama, Georgia, Florida and the Chattahoochee River Compact*, 49 Ala. L. Rev. 993 (1998).
  - By laying out the various water right laws used in various situations, the auther proposes how each would work with the Tri-State water situation and which would be most advantageous.

- Benbenisty, Lara E, *Southeastern Federal Power Customers, Inc. v. Geren: Congress's Expanding Role in Regulation Interstate Water Disputes*, 22 Tul. Envtl. L. J. 123 (2008).
  - Focusing on the D.C. cases and various mediation attempts, the article concludes that Congressional intervention might be the only real answer to solving the problem.

- Clemons, Josh, *Interstate Water Disputes: A Road Map for States*, 12 Southeastern Envtl. L. J. 115 (2004).
  - This article starts out by describing other multi-state water disputes, notably with the Colorado River, and then points out things that might translate to the Tri-State Water War.

- Dake, Raymond, *The Great Compromise: Overcomign Impasse in Interstate Water Compacts Through the Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution,* 77 UMKC L. Rev. 789 (2009).
  - Focusing mostly on various regulations and theories on ADR, this article offers ways these regulations could assist in solving water disputes like the Tri-State Water War.

- Dellapenna, Joseph W, *Climate Disruption, the Washington Consensus, and Water Law Reform*, 81 Temp. L. Rev. 383 (2008).
  - Less on the Tri-State Water War, this article focuses more on Federal Law on water rights, water markets, and various climate reform legislation in Congress and how it might affect current water issues.

- Dellapenna, Joseph W, *The Law of Water Allocation in the Southeastern States at the Opening of the Twenty-First Century*, 25 U. Ark. Little Rock L. Rev. 9 (2002).
  - After comparing various state water laws such as riparianism that dominate in the southeast, the author turns to theories of how to solve disputes in times of scarcity.

- Dellapenna, Joseph W, *Transboundary Water Allocation in the Twenty-First Century: Colloquium Article: Interstate Struggles Over Rivers: The Southeastern States and the Struggle Over the 'Hooch*, 12 N.Y.U. Envtl. L. J. 828 (2005).
  - The author provides a great overview of the Tri-State Water dispute and suggests that the various Compacts between the states are not sustainable or enforceable.

- Draper, Stephen E, *Sharing Water Through Interbasin Transfer and Basin of Origin Protection in Georgia: Issues for Evaluation in Comprehensive State Water Planning for Georgia's Surface Water Rivers and Groundwater Aquifers*, 21 Ga. St. U. L. Rev. 339 (2004).
  - Focusing on more issues than just the dispute over the ACF Basin, this article discusses other Georgia water issues including quality, economic factors, and conservation.

- DuMars, Charles T. and David Seeley, *The Failure of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin and Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compacts and a Guide to the Successful Establishment of Interstate Water Compacts*, 21 Ga. St. U.L. Rev. 373 (2004).
  - Like some of the other articles, the author here turns to successful multi-state water compacts in other regions of the country, such as Colorado River, and what they can teach the leaders in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia.

- Fortuna, John L, *Water Rights, Public Resources, and Private Commodities: Examining the Current and Future Law Governing the Allocation of Georgia Water*, 38 Ga. L. Rev. 1009 (2004).

This author suggests that instead of transferring water from basin to basin that some sort reasonable use doctrine might be the most functional solution to the Tri-State Water War.

- Grant, Douglas L, *Interstate Allocation of Rivers before the United States Supreme Court: The Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River System*, 21 Ga. St. U. L. Rev. 401 (2004).
  - This article advocates the international doctrine of equitable apportionment to solve the Tri-State Water dispute.
- Hardy, Steven K, *An Analysis of Georgia Senate Resolution 107: The Need for Additional Reservoirs in North Georgia*, 17 Southeastern Envtl. L. J. 457 (2009).
  - This Georgia Senate Resolution concluded that Atlanta needed water from Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River and the author suggests otherwise.
- Klein, Christine A, *On Integrity: Some Considerations for Water Law*, 56 Ala. L. Rev. 1009 (2005).
  - This article, not specifically on the Tri-State Water Wars, offers ways the Federal Government can help by setting allocation guidelines and enforcement of environmental regulations.
- Lathrop, Alyssa S, *A Tale of Three States: Equitable Apportionment of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin*, 36 Fla. St. U. L. Rev. 865 (2009).
  - Again, like other articles, the author here outlines other disputes in the country and concludes that equitable apportionment is the best solution for the Tri-State Water War.
- McClintic, Claire, *A River Runs Through It: What States Along the Missouri River Can Learn about Water Allocation from Conflict in the ACF River Basin*, 16 Mo. Envtl. L. & Pol'y Rev. 201 (2009).
  - Instead of focusing on what other states can teach the Tri-State Water states, this article turns to the lessons other states can learn from Alabama, Florida, and Georgia.
- Meruelo, Natasha, *Considering a Cooperative Water Management Approach in Resolving the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Water War*, 18 Fordham Envtl. Law Rev. 335 (2007).
  - This article outlines ways that the states involved in the Water War could start working together instead of assuming their traditional role of rivals..
- Neuman, Janet C, *Have We Got a Deal for You: Can the East Borrow from the Western Water Marketing Experience?* 21 Ga. St. U.L. Rev. 449 (2004).
  - By pointing out the emerging issue of scarcity in the East that has been a common, even old, issue in the arid West, this article attempts to see how the two areas can meld.
- O'Day, Stephen E, Jessica Lee Reece, & Josie Krause Nackers, *Wars Between the States in the 21st Century: Water Law in an Era of Scarcity*, 10 Vt. J. Envtl. L. 229 (2009).
  - Because scarcity is such a new, novel issue in the typically water-rich southeast, the author argues that issues like the ones surrounding the ACF Basin are a new era of issues and a telling story of things to come.
- Reid, E. Leif, *Ripples from the Truckee: The Case for Congressional Apportionment of Disputed Interstate Water Rights,* 14 Stan. Envtl. L. J. 145 (1995).
  - Outdated, admittedly, with the issue of the Tri-State Water War, the article outlines the way governmental involvement has been crucial in Native American tribal water disputes, providing unique insight to the ACF Basin issue.
- Sansonetti, Thomas L. and Sylvia Quast, *Not Just a Western Issue Anymore: Water Disputes in the Eastern United States*, 34 Cumb. L. Rev. 185 (2003).
  - Not focusing solely on the Tri-State Water War, this article also discusses issues of flooding in water management in the East, an issue that last year became relevant in the talks over controlling the ACF Basin.
- Snowden, Benjamin L, *Bargaining in the Shadow of Uncertainty: Understanding the Failure of the ACF and ACT Compacts*, 13 N.Y.U. Envtl. L. J. 134 (2005).
  - Pointing out at least two sources of significant uncertainty in evaluating possible outcomes of the ACF/ACT negotiations: factual uncertainty about the future effects of the proposed allocation formulas, and uncertainty about the extent of federal claims on the waters of the basin, this article points out the weaknesses and reasons for failure of negotiations thus far.
- Stephenson, Dustin S, *The Tri-State Compact: Falling Waters and Fading Opportunities*, 16 J. Land Use & Envtl. Law 83 (2000).
  - Pointing out the flaws in the actions and attitudes of the key players in the Tri-State Water War, the article turns then to ways the players can adjust these flaws to reach a solvable solution to the ACF controversy.
- Thornley, Andrew, *A Tale of Two River Basins: the Southeast Finds Itself in a Rare Interstate Water Struggle,* 9 U. Denv. Water L. Rev. 97 (2005).
  - This article gives a good overview of both the ACF Basin dispute and how it relates to the ACT Basin running through Alabama as well.
- Watt, IV, C. Hensell, *Who Gets the Hooch?: Georgia, Florida, and Alabama Battle for Water From the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin*, 55 Mercer L. Rev. 1453 (2004).
  - The author here provides an excellent outline of the dispute and how it parallels with other disputes in the country.
- Weston, R. Timothy, *Harmonizing Management of Ground and Surface Water Use under Eastern Water Law Regimes,* 11 U. Denv. Water L. Rev. 239 (2008).
  - This article points out the flaws of riparnarism and the various struggles this water rights regime causes in times of scarcity in the southeastern states.

Treatises

Treatises are a great place to start research on a specific topic becaue they give an overview of a particular area of law. Below are some treatises from Westlaw on various water rights issues relevant to the Tri-State Water War.

- L. of Water Rights and Resources § 10:24 Law of Water Rights and Resources Current through the July 2010 Update A. Dan Tarlock Chapter 10. Interstate Allocation § 10:24. Interstate compacts
- L. of Water Rights and Resources § 10:12 Law of Water Rights and Resources Current through the July 2010 Update A. Dan Tarlock Chapter 10. Interstate Allocation § 10:12. Barriers to relief—Parens patriae suits—Class action suits distinguished

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Websites Focused on the Tri-State Water Wars

Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	Description
• chattahoochee.org	• Provides an overview/history of the Tri-State Water Wars • Has volunteer opportunities and conservation tips • Gives a multitude of resources on the Riverkeeper, facts on the river, etc, including an app for the iPhone • Lists job and internship opportunities

Water Webster	Description
• waterwebster.com	• Gives a timeline of the Tri-State Water dispute • Links to news articles on the water wars, including archives from several years ago • Lists of resources including maps and drought records

Georgia Water Science Center	Description
• Georgia Water Science Center	• More empirical and scientific data than other sites • Provides facts sheets on a variety of water quality and quantity surveys • Gives a basin study for the ACF

Atlanta Regional Commission	Description
• ARC.com	• A self-proclaimed Tri-State Water War Resource Center. • Provides background information, resources, fact sheets, news stories, and editorials

Southern Environmental Law Center	Description
• southernenvironment.org	• One of the players in the litigation's website • Brief overview of the most current updates to what the SELC is doing in the lawsuits

Alabama Rivers Alliance	Description
• alabamarivers.org	• Alabama's response/adapted from the Upper Chattahoochee River Keeper • Very up-to-date news feed • Links to Amicus Briefs for the lawsuit

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The Tri-State Water War is far from over. Georgia was given three years to find a different source of water for the Metro Atlanta area or to get Congressional approval to use Lake Lanier (a task it has been unable to do for 20 years.) Despite lameduck govenors in all three states, negotiations remain politically charged and unproductive. As a result, the research for this topic will always be evolving and changing as the story continues to unfold. Please check news sources and user-provided links for any future developments beyond the due date of this project.

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