

# Memorandum

То:	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)		
From:	CDM Smith		
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Subject:	Saluda River Basin SWAM Model Framework		

This memorandum presents the SWAM model framework for the Saluda River Basin (Figure 1). Additional tables and maps are provided to help understand how the tributaries, water users, and discharges are being represented in the SWAM modeling environment. The figure, tables and map attachments include:

## Figure 1 Saluda River Basin SWAM Model Framework

- Table 1Permitted and registered water users included in the Saluda Basin model<br/>framework.
- Table 2NPDES discharges included in the Saluda Basin model framework.

## Table 3 Interbasin transfers included in the Saluda Basin model framework.

## Map 1 Overview Map

This map consolidates and presents all active permitted and registered water users; significant discharge locations, including those outside of the Saluda basin which represent the export of water withdrawn from the Saluda basin; USGS stream gage locations; and tributaries (the "higher order tributaries" are not represented explicitly in the model, but their contributions to flow are included in the flows of larger, modeled tributaries). Significant discharge locations generally include NPDES discharges that average over 3 million gallons per month.

## Map 2 Model Tributaries and USGS Gages

This map presents the Saluda River Basin hydrography including the mainstem of the Saluda and Congaree Rivers, major branches, primary tributaries, secondary tributaries, and higher order tributaries. The contributions of many of the secondary and higher order tributaries are accounted for in the aggregate flow in the larger

tributaries that are modeled explicitly. Both active and inactive USGS streamflow gages are displayed.

## Map 3 Surface Water Users

This map presents the location of permitted surface water users.

## Map 4 Agricultural Users

This map presents the location of registered agriculture surface water users with withdrawals that exceed 3 million gallons per month.

## Map 5 All Discharge Points

This map presents the location of all significant NPDES discharge locations, including those outside of the Saluda basin which represent the export of water withdrawn from the Saluda basin. Significant discharge locations generally include NPDES discharges that average over 3 million gallons per month.

## Map 6 User and Associated Discharged

This map presents the location of all significant NPDES discharge locations and their associated water withdrawal location.

This framework was developed in collaboration with South Carolina DNR and DHEC during discussions coinciding with progress meetings in December 2014 and January 2015. The proposed framework is submitted with the understanding that it is malleable – that is, we may find that additional tributaries are warranted as explicit model objects (to support simulation of future withdrawals or discharges) rather than implicit flow additions, or that further simplifications are possible without compromising model utility. One of the primary purposes of this pilot study is to experiment with tradeoffs associated with detail and functionality.

The guiding principles in determining what elements of the Saluda River Basin to simulate explicitly were:

- 1. Begin with a simple representation, with the understanding that it is easier to add additional details in the future than to remove unnecessary detail to make the model more efficient.
- 2. Any tributary with current uses (permitted or registered withdrawals or significant discharge) will be represented explicitly. This includes most primary tributaries to the Saluda and its major branches, and some secondary tributaries.
- Generally, tributaries that are unused are not included explicitly, but the hydrologic contributions from these tributaries is embedded in the unimpaired flows (or reach gains) in downstream locations. As unimpaired flows (UIFs) are developed throughout the Saluda,

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> some additional tributaries may be added explicitly if warranted as candidates to support future use (or these can be easily added at any time in the future as permit applications are received).

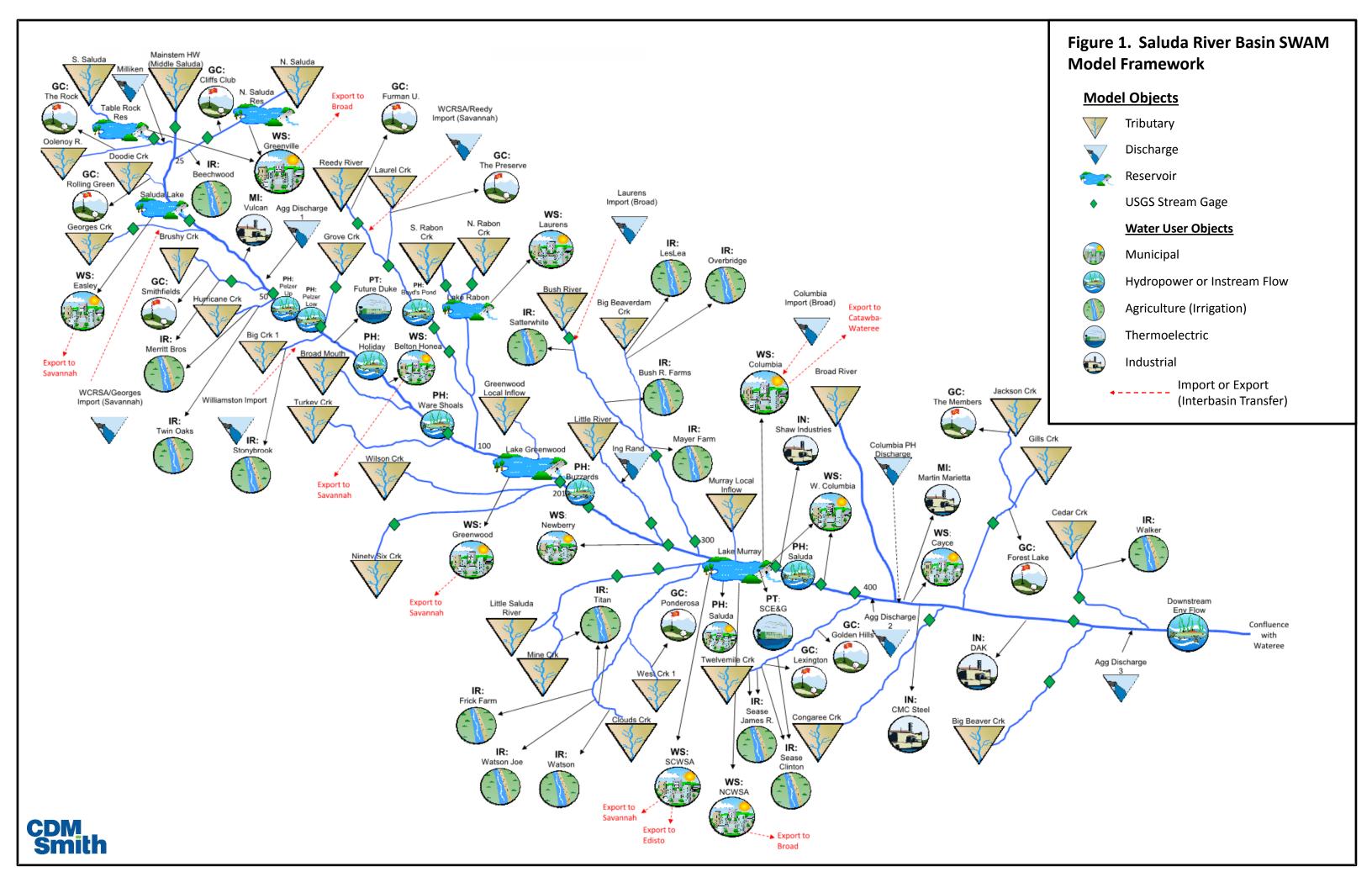
SWAM includes built-in flexibility for two key functions relevant to the South Carolina models, and some experimentation with these options will be necessary before recommending an approach that is best suited to the anticipated needs and uses of these models. Additionally, decisions on specific methodologies may be site-specific within a basin, and may vary between basins, based on prevailing anticipated needs for planning and/or permitting. The two key areas with which we will experiment within the current proposed framework in the pilot model include:

- Incremental Flows: Hydrologic inflow in between UIF inputs or uses (model nodes) can be added in two ways, as explained in a previous memorandum dated January 2015 ("Options for Adding User Nodes in a SWAM Network"). They can be added with an embedded methodology in which incremental flow gains or losses can be added proportionally by river mile in relation to the upstream headwater UIF. Alternatively, they can be added as aggregated tributaries (calculated, for example, as the difference between upstream and downstream UIFs) just upstream of the downstream end of a reach. The methods have both advantages and disadvantages. For example, the embedded method of linearly proportional flow increase/decrease will adjust automatically with the addition of new nodes in the future, but requires calibration to long-term trends. On the other hand, adding incremental flows with calculated aggregate tributary flow would be more accurate on a day-to-day basis in the model, but would require manual re-distribution if new nodes are added in the future.
- **Discharge:** Water and wastewater discharges can be simulated two ways in SWAM. First, they can be associated with a water withdrawal object, each of which may specify five points of discharge anywhere in the river network. These discharges are not represented with visual model objects, but are identified within the dialogue box for the associated withdrawal object. Alternatively, discharges can be specified with explicit model objects (the Tributary object, modified visually to represent either a natural stream tributary or a controlled discharge, each of which will have identical functionality). Again, there are advantages and disadvantages with both methods. Associating discharges with withdrawals helps to automatically maintain a reasonable water balance because discharges are specified as seasonally-variable percentage of the withdrawal. However, it may be more difficult to test a maximum discharge permit level using this approach. Alternatively, using a tributary object to specify outflows allows for more precise representation of discharge variability, but does not automatically preserve the water balance (the user will need to adjust withdrawals to match simulated discharge). This second approach is also appropriate for interbasin transfers, in which source water resides in another basin but is discharged in the basin in the model.

The pilot model of the Saluda Basin provides an excellent experimental framework in which to test the various ways of simulating flows and discharges so that the balance of model functionality and

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detail can be customized specifically for use in South Carolina. The proposed model framework is a starting point based on discussions with DNR and DHEC, and on CDM Smith's initial estimate of an appropriate framework for planning and permitting in South Carolina. It will likely evolve as the pilot model is developed.



### Table 1. Permitted and registered water users included in the Saluda Basin model framework.

ID	Туре	Facility Name	Withdrawal Tributary	Model Object ID
-	i ype IR	WATSON JERROLD & SONS	Clouds Creek	IR: Watson
	IR	TWIN OAKS FARM	Hurricane Creek	IR: Twin Oaks
	IR	STONEYBROOK	Big Creek	IR: Stoneybrook
	MI	VULCAN MATERIALS	Saluda River	MI: Vulcan
	PH	PELZER - UPPER HYDRO	Saluda River	PH: Pelzer Upper
	PH	PELZER - LOWER HYDRO	Saluda River	PH: Pelzer Lower
NA	PT	FUTURE DUKE ENERGY NATURAL GAS PLANT <sup>1</sup>	Saluda River	PT: Future Duke
	WS	BELTON-HONEA PATH WTP	Saluda River	WS: Belton Honea
	IN	DAK (EASTMAN CHEMICAL/SC OPERATIONS)	Congaree River	IN: DAK
	GC	FURMAN UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB	Reedy River	GC: Furman U.
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23GC013S01	GC	CLIFFS CLUB AT VALLEY	Beaverdam Creek/Terry Creek	GC: Cliffs Club
	GC	THE PRESERVE AT VERDAE	Laurel Creek	GC: The Preserve
	IR	BEECHWOOD FARM	North Saluda River	IR: Beechwood
	PH	HOLIDAY BRIDGE HYDRO	Saluda River	PH: Holiday
	WS	GREENVILLE WATER L.B. STOVALL PLANT	North Saluda River	WS: Greenville
	WS	GREENVILLE WATER L.B. STOVALL PLANT	South Saluda River	WS: Greenville
	WS	GREENVILLE WATER L.B. STOVALL PLANT	South Saluda River	WS: Greenville
	PH	BUZZARDS ROOST HYDRO (NORTHBROOK)	Saluda River/Lake Greenwood	PH: Buzzards
	PH	SALUDA HYDRO (NORTHBROOK)	Saluda Lake	Saluda Lake
	WS	CITY OF GREENWOOD (WISE PLANT)	Saluda River/Lake Greenwood	WS: Greenwood
	WS	CITY OF GREENWOOD (WISE PLANT)	Saluda River/Lake Greenwood	WS: Greenwood
	PH	WARE SHOALS HYDRO	Saluda River	PH: Ware
	PH	BOYD'S MILL HYDRO (NORTHBROOK)	Boyd's Mill Pond	PH: Boyd's Mill
	WS	LAURENS WTP	Rabon Creek	WS: Laurens
30WS002S03	ws	LAURENS WTP	Rabon Creek	WS: Laurens
	GC	COUNTRY CLUB OF LEXINGTON	Twelvemile Creek	GC: Lexington
32GC007S01	GC	GOLDEN HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	Twelvemile Creek	GC: Golden Hills
32GC010S01	GC	PONDEROSA COUNTRY CLUB	Gin Branch	GC: Ponderosa
32IN006S01	IN	SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP PLANT 8S	Saluda River	IN: Shaw
32IN051S01	IN	CMC STEEL SOUTH CAROLINA	Congaree River	IN: CMC Steel
32IR005S01	IR	SEASE CLINTON FARMS	Twelvemile Creek	IR: Sease Clinton
32IR005S02	IR	SEASE CLINTON FARMS	Twelvemile Creek	IR: Sease Clinton
32IR005S03	IR	SEASE CLINTON FARMS	Twelvemile Creek	IR: Sease Clinton
32IR021S01	IR	SEASE JAMES R FARMS INC	Twelvemile Creek	IR: Sease James
32IR021S02	IR	SEASE JAMES R FARMS INC	Twelvemile Creek	IR: Sease James
32IR021S03	IR	SEASE JAMES R FARMS INC	Twelvemile Creek	IR: Sease James
32IR021S04	IR	SEASE JAMES R FARMS INC	Twelvemile Creek	IR: Sease James
32IR021S06	IR	SEASE JAMES R FARMS INC	Twelvemile Creek	IR: Sease James
	MI	MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS - CAYCE QUARRY	Congaree River	MI: Martin Marietta
32PH001S01	PH	SALUDA HYDRO	Saluda River/Lake Murray	PH: Saluda
32PT001S01	PT	SCE&G - MCMEEKIN STATION	Saluda River/Lake Murray	PT: SCE&G
	WS	CITY OF CAYCE WTP	Congaree River	WS: Cayce
	WS	WEST COLUMBIA WTP	Saluda River	WS: West Columbia
	WS	WEST COLUMBIA WTP	Saluda River/Lake Murray	WS: West Columbia
	IR	OVERBIRDGE FARM LLC	Big Beaverdam Creek	IR: Overbridge
	IR	SATTERWHITE FARMS	Bush River	IR: Satterwhite
	IR	MAYER FARM	Bush River	IR: Mayer
	IR	MAYER FARM	Bush River	IR: Mayer
	IR	BUSH RIVER FARMS	Bush River	IR: Bush R. Farms
	IR	LESLEA FARMS	Big Beaverdam Creek	IR: LesLea
	IR	LESLEA FARMS	Bush River	IR: LesLea
	WS		Saluda River	WS: Newberry
	WS IR	NCWSA - LAKE MURRAY WTP MERRITT BROS INC	Saluda River/Lake Murray	WS: NCWSA IR: Merritt Bros
	ir Ir		Brushy Creek	
	IR	MERRITT BROS INC MERRITT BROS INC	Little Brushy Creek Hurricane Creek	IR: Merritt Bros IR: Merritt Bros
	IR		Hurricane Creek	
		MERRITT BROS INC		IR: Merritt Bros
	GC GC	ROLLING GREEN GOLF CLUB	Doddies Creek Middle Branch/Brushy Creek	GC: Rolling Green GC: Smithfields
	GC GC	SMITHFIELDS COUNTRY CLUB THE ROCK AT JOCASSEE GC	South Saluda River	GC: Smithfields GC: The Rock
	GC WS	EASLEY COMBINED UTILITIES - D.L. MOORE WTP	South Saluda River Saluda River	WS: Easley
	GC	FOREST LAKE CLUB	Gills Creek	GC: Forest Lake
	GC	THE MEMBERS CLUB AT WILDEWOOD	Jackson Creek	GC: The Members
	GC	THE MEMBERS CLOB AT WILDEWOOD	Jackson Creek	GC: The Members
	GC	THE MEMBERS CLUB AT WILDEWOOD	Jackson Creek	GC: The Members
	IR	WALKER FARM	Cedar Creek	IR: Walker
	PH	COLUMBIA HYDRO	Congaree River	PH: Columbia
	WS	CITY OF COLUMBIA - LAKE MURRAY WATER PLANT	Saluda River/Lake Murray	WS: Columbia
	WS	CITY OF COLUMBIA - CANAL WATER PLANT	Saluda River/Broad River	WS: Columbia
	IR	TITAN FARMS	Peters Creek	IR: Titan
	IR	TITAN FARMS	Peters Creek	IR: Titan
	IR	TITAN FARMS	Clouds Creek	IR: Titan
	IR	TITAN FARMS	Dry Creek	IR: Titan
41IR014508 41IR010s03	IR	FRICK FARM	Clouds Creek	IR: Frick
41WS003S01	WS	SCWSA - RAW WATER INTAKE	Saluda River/Lake Murray	WS: SCWSA
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<sup>1</sup> The Duke Power Lee Steam Station came off-line in late 2014. A Duke Energy Natural Gas Plant may come online near the former steam station and a model object has been included to represent this future facility.

Blue and gray shading represents water users with multiple permitted withdrawal locations. These are represented by one model object.

## Table 2. NPDES discharges included in the Saluda Basin model framework.

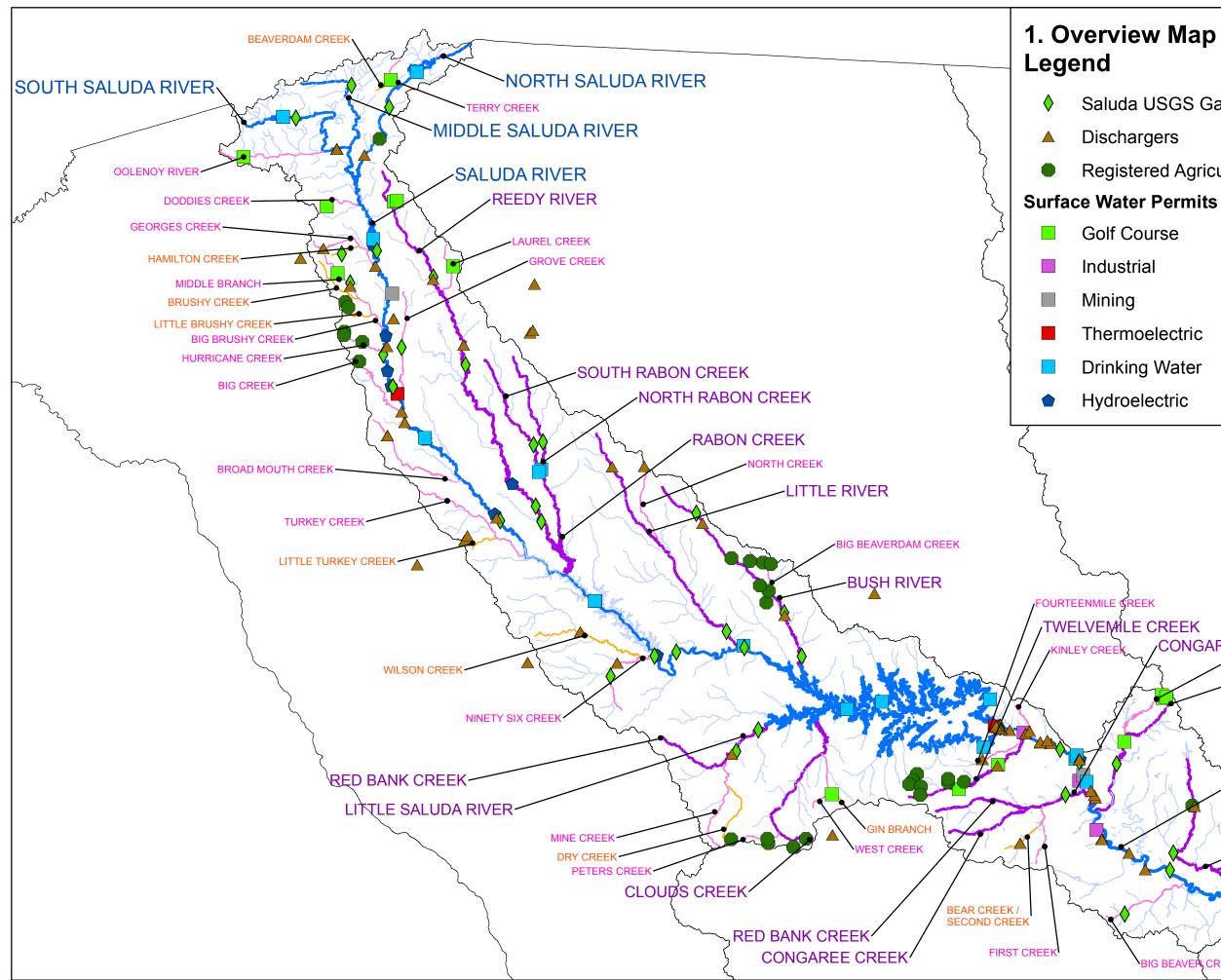
			Associated Water	
NPDES Pipe ID	Facility Name	Discharge Tributary	Permit	Model Object ID
SCG730245-000	VULCAN CONST MAT/LAKESIDE	Saluda River	04MI001	MI: Vulcan
SC0002291-001	DUKE ENERGY/LEE STEAM STATION	Saluda River	04PT001	PT: Lee Steam Sta
SC0002291-002	DUKE ENERGY/LEE STEAM STATION	Saluda River	04PT001	PT: Lee Steam Sta
SC0002291-003	DUKE ENERGY/LEE STEAM STATION	Saluda River	04PT001	PT: Lee Steam Sta
SC0002291-004	DUKE ENERGY/LEE STEAM STATION	Saluda River	04PT001	PT: Lee Steam Sta
SC0020214-001	WARE SHOALS/DAIRY STREET	Saluda River	04WS005	WS: Belton Honea
SC0045896-001	BELTON/DUCWORTH (SALUDA)	Saluda River	04WS005	WS: Belton Honea
SC0045896-002	BELTON/DUCWORTH (SALUDA)	Broad Mouth Creek	04WS005	WS: Belton Honea
SC0045896-003	BELTON/DUCWORTH (SALUDA)	Broad Mouth Creek	04WS005	WS: Belton Honea
SC0001333-001	EASTMAN CHEMICAL/SC OPERATIONS	Congaree River	09IN001	IN: DAK
SC0001333-01A	EASTMAN CHEMICAL/SC OPERATIONS	Congaree River	09IN001	IN: DAK
SC0001333-01D	EASTMAN CHEMICAL/SC OPERATIONS	Congaree River	09IN001	IN: DAK
SC0001333-01E	EASTMAN CHEMICAL/SC OPERATIONS	Congaree River	09IN001	IN: DAK
SC0001333-01F	EASTMAN CHEMICAL/SC OPERATIONS	Congaree River	09IN001	IN: DAK
SC0001333-01G	EASTMAN CHEMICAL/SC OPERATIONS	Congaree River	09IN001	IN: DAK
SC0026883-001	WCRSA/MARIETTA WWTP	North Saluda River	23WS002	WS: Greenville
SC0041211-001	WCRSA/MAULDIN ROAD	Reedy River	23WS002	WS: Greenville
SC0021709-001	GREENWOOD/WILSON CREEK WWTF	Wilson Creek	24WS001	WS: Greenwood
SC0036048-001	NINETY SIX WWTF	Ninety Six Creek	24WS001	WS: Greenwood
SC0042706-001	NINETY SIX CPW (PIER 96) WWTP	Ninety Six Creek	24WS001	WS: Greenwood
SC0020702-001	LAURENS COMM OF PW/LAURENS	Little River	30WS002	WS: Laurens
SC0003557-001	SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP/COLUMBIA	Congaree River	32IN006	IN: Shaw Industries
SC0003557-002	SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP/COLUMBIA	Kinley Creek/Congaree River	32IN006	IN: Shaw Industries
SC0003557-002	SHAW INDUSTRIES GROUP/COLUMBIA	Congaree River	32IN006	IN: Shaw Industries
SCG730263-000	MARTIN MARIETTA/CAYCE QUARRY	Congaree River	32MI000	MI: Martin Marietta
SC0002046-001	SCE&G/MCMEEKIN STEAM STATION	Saluda River	32PT001	PT: SCE&G
SC0002046-001	SCE&G/MCMEEKIN STEAM STATION	Saluda River	32PT001	PT: SCE&G
SC0002046-002	SCE&G/MCMEEKIN STEAM STATION	Saluda River	32PT001	PT: SCE&G
SC0002046-003	SCE&G/MCMEEKIN STEAM STATION	Saluda River	32PT001	PT: SCE&G
SC0002046-004	SCE&G/MCMEEKIN STEAM STATION	Saluda River	32PT001	PT: SCE&G
SC0002046-003	SCE&G/MCMEEKIN STEAM STATION	Saluda River	32PT001	PT: SCE&G
SC002040-02A	CAYCE WWTF	Congaree River	32WS004	WS: Cayce
SC0022381-001	SALUDA, TOWN OF	Little Saluda River	36WS001	WS: Newberry
SC0022381-001	NEWBERRY/BUSH RIVER WWTF	Bush River	36WS001	WS: Newberry
SC0024490-001	EASLEY/GEORGES CREEK LAGOON	Georges Creek	39WS001	WS: Easley
SC0023043-001	EASLEY/MIDDLE BRANCH WWTP	Middle Branch/Big Brushy Creek	39WS001	WS: Easley
	COLUMBIA/METRO PLANT		40WS002	WS: Columbia
SC0020940-001 SC0029483-001		Congaree River Saluda River		WS: Columbia
SC0029483-001 SC0038865-001	ALPINE UTILITIES/STOOP CREEK EAST RICH CO PSD/GILLS CREEK		40WS002 40WS002	WS: Columbia
SC0038865-001	WESTINGHOUSE ELEC LLC/COLUMBIA	Congaree River		
SC0001848-001 SC0002071-005	SCE&G/SALUDA HYDRO STATION	Congaree River Saluda River	none	Agg Discharge 3
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SC0002071-008	SCE&G/SALUDA HYDRO STATION	Saluda River	none	PH: Saluda
SC0003191-001		South Saluda River	none	Milliken
SC0003191-T11		South Saluda River	none	Milliken
SC0026735-001	LEXINGTON/COVENTRY WOODS SD	Twelvemile Creek	none	Agg Discharge 2
SC0027162-001	CWS/WATERGATE DEVELOPMENT	Fourteenmile Creek	none	Agg Discharge 2
SC0029475-001	WOODLAND HILLS WEST SD	Saluda River	none	Agg Discharge 2
SC0032743-001		Saluda River	none	Agg Discharge 2
SC0033367-001		Congaree River	none	Agg Discharge 3
SC0035564-001	CWS/I-20 REGIONAL	Saluda River	none	Agg Discharge 2
SC0036137-001	CWS/FRIARSGATE SD	Saluda River Bear Creek/Second Creek/ First	none	Agg Discharge 2
SC0045110-001	LEXINGTON CO/EDMUND LANDFILL	Creek/Congaree Creek	none	Agg Discharge 3
SC0048429-001	AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS, INC	Saluda River or Grove Creek	none	Agg Discharge 1
SC0048470-001	WCRSA/PIEDMONT REGIONAL WWTP	Saluda River	none	Agg Discharge 1
	INGERSOLL RAND/G.W. RECOVERY SYS	North Creek/Little River		Ing Rand

Gray shading represents discharges represented by a Discharge object. All other discharges can be associated with a water permit, and will be represented in the associated Water User object.

### Table 3. Interbasin transfers included in the Saluda Basin model framework.

NPDES Pipe ID	NPDES Facility Name	Associated Water Permit ID	Associated Water Permit Facility Name	Intake Basin	Discharge Basin	Location of Discharge in Saluda Basin	Model Object ID
SC0020940-001	COLUMBIA/METRO PLANT	40WS054	CITY OF COLUMBIA - CANAL WATER PLANT	Broad	Saluda	Congaree River	WS: Columbia
NA	NA	40WS054	CITY OF COLUMBIA - CANAL WATER PLANT	Saluda	Catawba- Wateree		WS: Columbia
SC0022403-001	DUE WEST WWTF	04WS005	BELTON-HONEA PATH WTP	Saluda	Savannah		WS: Belton Honea
SC0022870-001	GREENWOOD/WEST ALEXANDER WWTF	24WS001	CITY OF GREENWOOD (WISE PLANT)	Saluda	Savannah		WS: Greenwood
SC0023035-001	EASLEY/GOLDEN CREEK LAGOON	39WS001	EASLEY COMBINED UTILITIES - D.L. MOORE WTP	Saluda	Savannah		WS: Easley
SC0024261-001	WCRSA/LOWER REEDY RIVER PLANT	23WS007	GREENVILLE WATER SYSTEM ADKINS TREATMENT PLANT	Savannah	Saluda	Reedy River	WCRSA/Reedy Import
SC0024465-001	BATESBURG-LEESVILLE WWTF	41WS003	SCWSA - RAW WATER INTAKE	Saluda	Edisto		WS: SCWSA
SC0024457-001	AIKEN PSA/HORSE CREEK WWTF <sup>1</sup>	41WS003	SCWSA - RAW WATER INTAKE	Saluda	Savannah		WS: SCWSA
SC0037974-001	LAURENS CO W&S/CLINTON-JOANNA	30WS001	CITY OF CLINTON WTP	Broad	Saluda	Bush River	Laurens Import
SC0040002-002	WCRSA/DURBIN CREEK	23WS002	GREENVILE WATER L.B. STOVALL PLANT	Saluda	Broad		WS: Greenville
SC0040002-001	WCRSA/DURBIN CREEK	23WS002	GREENVILE WATER L.B. STOVALL PLANT	Saluda	Broad		WS: Greenville
SC0040525-001	WCRSA/GILDER CREEK	23WS002	GREENVILE WATER L.B. STOVALL PLANT	Saluda	Broad		WS: Greenville
SC0046841-001	WILLIAMSTON/BIG CRK EAST WWTP	04WS006	ANDERSON REGIONAL JWS	Savannah	Saluda	Saluda River	Williamston Import
SC0047309-001	WCRSA/GEORGES CREEK	23WS007	GREENVILLE WATER SYSTEM ADKINS TREATMENT PLANT	Savannah	Saluda	Saluda River	WCRSA/Georges Import
SC0048313-001	NCW&SA/CANNONS CREEK WWTP <sup>1</sup>	36WS002	NCWSA - LAKE MURRAY WTP	Saluda	Broad		WS: NCWSA

Gray shading represents Saluda Basin discharges that are imports from either the Broad or the Savannah basins. All others are exports from the Saluda Basin. <sup>1</sup> Water purchased from the City of Newberry by SCWSA and NCWSA is also discharged at this facility through IBT 3610001.



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