



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
ASHEVILLE REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE
151 PATTON AVENUE, ROOM 208
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28801-5006

August 20, 2015

Regulatory Division

Action ID: SAW-2009-00860 (TIP No. R-2408B)

Mr. Phillip S. Harris, III, P.E., Section Head
PDEA-Natural Environment Section
North Carolina Department of Transportation
1598 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Dear Mr. Harris:

I refer to your request of July 27, 2015, concerning agency acknowledgement that the stream mitigation site located in an unnamed tributary to Rocky Branch in Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, does not require further monitoring. I also refer to the site visit conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the North Carolina Division of Water Resources on July 7, 2015.

This site consists of approximately 393 linear feet of stream relocation and is being utilized by the North Carolina Department of Transportation to provide compensatory mitigation for impacts to waters of the U.S. associated with the R-2408B project, as authorized by Department of the Army permit number SAW 2009-00860.

We concur that you have completed the requirements to monitor this site for channel stability and survival of planted species on an annual basis for three years or until success criteria were met; therefore, no further monitoring of this site is required.

Please contact me at (828) 271-7980, ext. 223 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lori Beckwith", is positioned above the typed name.

Lori Beckwith
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