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Regulatory Division

Action ID No. SAW 2001-01172, B-4223, Northeast Cape Fear River Mitigation Site

(Electronic Distribution)

Mr. Philip S. Harris, III, P.E. Natural Environment Unit – PDEA, Section Head N.C. Department of Transportation 1548 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1548

Dear Mr. Harris:

Please reference your letter dated August 5, 2015 requesting written confirmation to cease monitoring at the Northeast Cape Fear River Mitigation Site associated with project B-4223, Bridge No. 21 over the Northeast Cape Fear River on NC 210, Pender County. Based on the 2014 annual monitoring report and close out on-site meeting held August 4, 2015, we concur with your recommendation that the success criteria requirements of the Restoration Plan for the Mitigation have been satisfied and that monitoring of the sites can be discontinued.

The Corps further acknowledges the generation of 404 wetland credits subject to use with regulatory approval in the future. As stated in the close out letter and as discussed on site the credits generated from this site may be used at a lower ratio due to the possibility of future maintenance activities under the new bridge alignment. The decision and ratio for credit use will be made at the time of application for a future nearby project. Please associate any request for use with the Corps action ID# SAW-2001-01172 to assist in future accounting.

Should you have any questions, please call me at 910-251-4611.

Sincerely,

Brad Shaver NCDOT, Project Manager Wilmington Regulatory Field Office

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