

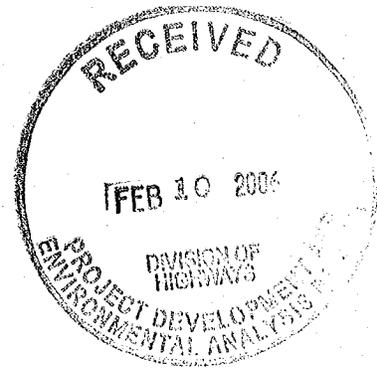


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February 3, 2006



Regulatory Division

Action ID. 200411262

Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe
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Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Reference the Department of the Army (DA) permit issued to you on April 30, 2004, associated with the replacement of Bridge No. 52 over an unnamed canal and Bridge No. 54 over Kitty Creek on U.S. Highway 264, Federal Aid Project No. BRSTP-264 (9), State Project No. 8.1080601, T.I.P. No. B-3348, Hyde County, North Carolina. Also reference your subsequent written request dated December 2, 2005, to renew the above permit past its current expiration date of April 30, 2006.

This action is necessary because the let date of the project is scheduled only twelve days before the permit is to expire.

This modification request was coordinated with the appropriate State and Federal agencies and the coordination revealed no objections to this modification request. Therefore, the permit is hereby modified with a new expiration date of March 18, 2007. It is understood that all conditions of the original permit remain applicable and you should contact the NC Division of Water Quality to obtain re-certification of your water quality certification. This action does not relieve you of your responsibility to obtain any required State or local approval.

Any further questions you may have regarding this project should be addressed to me at the Washington Regulatory Field Office, at (252) 975-1616 extension 26.

Sincerely,

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