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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

September 23, 2003

Regulatory Division

Action ID No. 200210803

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DIV. OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT
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Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe, PH.D.
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Dear Mr. Thorpe:

Reference the Department of the Army (DA) nationwide 14 permit issued to you on August 9, 2002, authorizing you to discharge fill material within waters of the United States, filling a total of 0.17 acres of wetlands, to replace Bridge No. 4 along SR 1207 with a new, larger bridge adjacent to Rocky Hock Creek, in Chowan County (Federal Aid No. BRZ-1207(1); State Project No. 8.2030201; TIP No. B-3435). Also reference your subsequent written request dated June 20, 2003, for a permit modification to request an additional 678 square feet (0.016 acres) of additional fill in wetlands to ensure a stable and safe fill slope near each bridge end bent. This modification request was coordinated with the appropriate State and Federal agencies. The coordination revealed no objections to this modification request. Therefore, the permit is hereby modified in accordance with the specific work activities described above. This modification increases the overall fill in wetlands to 0.186 acres, which is within the threshold allowed by nationwide permit number 14. It is understood that all conditions of the original permit remain applicable and that the expiration date is unchanged. Additionally, ~~the increase in wetland impacts will require an additional 0.016 acres of on-site mitigation. Your proposal requests use of the remaining 0.02 acres of on-site mitigation not debited from this project.~~ Originally, this project generated 0.60 acres of restoration mitigation credit and 7.36 acres of enhancement mitigation credit associated with the removal of 639 feet of causeway fill. Of that, 0.21 acres of the restoration mitigation credit was originally debited for this project and another 0.37 acres of restoration mitigation credit was debited for TIP Project R-3850 (Highway 17 interchange at Okisko Road in Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties). The remaining 0.02 acres of restoration credit will be utilized for this modification. This will completely utilize all of the on-site restoration credit for the mitigation plan titled "On-site Plan for the proposed Replacement of Bridge No. 04 on SR 1207 over Rocky Hock Creek in Chowan County, North Carolina," dated June 27, 2002. This modification does not relieve you of the responsibility to obtain authorization from the North Carolina Division of Water Quality or a modification to your original CAMA permit.

Any questions regarding this correspondence may be directed to Mr. Bill Biddlecome, NCDOT Coordinator/Regulatory Project Manager at the Washington Regulatory Field Office, telephone (252) 975-1616, extension 31.

Sincerely,

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