



March 8, 2005

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Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Subject: EEP Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

R-0513A/B/C, US 74 Relocation (Maxton Bypass), Robeson County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide compensatory mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you in a letter dated April 30, 2004, and revised letter dated March 8, 2005, the impacts requiring EEP mitigation are located in Cataloging Unit 03040203 of the Lumber River Basin in the Southern Inner Coastal Plain Eco-Region, and are summarized below.

Wetland Impacts: 5.53 acres Riverine; 57.34 acres Non-Riverine
Stream Impacts: 9,101 feet

This letter replaces the mitigation acceptance letter issued on May 20, 2004. As stated in your letter, the subject project is listed in Exhibit 2 of the Memorandum of Agreement among the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District dated July 22, 2003. The compensatory mitigation for the subject project will be provided in accordance with Section IX, EEP Transition Period, of this agreement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Beth Harmon at (919) 715-1929

Sincerely,

William D. Gilmore, P.E.
EEP Director

cc: Mr. Richard Spencer, USACE - Wilmington
Mr. John Hennessy, Division of Water Quality, Wetlands/401 Unit
File No. R-0513 Revised

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