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Mr. Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Project: **R-619E**, NC 281 Improvements, Transylvania County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide compensation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by Mr. Mark Davis (Division 14 Environmental Officer) in a letter dated May 21, 2004, the impacts are located in CU 06010105 of the French Broad River Basin in the Southern Mountains Eco-Region, and are as follows:

Stream Impacts: 718 feet

The subject project is not 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 EEP intends to provide compensatory stream mitigation up to a 2:1 ratio in Cataloging Unit 06010105 of the French Broad River Basin.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William D. Gilmore".

William D. Gilmore, P.E.  
Director

cc: Ms. Angie Pennock, USACE-Asheville  
Mr. John Hennessy, Division of Water Quality, Wetlands/401 Unit  
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