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May 25, 2011

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Field Office
Post Office Box 1000
Washington, NC 27889-1000

ATTN: Mr. Tom Steffens
NCDOT Coordinator

SUBJECT: Modification to Individual Section 404 Permit and to Individual Section 401 Certification for R-1023AB/B
US 117 Wilson Bypass
WBS No. 34362.1.1
TIP No. R-1023AB/B
NCDOT Division 4
Debit \$570.00 from WBS Element 34362.1.1

Reference:

- USACE 404 Individual Permit Action ID 199820019 and DWQ 401 Major Water Quality Certification Project No. 97-1058.
- Ecosystem Enhancement Program acceptance letter issued May 25, 2011.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to modify the permits for the abovementioned project. This project requires a change in mitigation strategy for project impacts due to credit shortages at the mitigation site originally proposed. The NCDOT proposes to purchase 17.56 mitigation credits from the North Carolina Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP).

The NCDOT respectfully requests that the referenced 404 Individual Permit and 401 Major Water Quality Certification be modified to reflect the revisions outlined in this letter.

A copy of this permit application and its distribution list will be posted on the NCDOT website at <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/pe/neu/permit.html>

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Chris Rivenbark (919) 707-6152.

Sincerely,


Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D., Branch Manager
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch

CC: NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List



May 25, 2011

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

Subject: EEP Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

R-1023, US 117 (Wilson Bypass), Wilson County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) will provide the non-riparian wetland mitigation for the subject project for the additional mitigation acreages required. Based on the information supplied by you on May 13, 2011, the additional mitigation needs are associated with the Gurley Mitigation Site deficit located in CU 03020203 of the Neuse River Basin.

Neuse 03020203 NICP	Non-Riparian		
	Wetland Acres	Ratio (per NCDOT Debit Ledger)	Mitigation Credits
Gurley Restoration	12.18	1.5:1	8.12
Gurley Enhancement	18.88	2:1	9.44
TOTAL	31.06		17.56

EEP commits to providing the additional non-riparian wetland mitigation credits to offset the impacts associated with this project in accordance with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Ecosystem Enhancement Program In-Lieu Fee Instrument dated July 28, 2010. If the above referenced impact amounts are revised, then this mitigation acceptance letter will no longer be valid and a new mitigation acceptance letter will be required from EEP.

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. Eric Alsmeyer, USACE – Raleigh Regulatory Field Office
Mr. Brian Wrenn, Division of Water Quality, Wetlands/401 Unit
File: R-1023 (Gurley Wetland Mitigation Site)

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