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MEMORANDUM TO: Jim Stanfill, Strategic Planning Supervisor
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FROM: Bruce O. Ellis, CLM, PWS, Assistant Unit Head *BOE*
NCDOT, Natural Environment Unit

SUBJECT: Request to Transfer Wetland Mitigation Credits to NCDOT
for Case by Case Mitigation Negotiations.

R-2301, New Bern Bypass, Craven County,

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) transfer mitigation assets and credits in order for the NCDOT to complete case by case negotiation with the regulatory agencies to satisfy the mitigation requirements associated with the above referenced project. The proposed project is located in the Neuse River Basin, CU 03020202 and CU 03020204. NCDOT requests that EEP transfer the following to offset project related impacts.

CU 03020202		
Riverine Wetland:	2.5 acres restoration	Bear Creek Site
Non Riverine Wetland	15 acres restoration	NeuCon Casey King Site
CU 03020204		
Stream	700 feet restoration	NeuCon Marston Site
Riverine Wetland	2 acres restoration	Croatan Site
Non Riverine Wetland	7.5 acres restoration	Croatan Site

The NCDOT Natural Environment Unit is pursuing "case by case" wetland mitigation options for the New Bern Bypass and will propose using mitigation credits generated by the sites referenced above. NCDOT intends to submit to request to the regulatory agencies utilizing a 1:1 mitigation ratio for project related impacts.

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Concurrently, the riparian and non riparian wetland impacts associated with this TIP should be removed from the NCDOT's Impact Projection Database (mitigation order) dated February 1, 2008. The NCDOT acknowledges that EEP is no longer responsible for generating the mitigation assets and credits to offset these wetland impacts associated with this TIP project.

Please contact me at 919 715-1418 if you have any questions.

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