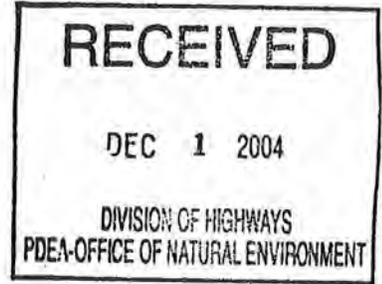


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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 1890
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28402-1890



December 1, 2004

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Action ID 200321137, TIP No. U-2524A

Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph.D.
Environmental Management Director, PDEA
N.C. Department of Transportation
1548 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1548

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Reference the Department of the Army permit issued on October 30, 2003, to authorize the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, for construction of Sections AB and AC of the Greensboro Western Urban Loop (T.I.P. No. U-2524AB and AC), impacting Long Branch, Reddicks Creek and its unnamed tributaries, unnamed tributaries of Bull Run, South Buffalo Creek, and Hickory Creek, and adjacent wetlands, from I-85, to I-40, on the southwest side of Greensboro, in Guilford County, North Carolina.

Also reference your letter dated November 15, 2004, requesting extensions to the construction completion dates for the Tick Creek and Bear Creek Mitigation Sites as required by Special Conditions "bb. and cc." of the issued permit.

We have completed our evaluation of your request and are hereby modifying Special Conditions "bb. and cc." of your permit in regards to the construction completion dates for the Tick Creek and Bear Creek Mitigation Sites to read March 15, 2006. All other conditions of Special Conditions "bb. and cc." remain the same.

In addition, all other conditions of the permit, including the permit expiration date, remain applicable. Should you have questions, contact Mr. John Thomas, Raleigh Regulatory Field Office at telephone (919) 876-8441, Extension 25.

Sincerely,


for Charles R. Alexander, Jr.
Colonel, U.S. Army
District Engineer