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Subject: Mitigation Site, Wayne County, TIP No. R-2422, Action ID No. 199301223

Dear Mr. Franklin,

As you are aware, the Department has monitored the R-2422 Mitigation Site since September of 1997. Originally constructed in March of 1997, the site is located on the new location road between SR 1915 and NC 111 near Goldsboro. A wetland area was filled and found to be in violation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit. The site is designed to mitigate for this permit violation associated with TIP Project No. R-2422.

The planting associated with this project involved the installation of bottomland hardwood seedlings to approximately 0.16 acres. Due to vandalism on the site, the site was supplementally planted in April, 1998. No monitoring plots were established in the site. However, the entire planting area was counted due to small size of site. Dog fennel, juncus, sicklepod, and sedges were found growing throughout site. Also some sweetgum and red maple were present. The third year vegetation monitoring revealed a density of 425 trees per acre, which is well above the minimum 320 trees per acre required by the success criteria. Hydrologic monitoring was not required for this site.

As per the 1999 Annual Monitoring Report for the mitigation site, NCDOT recommends discontinuing any further monitoring activities. The R-2422 Mitigation Site has met the success criteria discussed in the letter from the USACE dated December 9, 1996.

If you have any questions about what has been presented, please contact Mr. Chris Rivenbark at (919) 733-9513. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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