



May 16, 2007

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Re: Croatan Mitigation Bank, Phase I Proposed Close Out Letter

Dear William, Dave,

The purpose of this letter to initiate the close out process for Phase I of the Croatan Wetland Mitigation Bank. The Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP) as management entity for this project (on behalf of the sponsor- North Carolina Department of Transportation) seeks a meeting and/or site visit with the Mitigation Bank Review Team (MBRT) regarding the closing out of the monitoring for Phase I. The EEP requests that the chair of the MBRT, the USACE, distribute this request to the signatory member agencies of the MBRT.

The EEP believes that the data reported over the last five years provide a solid basis for this project to terminate compliance monitoring and move into the next phase of the process or long-term stewardship.

Thank you for meeting us on-site last week. We will get the summary document for Phase I to you as soon as possible. In addition, we look forward to working with you to set a date for the MBRT meeting.

Sincerely,

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