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Subject: Streamlining State Stormwater Permitting for NCDOT Projects

Dear Mr. Gibson:

I am pleased to inform you that effective August 1, 2013 the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will no longer be required to submit State Stormwater permit applications for projects discharging stormwater runoff in High Quality Waters (HWQ) and Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) watersheds. In addition, projects located within the 20 coastal counties, which are excluded by rule from the requirements of 15A NCAC 02H .1005, will no longer require submittal of State Stormwater permit applications or submittal of requests for NCDENR to provide confirmation that the proposed project is excluded from State Stormwater permitting requirements under 15A NCAC 02H .1000. NCDOT may consult with NCDENR on a case-by-case basis as needed to promote protection of water quality standards.

This streamlining initiative is being implemented because NCDOT is regulated under its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, NCS000250. Your NPDES permit applies statewide and authorizes NCDOT to discharge general roadway and railway drainage, non-roadway facility drainage, borrow pit wastewater and stormwater associated with industrial activities. The NPDES permit requires NCDOT to maintain and implement a Post- Construction Stormwater Program (PCSP) which regulates stormwater discharges from new NCDOT development and redevelopment for new built upon area. The PCSP requires structural and non-structural best management practices (BMPs) to protect water quality, reduce pollutant loading, and minimize post-construction impacts to water quality. The PCSP outlines the implementation of the approved BMP Toolbox and a training program for NCDOT staff and contractors for implementation of the Toolbox. The PCSP also identifies documentation requirements and defines the workflow for interaction between NCDOT and NCDENR. Updates and/or revisions to the PCSP must be submitted to NCDENR for approval.

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Further, NCDOT will not be required to renew existing State Post-Construction Stormwater permits when they expire. When existing State Post-Construction Stormwater permits expire, all the operation and maintenance requirements for Stormwater Controls Measures will be covered under the operation and maintenance requirements of the NCDOT permit, NCS000250.

Sincerely,



for Thomas A Reeder

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