

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch

STANDARD PRACTICE
for
Water Supply Area Signs

It will be the standard practice of NCDOT to allow the erection of signs on highway right-of-way near the boundaries of environmentally sensitive watersheds. The request for these signs will be sent to the appropriate Division Engineer by the local public water supply agency. The request will include a map showing the requested sign locations. Signs will only be allowed on US and NC numbered highways. All costs associated with these signs, including any NCDOT administrative costs, fabrication, installation and maintenance of the signs, will be the responsibility of the requesting public water supply agency.

All signs shall be in accordance with the attached standard sign designs. The signs shall have a white message and border on a green background with retro-reflective sheeting. The signs may state "WATER SUPPLY AREA/SPILL RESPONSE 911" or "WATER SUPPLY AREA NEXT XX MILES/SPILL RESPONSE 911". The signs should be placed near the right-of-way line at appropriate locations around the Water Supply Area. The Division Engineer or his designated representative will have final authority to determine the actual number and location of the signs.

NCDOT will reserve the right to remove or replace any Water Supply Area signs where the requirements for the signs are no longer met or where the location is interfering with the placement of any standard regulatory, warning or guide signs. If any Water Supply Area sign is damaged or needs to be replaced, it will be the responsibility of the local public water supply agency to initiate the request for replacement in accordance with this Standard Practice.