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PROJECT SPECIAL PROVISION

(10-18-95)

PERMITS

The Contractor's attention is directed to the following permits, which have been issued to the Department of Transportation by the authority granting the permit.

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PERMIT	AUTHORITY GRANTING THE PERMIT
Dredge and Fill and/or Work in Navigable Waters (404)	U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Water Quality (401)	Division of Environmental Management, DENR State of North Carolina

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable permit conditions during construction of this project. Those conditions marked by * are the responsibility of the department and the Contractor has no responsibility in accomplishing those conditions.

Agents of the permitting authority will periodically inspect the project for adherence to the permits.

The Contractor's attention is also directed to Articles 107-10 and 107-13 of the 2012 Standard Specifications and the following:

Should the Contractor propose to utilize construction methods (such as temporary structures or fill in waters and/or wetlands for haul roads, work platforms, cofferdams, etc.) not specifically identified in the permit (individual, general, or nationwide) authorizing the project it shall be the Contractor's responsibility to coordinate with the Engineer to determine what, if any, additional permit action is required. The Contractor shall also be responsible for initiating the request for the authorization of such construction method by the permitting agency. The request shall be submitted through the Engineer. The Contractor shall not utilize the construction method until it is approved by the permitting agency. The request normally takes approximately 60 days to process; however, no extensions of time or additional compensation will be granted for delays resulting from the Contractor's request for approval of construction methods not specifically identified in the permit.

Where construction moratoriums are contained in a permit condition which restricts the Contractor's activities to certain times of the year, those moratoriums will apply only to the portions of the work taking place in the waters or wetlands provided that activities outside those areas is done in such a manner as to not affect the waters or wetlands.



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE GOVERNOR EUGENE A. CONTI, JR. SECRETARY

August 30, 2012

To:

File

From:

Jennifer Harrod, Environmental Specialist

Subject:

B-4458 Section 404 Permit by Default

The Section 404 permit for this project has been issued by default, per the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (email, dated July13, 2012). Therefore, NCDOT must comply with all conditions and descriptions in the March 12, 2012 permit application (includes the Pre-Construction Notification Form and Permit Drawings), as well as the 404 Special Conditions and General Conditions. A permit modification will be required if any of the above conditions cannot be met.

LOCATION:

(919)707-6124

From: Hair, Sarah E SAW [mailto:Sarah.E.Hair@usace.army.mil]

Sent: Friday, July 13, 2012 11:59 AM

To: Harrod, Jennifer W Cc: Dagnino, Carla S

Subject: 404 verifications for B-4719 and B-4458 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

Jennifer,

I hope you are doing well. I was going through my stack and found these two files. They are past the 45 days and so deemed issued. Below are the links to each NWP and Regional General Conditions:

B-4719: NWP 13, 23, and 33 (Verification expires June 30 2014)

http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Wetlands/permits/NWP/NWP2012/NWP13 3-23.pdf

http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Wetlands/permits/NWP/NWP2012/NWP13 3-23.pdf

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http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Wetlands/permits/NWP/NWP2012/SAW RCs Final SAD approved 2012-03-29.pdf

B-4758: RGP 31 (expires with the RGP date October 31, 2013)

http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Wetlands/GPs/GP8200031-r2008.pdf

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you-

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Office Use Only:
Corps action ID no
DWQ project no
Form Version 1.3 Dec 10 2008

	Pre-Construction Notification (PCN) Form						
A.	Applicant Information						
1.	1. Processing						
1a.	a. Type(s) of approval sought from the Corps:						
1b.	Specify Nationwide Permit (NWP)) number:	or General Permit (GP) number: 198	8200031		
1c.	Has the N WP or GP number bee	n verified b	by the Corps?	☐ Yes	⊠ No		
1d.	Type(s) of approval sought from	the DWQ (check all that apply):				
		n – Regula	r Non-404 Jurisdictiona	al General Permi	t		
	☐ 401 Water Quality Certificatio	n – Expres	s Riparian Buffer Autho	rization			
1e. Is this notification solely for the record because written approval is not required? For the record only for DWQ 401 For the record only for Corps Percentage Certification:				only for Corps Permit:			
			☐ Yes	☐ Yes	⊠ No		
1f.	1f. Is payment into a mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program proposed for mitigation of impacts? If so, attach the acceptance letter from mitigation bank or in-lieu fee program.						
1g.	1g. Is the project located in any of NC's twenty coastal counties. If yes, answer 1h below. ☐ Yes ☐ No						
1h.	Is the project located within a NC	DCM Area	of Environmental Concern (AEC)?	Yes	⊠ No		
2.	Project Information						
2a.	Name of project:	Replacem Ford Roa	nent of Bridge No. 95 over the South d).	Fork Catawba R	iver on SR 2019 (Rocky		
2b.	County:	Catawba					
2c.	Nearest municipality / town:	Startown					
2d.	Subdivision name:	not applic	cable				
2e.	NCDOT only, T.I.P. or state project no:	B-4458					
3.	Owner Information						
3a.	Name(s) on Recorded Deed:	North Car	rolina Department of Transportation		·		
3b.	Deed Book and Page No.	not applic	cable				
3с.	Responsible Party (for LLC i f applicable):	LLC i f not applicable					
3d.	Street address:	1598 Mai	I Service Center				
3e.	City, state, zip:	Raleigh, I	NC 27699-1598				
3f.	Telephone no.:	(919) 707	7-6124				
3g.	Fax no.:	(919) 212	2-5785				
3h.	h. Email address: jwharrod@ncdot.gov						

4.	Applicant Information (if different from owner)						
4a.	Applicant is:	☐ Agent	Other, specify:				
4b.	Name:	not applicable					
4c.	Business name (if applicable):						
4d.	Street address:						
4e.	City, state, zip:						
4f.	Telephone no.:			,			
4g.	Fax no.:						
4h.	Email address:						
5.	Agent/Consultant Information	ı (if applicable)					
5a.	Name:	not applicable					
5b.	Business name (if applicable):						
5c.	Street address:						
5d.	City, state, zip:	·		·			
5e.	Telephone no.:						
5f.	Fax no.:						
5g.	Email address:						

B.	Project Information and Prior Project History			
1.	Property Identification			
1a.	Property identification no. (tax PIN or parcel ID):	not applicable		
1b.	Site coordinates (in decimal degrees):	Latitude: 35.67 (DD.DDD)		Longitude: - 81.289333 (-DD.DDDDDD)
1c.	Property size:	3.5 acres		**
2.	Surface Waters			
2a.	Name of nearest body of water (stream, river, etc.) to proposed project:	South Fork Ca	ıtawba River	
2b.	Water Quality Classification of nearest receiving water:	WS-V		1. 4
2c.	River ba sin:	Catawba		
3.	Project Description			
3a.	Describe the existing conditions on the site and the general lar application:	nd use in the vic	inity of the proj	ect at the time of this
	Rural residential and agricultural land			
3b.	List the total estimated acreage of all existing wetlands on the 0	property:		
3с.	List the total estimated linear feet of all existing streams (interm 233 ft.	ittent and perer	nnial) on the pro	operty:
3d.	Explain the purpose of the proposed project: To replace a structurally deficient bridge.			
3e.	Describe the overall project in detail, including the type of equiparties the project involves replacing a 76-foot double-span bridge will location. Traffic will be maintained on the existing bridge during trucks, dozers, and cranes will be used.	th a 200-foot trip	ole-span bridge	
4.		****		
4a.	Have jurisdictional wetland or stream determinations by the Corps or State been requested or obtained for this property / project (including all prior phases) in the past? Comments:	☐ Yes	⊠ No	Unknown
4b.	If the Corps made the jurisdictional determination, what type of determination was made?	☐ Preliminary	/ 🗌 Final	
4c.	If yes, who delineated the jurisdictional areas? Name (if known):	Agency/Const	ultant Company	y:
4d.	If yes, list the dates of the Corps jurisdictional determinations of	or State determin	nations and att	ach documentation.
5.	Project History			May A 1800 - 2 19 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
5a.	Have permits or certifications been requested or obtained for this project (including all prior phases) in the past?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	Unknown
5b.	If yes, explain in detail according to "help file" instructions.			
6.	Future Project Plans	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
6a.	Is this a phased project?	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
6b.	If yes, explain.	. :	-	

C. Proposed Imp	C. Proposed Impacts Inventory					
1. Impacts Summ	ary					
1a. Which sections	were completed be	elow for your project (check all that a	ipply):		
☐ Wetlands	⊠ \$	Streams - tributaries	☐ Bu	ffers		
☐ Open Waters	s □ F	Pond Construction				
2. Wetland Impac	ts					
			·	tion for each wetland a		
2a. Wetland impact	2b.	2c.	2d.	2e. Type of jurisd		2f.
number –	Type of impact	Type of wetland	Forested	(Corps - 404	, 10	Area of impact
Permanent (P) or Temporary (T)		(if known)		DWQ non-404	, other)	(acres)
Site 1 P T			☐ Yes	☐ Corps		
Sile I LI P LI I			□ No	DWQ		• .
Site 2 P T			│	│		
0#2 C D C T			☐ Yes	Corps		
Site 3 P T			□ No	DWQ		
Site 4 P T			│	│	·	
0.4- 5 🗆 🗆 🗆			Yes	Corps		
Site 5 P T			□No	DWQ		
Site 6 P T			│	│		
				2g. Total wetlar	nd impacts	X Permanent
Oh Commonto						X Temporary
2h. Comments: 3. Stream Impacts	<u> </u>	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	
	ıl or intermittent str	ream impacts (includi	ng temporary ir	mpacts) proposed on t	he site, then	complete this
3a.	3b.	3c.	3d.	3e.	3f.	3g.
Stream impact number -	Type of impact	Stream name	Perennial (PER) or	Type of jurisdiction	Average stream	Impact length (linear feet)
Permanent (P) or			intermittent	(Corps - 404, 10	width	
Temporary (T)			(INT)?	DWQ - non-404, other)	(feet)	
	Rip Rap	South Fork	⊠ PER	⊠ Corps	+ 1 s ₁	•
Site 1 ⊠ P □ T	Bank	Catawba River		DWQ	50	114 ft
	Stabilization Fil	South Fork	⊠ PER	⊠ Corps		
Site 1 ☐ P ⊠ T	(work pad)	Catawba River	☐ INT	☐ DWQ	50	0.02 ac
Site 1 ⊠ P □ T	Fill (interior bents)	South Fork Catawba River	⊠ PER □ INT	⊠ Corps □ DWQ	50	<0.01 ac
Site 2 ⊠ P □ T	Rip Rap Bank Stabilization	UT to South Fork Catawba River	⊠ PER □ INT	☐ Corps☐ DWQ	4	18 ft
			3h. T	otal stream and tribu	utary impacts	132 Perm 0.02 Temp
3i. Comments:	11					:

4. Open	4. Open Water Impacts									
	If there are proposed impacts to lakes, ponds, estuaries, tributaries, sounds, the Atlantic Ocean, or any other open water of the U.S. then individually list all open water impacts below.									
4a.	4a. 4b. 4c.						4d.		4e.	
Open water Name of			T			10/atarbad	i di ma	A af :	m = + (= = = =)	
impact nu Permanen		waterbody (if applicable)		Type of impact		Waterbody type		Area of im	pact (acres)	
Tempora		(app								
01 🗆 F	•□т									
02 🗆 F										
03 🗆 F	P □ T									
04 🗆 F	ΥПТ									
	4f. Total open water impacts X Permanent X Temporary									
4g. Comm	4g. Comments:									
5. Pond	or Lake	Construction								
If pond or	lake cons	truction proposed,	then con	nolete	the chart b	nelow.				
5a.	5b.		5c.	11-11-3-			5d.			5e.
Pond ID		posed use or	We	retland Impacts (acres) Stream Impact		cts (feet) Upland (acres)				
number	pur	pose of pond	Flood	led	Filled	Excavat ed	Flooded	Filled	Excavated	Flooded
P1					*					
P2										
		5f. Total								
5g. Comm	ents:									
5h. Is a dam high hazard permit required?			ΠY	es	□No	If yes, peri	mit ID no			
5i. Exped	5i. Expected pond surface area (acres):									
5j. Size c	of pond wa	atershed (acres):								
5k. Metho	od of cons	struction:				<u></u>				

6. Buffer Impacts (for DWQ)							
If project will impact a protected riparian buffer, then complete the chart below. If yes, then individually list all buffer impacts below. If any impacts require mitigation, then you MUST fill out Section D of this form.							
6a.	6a. ☐ Neuse ☐ Tar-Pamlico ☐ Other:						
Project is in which	protected basin?		☐ Catawba	Randleman			
6b.	6c.	6d.	6e.	6f.	6g.		
Buffer impact number – Permanent (P) or	Reason for impact	Stream name	Buffer mitigation	Zone 1 impact (square feet)	Zone 2 impact (square feet)		
Temporary (T)	And the second s	,	required? ☐ Yes				
B1 🗌 P 🗌 T			□ No				
B2			☐ Yes ☐ No				
B3							
6h. Total buffer impacts							
6i. Comments:							

D. Impact J	ustification and Mitigation					
1. Avoidan	ce and Minimization					
1a. Specifica	ally describe measures taken to avoid or minimize t	the proposed impacts i	n designing project.			
the existi	The proposed bridge is a triple-span structure that is 124 feet longer than the existing bridge; traffic will be maintained on the existing bridge during construction; 3:1 fill slopes where practicable; the placement of the new bridge minimizes impacts to the UT-South Fork Catawba River.					
1b. Specifica	ally describe measures taken to avoid or minimize t	the proposed impacts t	hrough construction techniques.			
South Fo	A temporary causeway will be utilized to construct the new structure; surficial bridge runoff will not be directed into the South Fork Catawba River or the UT via deck drains, stormwater will be managed via roadside ditches. Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds will be adhered to.					
2. Compen	satory Mitigation for Impacts to Waters of the U	J.S. or Waters of the	State			
		☐ Yes				
	project require Compensatory Mitigation for to Waters of the U.S. or Waters of the State?		nent impacts are due to the use of rip tion and is not considered a loss of the USACE.			
2b. If yes, mi	itigation is required by (check all that apply):	□ DWQ □ Co	rps			
2c. If yes, where project?	nich mitigation option will be used for this	☐ Mitigation bank ☐ Payment to in-lie ☐ Permittee Respon				
3. Complet	e if Using a Mitigation Bank					
3a. Name of	Mitigation Bank: not applicable					
3b. Credits P	urchased (attach receipt and letter)	Туре	Quantity			
3c. Comment	ts:					
4. Complet	te if Making a Payment to In-lieu Fee Program					
4a. Approval	letter from in-lieu fee program is attached.	Yes				
4b. Stream m	nitigation requested:	linear feet				
4c. If using s	tream mitigation, stream temperature:	☐ warm ☐ co	ol			
4d. Buffer mi	tigation requested (DWQ only):	square feet				
4e. Riparian	wetland mitigation requested:	acres				
4f. Non-ripar	rian wetland mitigation requested:	acres				
4g. Coastal (tidal) wetland mitigation requested:	acres				
4h. Commen	4h. Comments:					
5. Complet	te if Using a Permittee Responsible Mitigation F	Plan				
5a. If using a	5a. If using a permittee responsible mitigation plan, provide a description of the proposed mitigation plan.					

6. Buffer N	. Buffer Mitigation (State Regulated Riparian Buffer Rules) – required by DWQ							
6a. Will the project result in an impact within a protected riparian buffer that requires ☐ Yes ☐ No buffer mitigation?								
6b. If yes, then identify the square feet of impact to each zone of the riparian buffer that requires mitigation. Calculate the amount of mitigation required.								
Zone	6c. Reason for impact	6d. Total impact (square feet)	Multiplier	6e. Required mitigation (square feet)				
Zone 1			3 (2 for Catawba)	,				
Zone 2			1.5	•				
,		6f. Total buffer	mitigation required:					
6g. If buffer mitigation is required, discuss what type of mitigation is proposed (e.g., payment to private mitigation bank, permittee responsible riparian buffer restoration, payment into an approved in-lieu fee fund).								
6h. Commer	nts:							

E. Stormwater Management and Diffuse Flow Plan (required by DWQ)						
1. Diffuse Flow Plan						
Does the project include or is it adjacent to protected riparian buffers identified within one of the NC Riparian Buffer Protection Rules?	☐ Yes	⊠ No				
1b. If yes, then is a diffuse flow plan included? If not, explain why. Comments:	☐ Yes	□No				
2. Stormwater Management Plan						
2a. What is the overall percent imperviousness of this project?	N/A					
2b. Does this project require a Stormwater Management Plan?	⊠ Yes	□No				
2c. If this project DOES NOT require a Stormwater Management Plan, explain why:						
2d. If this project DOES require a Stormwater Management Plan, then provide a brief, narrative description of the plan: See attached permit drawings.						
2e. Who will be responsible for the review of the Stormwater Management Plan?		ocal Government nwater Program Unit				
3. Certified Local Government Stormwater Review	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
3a. In which local government's jurisdiction is this project?	not applicable					
3b. Which of the following locally-implemented stormwater management programs apply (check all that apply):	☐ Phase II ☐ NSW ☐ USMP ☐ Water Sup ☐ Other:	ply Watershed				
3c. Has the approved Stormwater Management Plan with proof of approval been attached?	☐ Yes	□ No				
4. DWQ Stormwater Program Review						
4a. Which of the following state-implemented stormwater management programs apply (check all that apply):	Coastal co	ounties aw 2006-246				
4b. Has the approved Stormwater Management Plan with proof of approval been attached?	☐ Yes	☐ No				
5. DWQ 401 Unit Stormwater Review						
5a. Does the Stormwater Management Plan meet the appropriate requirements?	☐ Yes	□ No N/A				
5b. Have all of the 401 Unit submittal requirements been met?	☐ Yes	□ No N/A				

F. Supplementary Information		
1. Environmental Documentation (DWQ Requirement)		
1a. Does the project involve an expenditure of public (federal/state/local) funds or the use of public (federal/state) land?	⊠ Yes	□No
1b. If you answered "yes" to the above, does the project require preparation of an environmental document pursuant to the requirements of the National or State (North Carolina) Environmental Policy Act (NEPA/SEPA)?	⊠ Yes	No
1c. If you answered "yes" to the above, has the document review been finalized by the State Clearing House? (If so, attach a copy of the NEPA or SEPA final approval letter.) Comments:	⊠ Yes	□ No
2. Violations (DWQ Requirement)	<u> </u>	
2a. Is the site in violation of DWQ Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .0500), Isolated Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 2H .1300), DWQ Surface Water or Wetland Standards, or Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B .0200)?	Yes	⊠ No
2b. Is this an after-the-fact permit application?	☐ Yes	⊠ No
2c. If you answered "yes" to one or both of the above questions, provide an explanation	of the violation(s)	•
3. Cumulative Impacts (DWQ Requirement)		·
3a. Will this project (based on past and reasonably anticipated future impacts) result in additional development, which could impact nearby downstream water quality?	☐ Yes ☑ No	
3b. If you answered "yes" to the above, submit a qualitative or quantitative cumulative im most recent DWQ policy. If you answered "no," provide a short narrative description.	pact analysis in a	accordance with the
Due to the minimal transportation impact resulting from this bridge replacement, this land uses nor stimulate growth. Therefore, a detailed indirect or cumulative effects s	project will neithe tudy will not be n	er influence nearby ecessary.
4. Sewage Disposal (DWQ Requirement)		
4a. Clearly detail the ultimate treatment methods and disposition (non-discharge or discharge the proposed project, or available capacity of the subject facility. not applicable	arge) of wastewa	ter generated from

5.	Endangered Species and Designated Critical Habitat (Corps Requirement)				
5a.	Will this project occur in or near an are habitat?	a with federally protected species or	☐ Yes	⊠ No	
5b.	Have you checked with the USFWS compacts?	oncerning Endangered Species Act	☐Yes	⊠ No	
5c.	If yes, ind icate the USFWS Field Office	e you have contacted.	☐ Raleigh ☐ Asheville		
5d.	. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact Endangered Species or Designated Critical Habitat?				
	Only one Endangered and Threatened species is listed for Catawba County, the Dwarf-flowered heartleaf. A survey was conducted by NCDOT biologists on May 1, 2007 utilizing 2 person-hours, finding no suitable habitat due to a semi-dense understory and lack of slopes, rendering a biological conclusion of "No Effect". A search of the NHP database yielded no occurrences of Dwarf-flowered heartleaf within 1 mile of the project study area.				
6.	Essential Fish Habitat (Corps Requi	rement)			
6a.	Sa. Will this project occur in or near an area designated as essential fish habitat?				
6b.	b. What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact Essential Fish Habitat?				
	NMFS County Index				
7.	Historic or Prehistoric Cultural Reso	ources (Corps Requirement)			
7a.	a. Will this project occur in or near an area that the state, federal or tribal governments have designated as having historic or cultural preservation status (e.g., National Historic Trust designation or properties significant in North Carolina history and archaeology)?				
7b.	What data sources did you use to determine whether your site would impact historic or archeological resources?				
	NEPA Documentation				
8. Flood Zone Designation (Corps Requirement)					
8a. Will this project occur in a FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain?					
8b. If yes, explain how project meets FEMA requirements: NCDOT Hydraulics Unit coordination with FEMA					
8c. What source(s) did you use to make the floodplain determination? FEMA Maps					
	Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph D Applicant/Agent's Printed Name Applicant/Agent's Signature (Agent's signature is valid only if an authorization letter from the applicant is provided.)				

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 1890
Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1890

Regional General Permit No. <u>198200031</u> Name of Permittee: <u>General Public</u>

Effective Date: November 1, 2008 Expiration Date: October 31, 2013

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT

A regional general permit (RGP) to perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States and waters of the United States, upon recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), is hereby modified and re-issued by authority of the Secretary of the Army by the

District Engineer U.S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington Corps of Engineers Post Office Box 1890 Wilmington, North Carolina 28402-1890

TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING WETLANDS, ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF BRIDGES, INCLUDING COFFERDAMS, ABUTMENTS, FOUNDATION SEALS, PIERS, APPROACH FILLS, DETOUR FILLS, BOX CULVERT INSTALLATION AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS FILLS, IN WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES AS PART OF WORK CONDUCTED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NCDOT) OR OTHER STATE, FEDERAL OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1. Special Conditions.

a. Written confirmation that the proposed work complies with this RGP must be received from the Wilmington District Engineer prior to the commencement of any work. To enable this determination to be made, the permittee must furnish the Wilmington District Engineer a preconstruction notification with the following information:

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- (1) A map indicating the location of the work.
- (2) Plans of the proposed work showing all pertinent structures, elevations, dimensions and quantities of materials and locations of all structures and/or fill in wetlands or waterward of the normal/high water elevation contours.
- (3) A brief discussion of the affected aquatic resources, including streams and wetlands. The discussion shall include the identification and types of vegetation present.
 - (4) Approximate commencement and completion dates.
- (5) A description of methods to be employed to avoid and/or minimize permanent and temporary impacts to aquatic resources caused by the proposed work.
- (6) Plans, including timetables and techniques, for construction, stabilization and removal of all unavoidable temporary fills.
 - (7) Names and addresses of adjoining property owners.
- b. In the case of fills of one acre or less, including permanent approach fills, detour fills and fills associated with culvert installation, the Corps of Engineers' Project Manager will determine, after appropriate onsite visits and review of plans, if the impacts on aquatic resources, including streams and wetlands, are likely to be such as to require review by Federal and State agencies. If it is determined that impacts are minimal or can be made minimal by changes agreed to by the applicant, a letter of authorization to proceed will be provided. If it is determined that review by Federal and State agencies is necessary to fully evaluate impacts, copies of all plans and materials will be forwarded to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR). These agencies will furnish comments to the Wilmington District Engineer within thirty (30) days.
- c. In cases of fills greater than one acre, copies of all plans and materials will be forwarded to the USFWS, the NMFS, the EPA and the NCDENR. These agencies will furnish comments to the Wilmington District Engineer in thirty (30) days. In cases of land disturbing activities comprising more than one acre, a Sedimentation/Erosion Control Plan will be filed with the North Carolina Division of Land Resources, Land Quality Section, thirty (30) days prior to commencing work.
- d. Where work is proposed within the twenty (20) coastal counties, as defined by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management, the applicant shall forward a copy of the preconstruction notification to:

National Marine Fisheries Service 101 Pivers Island Road

Beaufort, North Carolina 28516

The counties in which this condition applies are:

Bertie	Carteret	Dare	Hyde	Pender
Beaufort	Chowan	Gates	Onslow	Perquimans
Brunswick	Craven	New Hanover	Pamlico	Tyrrell
Camden	Currituck	Hertford	Pasquotank	Washington

- e. In the event that any Federal agency maintains an objection or any required State authorization is outstanding, no notice to proceed will be given until objections are resolved and State authorizations are issued.
- f. No work will proceed until after the applicant has received written notice to proceed from the Wilmington District Engineer. This notice may include additional conditions and/or restrictions. Copies of the notice to proceed will be furnished to the USFWS, the NMFS, the EPA and the NCDENR with a brief description of the work, including the area of wetlands affected and the quantity of fill material.
- g. Upon completion of any work authorized by this RGP, all temporary fills will be completely removed and the area reestablished as a wetland by restoring natural hydrology and native vegetation. Stream contours and riparian vegetation will be reestablished upon the removal of temporary culverts. In such instances, a restoration plan will be submitted to the Wilmington District Engineer for approval. Information in the restoration plan will be in accordance with special condition j. below.
- h. Appropriate soil and erosion control measures must be established and maintained during construction. All fills, temporary and permanent, must be adequately stabilized at the earliest practicable date to prevent erosion of fill material into adjacent waters or wetlands.
- i. In cases where new alignment approaches are to be constructed and the existing wetland approach fill is to be abandoned and no longer to be maintained as a roadway, the abandoned fill shall be removed and the area reestablished as a wetland. In such instances, a restoration plan will be submitted to the Wilmington District Engineer for approval. Information in the restoration plan will be in accordance with special condition j. below.
- j. Discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, must be minimized or avoided to the maximum extent practicable. In reviewing an activity, the Wilmington District Engineer will first determine whether the activity will result in more than minimal adverse environmental affects. For activities that are determined to have more than minimal impacts, compensatory mitigation will be required. To expedite the process, the applicant will provide a mitigation plan with the request for authorization. Site specific mitigation proposals will include, but are not necessarily limited to, a description of work, a schedule of work and a monitoring plan, and they will be in accordance with currently approved

Wilmington District and/or Corps-wide mitigation guidelines. The applicant may propose other forms of mitigation, such as mitigation bank credits or in-lieu fee mitigation with the notification, which in some situations and at the discretion of the Wilmington District, may be considered acceptable mitigation.

- k. Activities in any North Carolina designated "Mountain Trout Waters" must comply with all pH, temperature and turbidity criteria established for such waters by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) and/or the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (NCDWQ). Work that may result in the sedimentation of trout waters will generally be prohibited from October 15 to April 15, of any year, to avoid impacts on trout spawning.
- 1. Before discharging dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, in the twenty-five (25) mountain counties of North Carolina that contain trout waters, the applicant will obtain and provide a letter of comments and recommendations from the NCWRC on the proposed activities. A discussion of alternatives to working in the mountain trout waters and why alternatives were not selected, and a plan to provide compensatory mitigation for all unavoidable adverse impacts to the mountain trout waters shall also be submitted with the letter from NCWRC. To facilitate coordination with the NCWRC, the proponent may provide a copy of the notification to the NCWRC concurrent with the notification to the District Engineer. The NCWRC will respond both to the proponent and directly to the Corps of Engineers.

The applicant should contact NCWRC in the following NC Trout Counties at:

Mr. Ron Linville		Counties	
Western Piedmont Region Coordinator	Alleghany	Caldwell	Watauga
3855 Idlewild Road	Ashe	Mitchell	Wilkes
Kernersville, NC 27284-9180 Telephone: (336) 769-9453	Avery	Stokes	
reiephone. (330) 709-9433	Burke	Surry	

Mr. Dave McHenry	Counties		
Mountain Region Coordinator 20830 Great Smoky Mtn. Expressway Waynesville, NC 28786 Telephone: (828) 452-2546 Fax: (828) 452-7772	Buncombe	Henderson	Polk
	Cherokee	Jackson	Rutherford
	Clay	Macon	Swain
	Graham	Madison	Transylvania
	Haywood	McDowell	Yancey

m. This permit does not authorize the use of culverts in areas designated as anadromous fish spawning areas by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) or the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC).

n. Discharges into Waters of the United States designated by either the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) or the NCWRC as anadromous fish spawning area are prohibited during the period between February 15 and June 30, without prior written approval from NCDMF or NCWRC and the Corps. Discharges into waters of the United States designated by NCDMF as primary nursery areas and discharges into waters of the United States designated by NCWRC as inland nursery areas shall be coordinated with NCDMF and NCWRC prior to being authorized by this RGP. Coordination with NCDMF and NCWRC may result in a required construction moratorium during periods of significant biological productivity or critical life stages.

The Applicant should contact:

NC Division of Marine Fisheries 3441 Arendell Street Morehead City, NC 28557 Telephone 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Habitat Conservation Program Manager 1721 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1721 Telephone (919) 733-7638

- o. No activity may result in substantial permanent disruption of the movement of those species of aquatic life indigenous to the waterbody, including those species that normally migrate through the area. The dimension, pattern, and profile of the stream above and below a pipe or culvert should not be modified by widening the stream channel or by reducing the depth of the stream in connection with the construction activity. The width, height, and gradient of a proposed opening should be such as to pass the average historical low flow and spring flow without adversely altering flow velocity. Spring flow should be determined from gage data, if available. In the absence of such data, bankfull flow can be used as a comparable level.
- p. This permit generally allows the permanent installation of culverts to 100 feet in length. For culverts longer than 100 feet, the proposed application will be closely evaluated to determine if unacceptable impacts on movement of aquatic organisms would result. In such cases, approval may not be provided.
- q. If the project is located within the twenty (20) counties of North Carolina designated as coastal counties by the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA), then all pipe and culvert inverts will be buried at least one foot below normal bed elevation when they are placed within the Public Trust Area of Environmental Concern (AEC) and/or the Estuarine Waters AEC as designated by CAMA, and/or all streams appearing as blue lines on United States Geological Survey (USGS) quad sheets. If the project is not located within the twenty (20) counties of North Carolina designated as coastal counties by CAMA, then culvert inverts will be buried at least one foot below the bed of the stream for culverts greater than 48 inches in diameter. Culverts 48 inches in diameter or less shall be buried or placed on the stream bed as practicable and appropriate to maintain aquatic passage, and every effort shall be made to maintain the existing channel slope. The potential for destabilization of the channel and head cutting upstream should

be considered in the placement of the culvert. A waiver from the depth specifications in this condition may be requested in writing. The waiver will only be issued if it can be demonstrated that the impacts of complying with this condition would result in more adverse impacts to the aquatic environment. Culverts placed in wetlands do not have to be buried.

- r. All activities authorized by this RGP shall, to the extent practicable, be conducted "in the dry", with barriers installed between work areas and aquatic habitat to protect that habitat from cement or other pollutants. Where concrete is utilized, measures will be taken to prevent live or fresh concrete, including bags of uncured concrete, from coming into contact with waters of the state until the concrete has hardened. Water in the work area will be pumped to holding and settling ponds as practicable, and water will not be allowed to re-enter the water column until decanted.
- s. If the project authorized by this RGP is proposed by a Federal or State agency, and is located within the twenty (20) counties of North Carolina designated as coastal counties by the CAMA, then prior to project initiation the proponent must obtain a consistency concurrence that the proposed project would be consistent with the state's coastal management program from the N.C. Division of Coastal Management (DCM). A copy of the state's consistency approval must be provided to the appropriate Wilmington District Regulatory Office at the following address:

Wilmington Regulatory Field Office P.O. Box 1890` Wilmington, NC 28402 Washington Regulatory Field Office P.O. Box 1000 Washington, NC 27889

The state's consistency approval will be conveyed in the form of a CAMA permit if the project is located within a designated CAMA Area of Environmental Concern (AEC), and will be conveyed in the form of a Consistency concurrence letter from DCM if the project is not located within a designated CAMA AEC.

- t. No work shall be authorized by the RGP within the twenty coastal counties, as defined by the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management, without prior consultation with NOAA Fisheries. For each activity reviewed by the Corps of Engineers where it is determined that the activity may affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for Federally managed species, an EFH Assessment shall be prepared by the applicant and forwarded to the Corps of Engineers and NOAA Fisheries for review and comment prior to authorization of work.
- u. All work will comply with Water Quality Certification No. 3404, issued by the NCDWQ on 30 September 2008.
- v. The activity must be designed to maintain preconstruction downstream flow conditions (e.g., location, capacity, and flow rates). Furthermore, the activity must not permanently restrict or impede the passage of normal or expected high flows and the structure or discharge of dredged or fill material must withstand expected high flows

2. General Conditions.

- a. All activities authorized by this RGP that involve the discharge of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States will be consistent with applicable water quality standards, effluent limitations and standards of performance, prohibitions, pre-treatment standards and management practices established pursuant to the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) and applicable State and local law. If the proposed activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material in waters of the United States, prior to the commencement of any work, the applicant will satisfy the NCDWQ regarding the need for a Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.
- b. All activities authorized by this RGP that involve the use of concrete as a building material, measures will be taken to prevent live or fresh concrete, including bags of uncured concrete, from coming into contact with waters of the state until the concrete has hardened.
- c. To the maximum extent practicable, the pre-construction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters must be maintained for each activity, including stream channelization and storm water management activities, except as provided below. The activity must be constructed to withstand expected high flows. The activity must not restrict or impede the passage of normal or high flows. The activity may alter the pre-construction course, condition, capacity, and location of open waters if it benefits the aquatic environment (e.g., stream restoration or relocation activities).
- d. All activities authorized by this RGP that involve the use of riprap material for bank stabilization, the following measures shall be applied:
- (1) Filter cloth must be placed underneath the riprap as an additional requirement of its use in North Carolina waters.
- (2) The placement of riprap shall be limited to the areas depicted on submitted work plan drawings.
- (3) The riprap material shall be clean and free from loose dirt or any pollutant except in trace quantities that would not have an adverse environmental effect.
- (4) It shall be of a size sufficient to prevent its movement from the authorized alignment by natural forces under normal conditions.
- (5) The riprap material shall consist of clean rock or masonry material such as, but not limited to, granite, marl, or broken concrete.
- (6) A waiver from the specifications in this general condition may be requested in writing. The waiver will only be issued if it can be demonstrated that the impacts of complying with this Regional condition would result in greater adverse impacts to the aquatic environment.

- e. There will be no unreasonable interference with navigation or the right of the public to riparian access by the existence or use of activities authorized by this RGP.
- f. The activity must comply with applicable FEMA approved state or local floodplain management requirements.
- g. Heavy equipment working in wetlands or mudflats must be placed on mats, or other measures must be taken to minimize soil disturbance.
- h. A permittee, upon receipt of written notice from the Wilmington District Engineer of failure to comply with the terms or conditions of this RGP, will, within 60 days, without expense to the U.S. Government, and in such manner as the Wilmington District Engineer may direct, affect compliance with the terms and conditions or return the worksite to a pre-work condition.
- i. The permittee must make every reasonable effort to perform the work authorized herein in a manner so as to minimize any adverse impact on fish, wildlife and natural environmental values.
- j. The permittee must perform the work authorized herein in a manner so as to minimize any degradation of water quality. The activity will be conducted in such a manner as to prevent a significant increase in turbidity outside the area of construction or construction-related discharge. Increases such that the turbidity in the water body is 50 NTU's or less in all rivers not designated as trout waters by the North Carolina Division of Environmental Management (NCDEM), 25 NTU's or less in all saltwater classes and in all lakes and reservoirs, and 10 NTU's or less in trout waters, are not considered significant.
- k. The permittee will permit the Wilmington District Engineer or his representative to make periodic inspections at any time deemed necessary in order to assure that the activity is being performed or maintained in strict accordance with the Special and General Conditions of this permit.
- 1. This RGP does not convey any rights, either in real estate or material, or any exclusive privileges; and it does not authorize any injury to property or invasion of rights or any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations, nor does it obviate the requirement to obtain State or local assent required by law for the activity authorized herein. These may include, but are not necessarily limited to, a Dredge and/or Fill Permit (N.C.G.S. 113-229), a CAMA Permit (N.C.G.S. 113A-118), an Easement to Fill (N.C.G.S. 146-12) and a Water Quality Certification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.
- m. Authorization provided by this RGP may be modified, suspended or revoked in whole or in part if the Wilmington District Engineer, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Army, determines that such action would be in the best public interest. Unless subject to modification, suspension or revocation, the term of this RGP shall be five years. Any modification, suspension or revocation of this authorization will not be the basis for any claim for damages against the U.S. Government.

- n. This RGP does not authorize the interference with any existing or proposed Federal project and the permittee will not be entitled to compensation for damages or injury to the structures or work authorized herein which may be caused by or results from existing or future operations undertaken by the United States in the public interest.
- o. This RGP will not be applicable to proposed construction when the Wilmington District Engineer determines that the proposed activity would significantly affect the quality of the human environment and determines that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared.
- p. This RGP will not be applicable to proposed construction when the Wilmington District Engineer determines, after any necessary investigations, that the proposed activity would adversely affect areas that possess historic, cultural, scenic, conservation or recreational values. Application of this exemption applies to:
- (1) Rivers named in Section 3 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (15 U.S.C. 1273), those proposed for inclusion as provided by Sections 4 and 5 of the Act and wild, scenic and recreational rivers established by State and local entities.
- (2) Historic, cultural or archeological sites listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended, the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987 and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.
- (3) Sites included in or determined eligible for listing in the National Registry of Natural Landmarks.
- (4) Endangered or threatened species or habitat of such species as determined by the Secretaries of Interior or Commerce and concerned in accordance with the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531).
- (5) NOAA designated marine sanctuaries, National Estuarine Research Reserves, and coral reefs.
- q. Permittees are advised that activities in or near a floodway may be subject to the National Flood Insurance Program, which prohibits any activities, including fill within a floodway that results in any increase in base flood elevations.
- r. At his discretion, the Wilmington District Engineer may determine that this RGP will not be applicable to a specific construction proposal. In such case, the procedure for processing an individual permit in accordance with 33 CFR 325 will be available.
- s. Any authorized structure or fill shall be properly maintained, including maintenance to ensure public safety.

The discharge of dredged or fill material shall consist of suitable material free from toxic pollutants in toxic amounts.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Lefferson M. Ryscavage. Colonel, Corps of Engineers

District Commander



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Resources Division of Highways PDEA-OFFICE OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Dee Freeman Secretary

April 3, 2012 DWQ# 12-0307 Catawba County

Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-1598

APPROVAL of 401 Water Quality Certification with Additional Conditions

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

You have our approval, in accordance with the attached conditions and those listed below, to permanently impact 157 linear feet (If) (114 If for bank stabilization and 43 If for interior bent installation) and to temporarily impact 0.02 acres (causeways) of the South Fork Catawba River (Site 1), a perennial stream, and to permanently impact 18 If (bank stabilization) of an unnamed tributary to the South Fork Catawba River (Site 2), a perennial stream, as described in your application received by the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) on March 27, 2012. The location of the project is State Road 2019 (Rocky Ford Road) in Catawba County. After reviewing your application, we have determined that this project is covered by Water Quality General Certification Numbers 3820. Please note that you should get any other federal, state or local permits before proceeding with your project, including those required by (but not limited to) Sediment and Erosion Control, Non-Discharge, and Water Supply Watershed regulations. This approval will expire with the associated 404 permit unless otherwise specified in the Water Quality Certification.

This approval is valid solely for the purpose and design that you described in your application (unless modified below). Should your project change, you must notify the DWQ in writing and you may be required to submit a new application. If the property is sold, the new owner must be given a copy of this Certification and approval letter and is thereby responsible for complying with all conditions. If total wetland fills for this project (now or in the future) exceed one acre, or if total impacts to streams (now or in the future) exceed 150 linear feet, compensatory mitigation may be required as described in 15A NCAC 2H.0506 (h)(6) and (7). For this approval to remain valid, you must adhere to the conditions listed in the attached certification and those listed below:

All portions of the proposed project draining to 303(d) listed watersheds that are impaired due to turbidity shall be designed, constructed, and operated with sediment and erosion control measures that meet Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds [15A NCAC 4B .0124]. However, due to the size of the project, NC DOT shall not be required to meet 15A NCAC 4B .0124(a) regarding the maximum amount of uncovered acres.

Mooresville Regional Office Location: 610 East Center Ave., Suite 301 Mooresville, NC 28115 Phone: (704) 663-1699 \ Fax: (704) 663-6040 \ Customer Service: 1-877-623-6748 Internet: http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq

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- 2. The use of riprap above the normal high water mark shall be minimized. Any riprap placed for stream stabilization shall be placed in stream channels in such a manner that it does not impede aquatic life passage.
- 3. The post-construction removal of any temporary bridge structures must return the project site to its preconstruction contours and elevations. The impacted areas shall be revegetated with appropriate native species.
- 4. Strict adherence to the most recent version of NCDOT's Best Management Practices For Bridge Demolition and Removal approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers is a condition of the 401 Water Quality Certification.
- 5. Bridge deck drains shall not discharge directly into the stream. Stormwater shall be directed across the bridge and pre-treated through site-appropriate means (grassed swales, pre-formed scour holes, vegetated buffers, etc.) before entering the stream. Please refer to the most current version of Stormwater Best Management Practices.
- 6. Bridge piles and bents shall be constructed using driven piles (hammer or vibratory) or drilled shaft construction methods. More specifically, jetting or other methods of pile driving are prohibited without prior written approval from NCDWQ first.
- 7. No drill slurry or water that has been in contact with uncured concrete shall be allowed to enter surface waters. This water shall be captured, treated, and disposed of properly.
- 8. All pile driving or drilling activities shall be enclosed in turbidity curtains unless otherwise approved by NCDWQ in this certification.
- 9. All bridge construction shall be performed from the existing bridge, temporary work bridges, temporary causeways, or floating or sunken barges. If work conditions require barges, they shall be floated into position and then sunk. The barges shall not be sunk and then dragged into position. Under no circumstances should barges be dragged along the bottom of the surface water.
- 10. The dimension, pattern and profile of the stream above and below the crossing shall not be modified. Disturbed floodplains and streams shall be restored to natural geomorphic conditions.
- 11. If concrete is used during construction, a dry work area shall be maintained to prevent direct contact between curing concrete and stream water. Water that inadvertently contacts uncured concrete shall not be discharged to surface waters due to the potential for elevated pH and possible aquatic life and fish kills.
- 12. During the construction of the project, no staging of equipment of any kind is permitted in waters of the U.S. or protected riparian buffers.
- 13. Heavy equipment shall be operated from the banks rather than in the stream channel in order minimize sedimentation and reduce the introduction of other pollutants into the stream.
- 14. No rock, sand or other materials shall be dredged from the stream channel except where authorized by this certification.
- 15. Temporary dewatering sites must be restored to pre-existing conditions unless more natural geomorphic conditions can be provided.

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- 16. All work in or adjacent to stream waters shall be conducted in a dry work area. Approved BMP measures from the most current version of the NCDOT Construction and Maintenance Activities manual such as sandbags, rock berms, cofferdams and other diversion structures shall be used to prevent excavation in flowing water.
- 17. All mechanized equipment operated near surface waters must be regularly inspected and maintained to prevent contamination of stream waters from fuels, lubricants, hydraulic fluids, or other toxic materials.
- 18. All fill slopes located in jurisdictional wetlands shall be placed at slopes no flatter than 3:1, unless otherwise authorized by this certification.
- 19. Discharging hydroseed mixtures and washing out hydroseeders and other equipment in or adjacent to surface waters is prohibited.
- 20. A copy of this Water Quality Certification shall be posted on the construction site at all times. In addition, the Water Quality Certification and all subsequent modifications, if any, shall be maintained with the Division Engineer and the on-site project manager.
- 21. Native riparian vegetation must be re-established within the construction limits of the project by the end of the growing season following completion of construction.
- 22. Sediment and erosion control measures shall not be placed in wetlands or waters to the maximum extent practicable. If placement of sediment and erosion control devices in wetlands and waters is unavoidable, they shall be removed and the natural grade restored within 30 days after the Division of Land Resources has released the project.
- 23. Erosion and sediment control practices must be in full compliance with all specifications governing the proper design, installation and operation and maintenance of such Best Management Practices in order to protect surface waters standards:
 - a. The erosion and sediment control measures for the project must be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the most recent version of the *North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Planning and Design Manual*.
 - b. The design, installation, operation, and maintenance of the sediment and erosion control measures must be such that they equal, or exceed, the requirements specified in the most recent version of the North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Manual. The devices shall be maintained on all construction sites, borrow sites, and waste pile (spoil) projects, including contractor-owned or leased borrow pits associated with the project.
 - c. For borrow pit sites, the erosion and sediment control measures must be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the most recent version of the *North Carolina Surface Mining Manual*.
 - d. The reclamation measures and implementation must comply with the reclamation in accordance with the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act.
- 24. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and its contractors and/or agents shall not excavate, fill or perform mechanized land clearing at any time in the construction or maintenance of this project within waters and/or wetlands, except as authorized by this Certification, or any modification to this Certification (e.g., no work shall occur outside of the footprint of the plans provided). In addition, there shall be no excavation from or waste disposal into jurisdictional wetlands or waters associated with this Certification without appropriate modification. If this occurs, compensatory mitigation may be required since it is a direct impact from road construction activities.

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- * 25. The Permittee shall ensure that the final design drawings adhere to the certification and to the drawings submitted for approval.
 - 26. The outside buffer, wetland or water boundary located within the construction corridor approved by this certification shall be clearly marked by highly visible fencing prior to any land disturbing activities. Impacts to areas within the fencing are prohibited unless otherwise authorized by this certification.
 - 27. The Permittee shall report any violations of this certification to the Division of Water Quality within 24 hours of discovery.
- * 28. Upon completion of the project, the NCDOT Division Engineer shall complete and return the enclosed "Certificate of Completion" form to notify DWQ when all work included in the 401 Certification has been completed. Please include photographs upstream and downstream of the structure to document correct installation.
 - 29. Continuing Compliance. NCDOT shall conduct its activities in a manner so as not to contravene any state water quality standard [including any requirements for compliance with section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act] and any other appropriate requirements of state and federal law. If DWQ determines that such standards or laws are not being met (including the failure to sustain a designated or achieved use) or that state or federal law is being violated, or that further conditions are necessary to assure compliance, DWQ may reevaluate and modify this certification to include conditions appropriate to assure compliance with such standards and requirements in accordance with 15 A NCAC 2H.0507(d). Before codifying the certification, DWQ shall notify NCDOT and the USACE, provide public notice in accordance with 15A NCAC 2H.0503, and provide opportunity for public hearing in accordance with 15A NCAC 2H.0504. Any new or revised conditions shall be provided to NCDOT in writing, shall be provided to the USACE for reference in any permit issued pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and shall also become conditions of the 404 Permit for the project.

If you do not accept any of the conditions of this Certification, you may ask for an adjudicatory hearing. You must act within 60 days of the date that you receive this letter. To ask for a hearing, send a written petition that conforms to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-6714. This Certification and its conditions are final and binding unless you ask for a hearing.

This letter completes the review by the Division of Water Quality under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. If you have any questions, please telephone Polly Lespinasse in the Mooresville Regional Office at 704-663-1699.

Sincerely,

for Charles Wakild

Attachments

cc: Liz Hair, USACE Asheville Field Office Sonia Carrillo, DWQ Wetlands Unit File Copy

GENERAL CERTIFICATION FOR PROJECTS ELIGIBLE FOR U.S. ARMY CORPS OF
ENGINEERS NATIONWIDE PERMIT NUMBER 14 (LINEAR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS)
AND REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT 198200031 (WORK ASSOCIATED WITH BRIDGE
CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR CONDUCTED BY NCDOT OR OTHER
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES)
AND RIPARIAN AREA PROTECTION RULES (BUFFER RULES)

Water Quality Certification Number 3886 is issued in conformity with the requirements of Section 401, Public Laws 92-500 and 95-217 of the United States and subject to the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (DWQ) Regulations in 15A NCAC 02H .0500 and 15A NCAC 02B .0200 for the discharge of fill material to waters and adjacent wetland areas or to wetland areas that are not a part of the surface tributary system to interstate waters or navigable waters of the United States (as described in 33 CFR 330 Appendix A (B) (14) of the Corps of Engineers regulations (Nationwide Permit No. 14 and Regional General Permit 198200031) and for the Riparian Area Protection Rules (Buffer Rules) in 15A NCAC 02B .0200.

The State of North Carolina certifies that the specified category of activity will not violate applicable portions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Public Laws 92-500 and 95-217 if conducted in accordance with the conditions hereinafter set forth.

* Any proposed fill or modification of wetlands and/or waters, including streams, under this General Certification requires application to, and written approval from the Division of Water Quality except for the single family lot exemption described below.

Activities meeting any one (1) of the following thresholds or circumstances require written approval for a 401 Water Quality Certification from the Division of Water Quality (the "Division"):

- a) Any temporary or permanent impacts to wetlands, open waters and/or streams, including stream relocations, except for construction of a driveway to a single family lot as long as the driveway involves less than 25 feet of temporary and/or permanent stream channel impacts, including any in-stream stabilization needed for the crossing; or
- b) Any impact associated with a high density project (as defined in Item (A)(iv) of the 401 Stormwater Requirements) that is not subject to either a state stormwater program (such as, but not limited to, Coastal Counties, HQW, ORW or state-implemented Phase II NPDES) or a certified community's stormwater program; or
- c) Any impact associated with a Notice of Violation or an enforcement action for violation(s) of DWQ Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 02H .0500), Isolated Wetland Rules (15A NCAC 02H .1300), DWQ Surface Water or Wetland Standards, or Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 02B .0200); or
- * d) Any impacts to streams and/or buffers in the Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, or Catawba River Basins or in the Randleman, Jordan or Goose Creek Watersheds (or any other basin or watershed with Riparian Area Protection Rules [Buffer Rules] in effect at the time of application) unless the activities are listed as "EXEMPT" from these rules or a Buffer Authorization Certificate is issued through N.C. Division of Coastal Management (DCM) delegation for "ALLOWABLE" activities.
- * In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-215.3D(e), written approval for a 401 Water Quality General Certification must include the appropriate fee. If a project also requires a CAMA Permit, then one payment to both agencies shall be submitted and will be the higher of the two fees.

Activities included in this General Certification that do not meet one of the thresholds listed above do not require written approval from the Division as long as they comply with

the Conditions of Certification listed below. If any of these Conditions cannot be met, then written approval from the Division is required.

Conditions of Certification:

No Impacts Beyond those Authorized in the Written Approval or Beyond the Threshold of Use
of this Certification

No waste, spoil, solids, or fill of any kind shall occur in wetlands, waters, or riparian areas beyond the footprint of the impacts depicted in the Pre-Construction Notification, as authorized in the written approval from the Division or beyond the thresholds established for use of this Certification without written authorization, including incidental impacts. All construction activities, including the design, installation, operation, and maintenance of sediment and erosion control Best Management Practices shall be performed so that no violations of state water quality standards, statutes, or rules occur. Approved plans and specifications for this project are incorporated by reference and are enforceable parts of this permit.

2. Standard Erosion and Sediment Control Practices

Erosion and sediment control practices must be in full compliance with all specifications governing the proper design, installation and operation and maintenance of such Best Management Practices and if applicable, comply with the specific conditions and requirements of the NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit issued to the site:

- a. Design, installation, operation, and maintenance of the sediment and erosion control measures must be such that they equal or exceed the requirements specified in the most recent version of the *North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Manual*. The devices shall be maintained on all construction sites, borrow sites, and waste pile (spoil) projects, including contractor-owned or leased borrow pits associated with the project.
- b. For borrow pit sites, the erosion and sediment control measures must be designed, installed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the most recent version of the North Carolina Surface Mining Manual.
- c. Reclamation measures and implementation must comply with the reclamation in accordance with the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act and the Mining Act of 1971.
- d. Sufficient materials required for stabilization and/or repair of erosion control measures and stormwater routing and treatment shall be on site at all times.
- e. If the project occurs in waters or watersheds classified as Primary Nursery Areas (PNAs), SA, WS-I, WS-II, High Quality (HQW), or Outstanding Resource (ORW) waters, then the sedimentation and erosion control designs must comply with the requirements set forth in 15A NCAC 04B .0124, Design Standards in Sensitive Watersheds.

3. No Sediment and Erosion Control Measures in Wetlands or Waters

Sediment and erosion control measures shall not be placed in wetlands or waters. Exceptions to this condition require application submittal to and written approval by the Division. If placement of sediment and erosion control devices in wetlands and waters is unavoidable, then design and placement of temporary erosion control measures shall not be conducted in a manner that may result in dis-equilibrium of wetlands, stream beds, or banks, adjacent to or upstream and downstream of the above structures. All sediment and erosion control devices shall be removed and the natural grade restored within two (2) months of the date that the Division of Land Resources (DLR) or locally delegated program has released the specific area within the project.

4. Construction Stormwater Permit NCG010000

An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit is required for construction projects that disturb one (1) or more acres of land. This Permit allows stormwater to be discharged during land disturbing construction activities as stipulated in the conditions of the permit. If your project is covered by this permit, full compliance with permit conditions including the erosion & sedimentation control plan, inspections and maintenance, self-monitoring, record keeping and reporting requirements is required. A copy of the general permit (NCG010000), inspection log sheets, and other information may be found at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wg/ws/su/npdessw#tab-w.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) shall be required to be in full compliance with the conditions related to construction activities within the most recent version of their individual NPDES (NCS000250) stormwater permit.

5. Construction Moratoriums and Coordination

If activities must occur during periods of high biological activity (i.e. sea turtle nesting, fish spawning, or bird nesting), then biological monitoring may be required at the request of other state or federal agencies and coordinated with these activities.

All moratoriums on construction activities established by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to lessen impacts on trout, anadromous fish, larval/post-larval fishes and crustaceans, or other aquatic species of concern shall be implemented. Exceptions to this condition require written approval by the resource agency responsible for the given moratorium.

Work within the twenty-five (25) designated trout counties or identified state or federal endangered or threatened species habitat shall be coordinated with the appropriate WRC, USFWS, NMFS, and/or DMF personnel.

6. Work in the Dry

All work in or adjacent to stream waters shall be conducted so that the flowing stream does not come in contact with the disturbed area. Approved best management practices from the most current version of the NC Sediment and Erosion Control Manual, or the NC DOT Construction and Maintenance Activities Manual, such as sandbags, rock berms, cofferdams, and other diversion structures shall be used to minimize excavation in flowing water. Exceptions to this condition require application submittal to and written approval by the Division.

7. Riparian Area Protection (Buffer) Rules

Activities located in the protected riparian areas (whether jurisdictional wetlands or not), within the Neuse, Tar-Pamlico, or Catawba River Basins or in the Randleman, Jordan, or Goose Creek Watersheds (or any other basin or watershed with buffer rules) shall be limited to "uses" identified within and constructed in accordance with 15A NCAC 02B .0233, .0259, .0243, .0250, .0267 and .0605, and shall be located, designed, constructed, and maintained to have minimal disturbance to protect water quality to the maximum extent practicable through the use of best management practices. All buffer rule requirements, including diffuse flow requirements, must be met.

- 8. If concrete is used during the construction, then all necessary measures shall be taken to prevent direct contact between uncured or curing concrete and waters of the state. Water that inadvertently contacts uncured concrete shall not be discharged to waters of the state due to the potential for elevated pH and possible aquatic life/ fish kills.
- 9. Bridge deck drains shall not discharge directly into the stream. Stormwater shall be directed across the bridge and pre-treated through site-appropriate means (grassed swales, preformed scour holes, vegetated buffers, etc.) before entering the stream. Please refer to the most current version of Stormwater Best Management Practices. Exceptions to this condition require written approval by the Division.

10. Compensatory Mitigation

In accordance with 15A NCAC 02H .0506 (h), compensatory mitigation may be required for losses of equal to or greater than 150 linear feet of streams (intermittent and perennial) and/or equal to or greater than one (1) acre of wetlands. For linear public transportation projects, impacts equal to or exceeding 150 linear feet per stream shall require mitigation.

Buffer mitigation may be required for any project with Buffer Rules in effect at the time of application for activities classified as "Allowable with Mitigation" or "Prohibited" within the Table of Uses.

A determination of buffer, wetland, and stream mitigation requirements shall be made for any General Water Quality Certification for this Nationwide and/or Regional General Permit. Design and monitoring protocols shall follow the US Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District Stream Mitigation Guidelines (April 2003) or its subsequent updates. Compensatory mitigation plans shall be submitted to the Division for written approval as required in those protocols. The mitigation plan must be implemented and/or constructed before any impacts occur on site. Alternatively, the Division will accept payment into an in-lieu fee program or a mitigation bank. In these cases, proof of payment shall be provided to the Division before any impacts occur on site.

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11. Relocated stream designs should include the same dimensions, patterns, and profiles as the existing channel (or a stable reference reach if the existing channel is unstable), to the maximum extent practical. The new channel should be constructed in the dry and water shall not be turned into the new channel until the banks are stabilized. Vegetation used for bank stabilization shall be limited to native woody species, and should include establishment of a 30-foot wide wooded and an adjacent 20-foot wide vegetated buffer on both sides of the relocated channel to the maximum extent practical. A transitional phase incorporating appropriate erosion control matting materials and seedling establishment is allowable, however matting that incorporates plastic mesh and/or plastic twine shall not be used in wetlands, riparian buffers or floodplains as recommended by the North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Manual. Rip-rap, A-Jacks, concrete, gabions or other hard structures may be allowed if it is necessary to maintain the physical integrity of the stream; however, the applicant must provide written justification and any calculations used to determine the extent of rip-rap coverage. Please note that if the stream relocation is conducted as a stream restoration as defined in the US Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District, April 2003 Stream Mitigation Guidelines (or its subsequent updates), the restored length may be used as compensatory mitigation for the impacts resulting from the relocation.

12. Stormwater Management Plan Requirements

All applications shall address stormwater management throughout the entire project area per the 401 Stormwater Requirements, referenced herein as "**Attachment A**" at the end of this Certification.

13. Placement of Culverts and Other Structures in Waters and Wetlands

Culverts required for this project shall be designed and installed in such a manner that the original stream profiles are not altered and allow for aquatic life movement during low flows. Existing stream dimensions (including the cross section dimensions, pattern, and longitudinal profile) must be maintained above and below locations of each culvert.

Placement of culverts and other structures in waters and streams must be below the elevation of the streambed by one foot for all culverts with a diameter greater than 48 inches, and 20 percent of the culvert diameter for culverts having a diameter less than or equal to 48 inches, to allow low flow passage of water and aquatic life.

When topographic constraints indicate culvert slopes of greater than 5%, culvert burial is not required, provided that all alternative options for flattening the slope have been investigated and aquatic life movement/ connectivity has been provided when possible (rock ladders, crossvanes, etc). Notification to the Division including supporting documentation to include a location map of the culvert, culvert profile drawings, and slope calculations shall be provided to the Division 60 days prior to the installation of the culvert.

When bedrock is present in culvert locations, culvert burial is not required provided that there is sufficient documentation of the presence of bedrock. Notification to the Division including supporting documentation such as, but not limited to, a location map of the culvert, geotechnical reports, photographs, etc shall be provided to the Division a minimum of 60 days prior to the installation of the culvert. If bedrock is discovered during construction, then the Division shall be notified by phone or email within 24 hours of discovery.

If other site-specific topographic constraints preclude the ability to bury the culverts as described above and/or it can be demonstrated that burying the culvert would result in destabilization of the channel, then exceptions to this condition require application submittal to, and written approval by, the Division of Water Quality, regardless of the total impacts to streams or wetlands from the project.

Installation of culverts in wetlands must ensure continuity of water movement and be designed to adequately accommodate high water or flood conditions. Additionally, when roadways, causeways, or other fill projects are constructed across FEMA-designated floodways or wetlands, openings such as culverts or bridges must be provided to maintain the natural hydrology of the system as well as prevent constriction of the floodway that may result in destabilization of streams or wetlands.

The establishment of native, woody vegetation and other soft stream bank stabilization techniques must be used where practicable instead of riprap or other bank hardening methods.

- 14. All temporary fill and culverts shall be removed and the impacted area returned to natural conditions within 60 days of the determination that the temporary impact is no longer necessary. The impacted areas shall be restored to original grade, including each stream's original cross sectional dimensions, plan form pattern, and longitudinal bed and bed profile, and the various sites shall be stabilized with natural woody vegetation (except for the approved maintenance areas) and restored to prevent erosion.
- 15. All temporary pipes/ culverts/ riprap pads etc, shall be installed in all streams as outlined in the most recent edition of the North Carolina Sediment and Erosion Control Planning and Design Manual or the North Carolina Surface Mining Manual so as not to restrict stream flow or cause dis-equilibrium during use of this General Certification.
- 16. Any riprap required for proper culvert placement, stream stabilization, or restoration of temporarily disturbed areas shall be restricted to the area directly impacted by the approved construction activity. All rip-rap shall buried and/or "keyed in" such that the original stream elevation and streambank contours are restored and maintained. Placement of rip-rap or other approved materials shall not result in de-stabilization of the stream bed or banks upstream or downstream of the area.
- 17. Any rip-rap used for stream stabilization shall be of a size and density so as not to be able to be carried off by wave, current action, or stream flows and consist of clean rock or masonry material free of debris or toxic pollutants. Rip-rap shall not be installed in the streambed except in specific areas required for velocity control and to ensure structural integrity of bank stabilization measures.
- 18. A one-time application of fertilizer to re-establish vegetation is allowed in disturbed areas including riparian buffers, but is restricted to no closer than 10 feet from top of bank of streams. Any fertilizer application must comply with all other Federal, State and Local regulations.
- 19. If this Water Quality Certification is used to access building sites, then all lots owned by the applicant must be buildable without additional impacts to streams or wetlands. The applicant is required to provide evidence that the lots are buildable without requiring additional impacts to wetlands, waters, or buffers if required to do so in writing by the Division. For road construction purposes, this Certification shall only be utilized from natural high ground to natural high ground.
- 20. Deed notifications or similar mechanisms shall be placed on all retained jurisdictional wetlands, waters, and protective buffers within the project boundaries in order to assure compliance for future wetland, water, and buffer impact. These mechanisms shall be put in place at the time of recording of the property or of individual lots, whichever is appropriate. A sample deed notification can be downloaded from the 401/Wetlands Unit web site at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/certsandpermits/apply/forms. The text of the sample deed notification may be modified as appropriate to suit to a specific project. Documentation of deed notifications shall be provided to the Division upon request.

- * 21. If an environmental document is required under the National or State Environmental Policy Act (NEPA or SEPA), then this General Certification is not valid until a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or Record of Decision (ROD) is issued by the State Clearinghouse.
 - 22. In the twenty (20) coastal counties, the appropriate DWQ Regional Office must be contacted to determine if Coastal Stormwater Regulations will be required.
 - 23. This General Certification does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to obtain all other required Federal, State, or Local approvals.
 - 24. The applicant/permittee and their authorized agents shall conduct all activities in a manner consistent with State water quality standards (including any requirements resulting from compliance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act), and any other appropriate requirements of State and Federal Law. If the Division determines that such standards or laws are not being met, including failure to sustain a designated or achieved use, or that State or Federal law is being violated, or that further conditions are necessary to assure compliance, then the Division may reevaluate and modify this General Water Quality Certification.
- * 25. When written authorization is required for use of this certification, upon completion of all permitted impacts included within the approval and any subsequent modifications, the applicant shall be required to return the certificate of completion attached to the approval. One copy of the certificate shall be sent to the DWQ Central Office in Raleigh at 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1650.
 - 26. Additional site-specific conditions, including monitoring and/or modeling requirements, may be added to the written approval letter for projects proposed under this Water Quality Certification in order to ensure compliance with all applicable water quality and effluent standards.
 - 27. This certification grants permission to the director, an authorized representative of the Director, or DENR staff, upon the presentation of proper credentials, to enter the property during normal business hours.

This General Certification shall expire on the same day as the expiration date of the corresponding Nationwide and/or Regional General Permit. The conditions in effect on the date of issuance of Certification for a specific project shall remain in effect for the life of the project, regardless of the expiration date of this Certification.

Non-compliance with or violation of the conditions herein set forth by a specific project may result in revocation of this General Certification for the project and may also result in criminal and/or civil penalties.

The Director of the North Carolina Division of Water Quality may require submission of a formal application for Individual Certification for any project in this category of activity if it is determined that the project is likely to have a significant adverse effect upon water quality, including state or federally listed endangered or threatened aquatic species, or degrade the waters so that existing uses of the wetland or downstream waters are precluded.

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Public hearings may be held for specific applications or group of applications prior to a Certification decision if deemed in the public's best interest by the Director of the North Carolina Division of Water Quality.

Effective date: March 19, 2012

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History Note: Water Quality Certification (WQC) Number 3886 issued March 12, 2012 replaces WQC Number 3820 issued April 6, 2010; WQC Number 3627 issued March 2007; WQC Number 3404 issued March 2003; WQC Number 3375 issued March 18, 2002; WQC Number 3289 issued June 1, 2000; WQC Number 3103 issued February 11, 1997; WQC Number 2732 issued May 1, 1992; WQC Number 2666 issued January 21, 1992; WQC Number 2177 issued November 5, 1987. This WQC is rescinded when the Corps of Engineers reauthorizes any of the corresponding Nationwide and/or Regional General Permits or when deemed appropriate by the Director of the Division of Water Quality.

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Attachment A: 401 Stormwater Requirements

The requirements listed below shall be implemented in order to comply with Condition 12 of this General Certification. For the North Carolina Department of Transportation, compliance with NCDOT's Individual NPDES permit NCS000250 shall serve to satisfy the 401 and Isolated Wetland Stormwater Requirements.¹

- A. **Design and Implementation Requirements.** All projects, regardless of project area, amount of built-upon area or amount of jurisdictional impact, shall meet the following stormwater design requirements:
 - i. **Non-Erosive Discharge to Streams and Wetlands.** Stormwater conveyances that discharge to streams and wetlands must discharge at a non-erosive velocity prior to entering the stream or wetland during the peak flow from the ten-year storm.²
 - ii. Vegetated Setbacks. A 30-foot wide vegetated setback must be maintained adjacent to streams, rivers and tidal waters in areas that are not subject to a state Riparian Area Protection Rule or other more stringent vegetated setback requirements. The width of the setback shall be measured horizontally from the normal pool elevation of impounded structures, the top-of-bank of streams and rivers, and the mean high waterline of tidal waters, perpendicular to shoreline. Vegetated setback and filters required by state rules or local governments may be met concurrently with this requirement and may contain coastal, isolated or 404 jurisdictional wetlands. Non-jurisdictional portions of the vegetated setback may be cleared and graded, but must be planted with and maintained in grass or other vegetative or plant material.³
 - iii. **Construction and Operation.** The stormwater management plan must be constructed and operational before any permanent building or other structure is occupied or utilized at the site. The stormwater management plan, including drainage patterns, must be maintained in perpetuity.⁴
 - iv. Coordination with Other Stormwater Programs. Projects that are subject to another Division of Water Quality (DWQ) stormwater program, including (but not limited to) the 20 Coastal Counties, HQW, ORW or state-implemented Phase II NPDES, or a Certified Community's stormwater management program, must be constructed and maintained in compliance with the approved stormwater management plan.⁵
 - v. Stormwater Design Requirements for Projects Not Covered Under Item (iv).

 Projects that are not subject to another DWQ stormwater program or a Certified
 Community's stormwater program shall meet all of the following requirements:
 - a. Low Density. A site is low density if all the following requirements are met:
 - 1. The development has a built upon area of twenty-four percent (24%) or less, considering both current and future development. When determining the amount of built upon area, coastal wetlands shall be included; however, ponds, lakes and rivers as specified in North Carolina's Schedule of Classifications shall be excluded. If a portion of project has a density greater than 24%, the higher density area must be located in an upland area and away from surface waters and drainageways to the maximum extent practicable.⁶
 - 2. All stormwater runoff from the built upon areas is transported primarily via vegetated conveyances designed in accordance with the most recent version of the NC DWQ Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual. Alternative designs may be approved if the applicant can show that the design provides

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equal or better water quality protection than the practices specified in the manual. The project must not include a stormwater collection system (such as piped conveyances) as defined in 15A NCAC 02B .0202(60).⁷

- b. **High Density.** Projects that do not meet the Low Density requirements shall meet the following requirements:
 - Stormwater runoff from the entire site must be treated by structural stormwater controls (BMPs) that are designed to remove eighty-five percent (85%) of the average annual amount of Total Suspended Solids (TSS). Stormwater runoff that drains directly to Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW) must also be treated to remove thirty percent (30%) of Total Nitrogen (TN) and Total Phosphorus (TP).⁸
 - 2. All BMPs must be designed in accordance with the version of the NC DWQ Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual that is in place on the date of stormwater management plan submittal. Alternative designs may be approved if the applicant can show that the design provides equal or better water quality protection than the practices specified in the manual.⁹
 - DWQ may add specific stormwater management requirements on a case-bycase basis in order to ensure that a proposed activity will not violate water quality standards.¹⁰
 - 4. DWQ may approve Low Impact Developments (LIDs) that meet the guidance set forth in the Low Impact Development: A Guidebook for North Carolina. 11
 - Proposed new development undertaken by a local government solely as a public road project shall follow the requirements of the NC DOT BMP Toolbox rather than Items (1)-(4) above.¹²
- B. Submittal Requirements. The submittal requirements listed below apply only to projects that require written authorization as indicated in the applicable General Certification as well as projects that require an Isolated Wetlands Permit. Any required documentation shall be sent to the Wetlands, Buffers and Stormwater Compliance and Permitting Unit at 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1650.
 - Projects that are Subject to Another DWQ Stormwater Program: If the project is subject to another DWQ stormwater program, such as the 20 Coastal Counties, HQW, ORW or state-implemented Phase II NPDES, then the applicant shall submit a copy of the stormwater approval letter before any impacts occur on site.¹³
 - ii. Projects that are Subject to a Certified Community's Stormwater Program. If the project is subject to a certified local government's stormwater program, then the applicant shall submit one set of approved stormwater management plan details and calculations with documentation of the local government's approval before any impacts occur on site.⁵
 - iii. Projects Not Covered Under Items (i) or (ii). If the project is not subject to another DWQ Stormwater Program or a Certified Community's stormwater program, then it shall be reviewed and approved by the DWQ through the Water Quality Certification authorization process.
 - a. Low Density. For low density projects, the applicant shall submit two copies of the DWQ Low Density Supplement Form with all required items.¹³

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- b. High Density. For high density projects, the applicant shall submit two copies of a DWQ BMP Supplement Form and all required items at the specified scales for each BMP that is proposed.¹³
- iv. **Phasing.** Stormwater management plans may be phased on a case-by-case basis, with the submittal of a final stormwater management plan per Items (i)-(iii) above required for the current phase and a conceptual stormwater management plan for the future phase(s). The stormwater management plan for each future phase must be approved by the appropriate entity before construction of that phase is commenced. The approved stormwater management plan for each future phase must be constructed and operational before any permanent building or other structure associated with that phase is occupied. ¹⁴
- v. **Stormwater Management Plan Modifications.** The stormwater management plan may not be modified without prior written authorization from the entity that approved the plan. If the project is within a Certified Community, then the applicant shall submit one set of approved stormwater management plan details and calculations with documentation of the local government's approval for record-keeping purposes. If the project is subject to DWQ review, then the applicant shall submit two copies of the appropriate Supplement Forms per Item (iii) above for any BMPs that have been modified for DWQ's review and approval. ¹⁵

The stormwater requirement for 401 applications is codified in 15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(5) and (c)(5).

Non erosive discharge rates are required in SL 2008-211§2(b)(1). The 10-year design storm standard is codified in 15A NCAC 02H .1008(f)(2) and .1008(g)(1).

3 30-foot vegetated setbacks are required in SL 2006-246§9(d), SL 2008-211§2(b), 15A NCAC 02H .1006(2)(c) and .1007(1)(a).

Construction and maintenance of the stormwater plan is necessary to satisfy 15A NCAC 02H .0506(b)(5).

Conveys application procedure to streamline the permitting process and reduce any unnecessary duplication in the review of stormwater management plans.

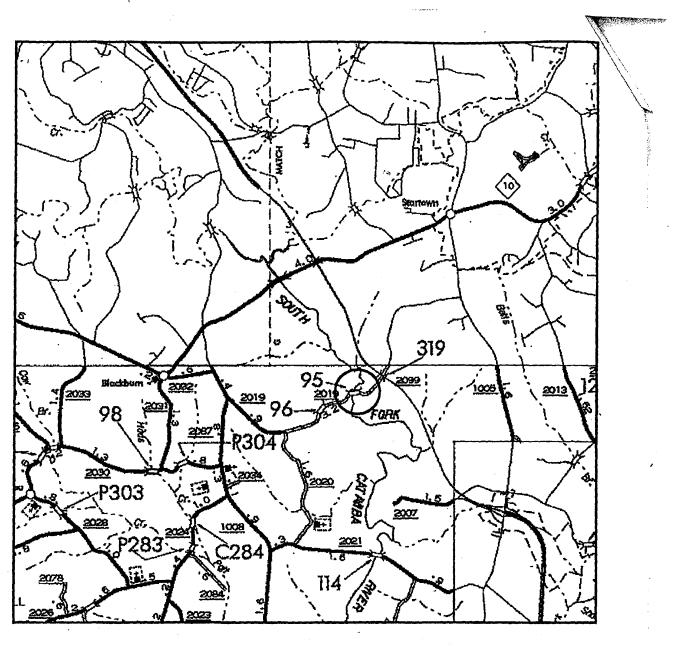
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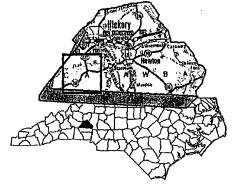
The requirement for low density development to use vegetated conveyances is codified in SL 2006-246§9(c), SL 2008-211§2(b), 15A NCAC 02H .1006(2)(b) and .1007(1)(a). The Stormwater BMP Manual is also referenced in 15A NCAC 02B .0265(3)(a) and .0277(4)(e).

85% TSS removal is required in SL 2006-246§9(d), SL 2008-211§2(b), 15A NCAC 02H .1006(2)(c), 15A NCAC 02H .1007(1)(a). The 30% TN and TP removal requirements for NSW waters are set forth in 15A NCAC 02B .0232, 15A NCAC 02B .0257(a)(1), 15A NCAC 02B .0265(3)(a) and 15A NCAC 02B .0277(4).

⁹ The Stormwater BMP Manual is also referenced in 15A NCAC 02B .0265(3)(a) and .0277(4)(e).

- The requirement for DWQ to ensure that water quality standards are protected before issuing a 401 certification is codified in 15A NCAC 02H .0506.
- ¹¹ The LID Toolbox is also referenced in 15A NCAC 02B .0277(4)(g).
- 12 The term "public road project" is defined in15A NCAC 02B .0265(3)(a).
- ¹³ Conveys application procedure to streamline the permitting process.
- Phased development is addressed as a "common plan of development" in 15A NCAC 02H .1003(3).
- ¹⁵ Procedures for modifying stormwater plans are set forth in 15A NCAC 02H .1011.



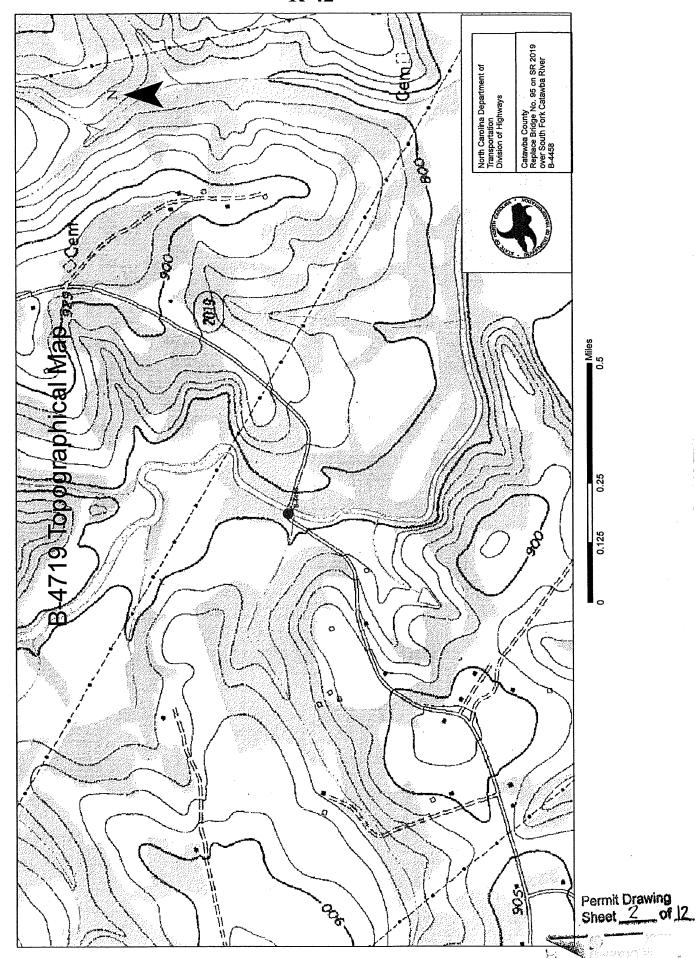


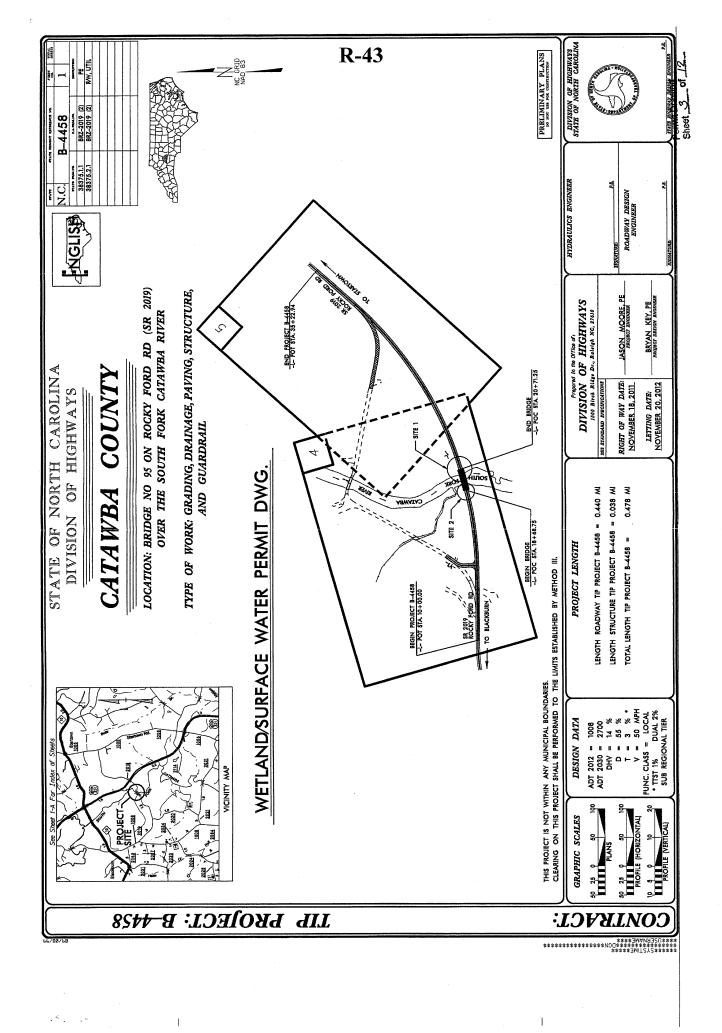


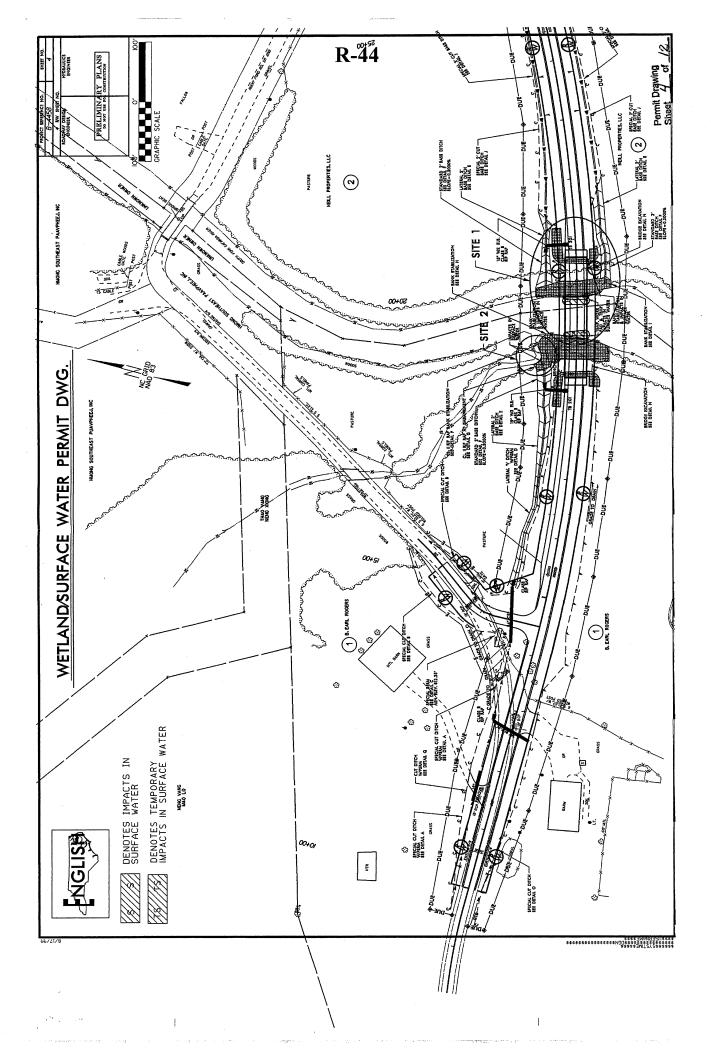
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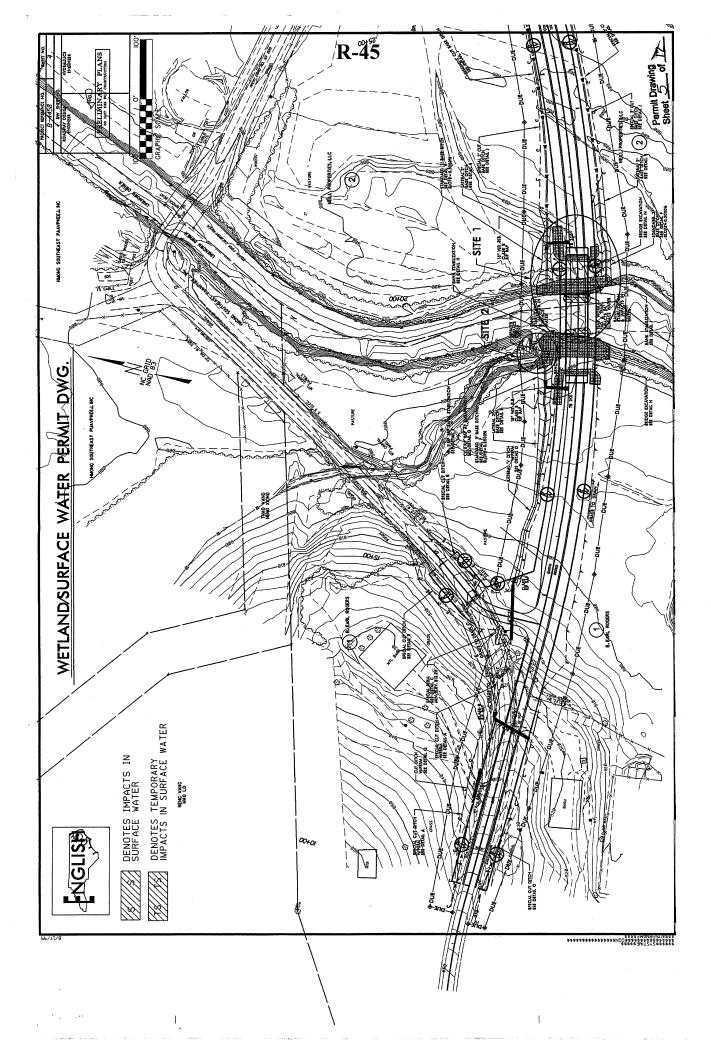
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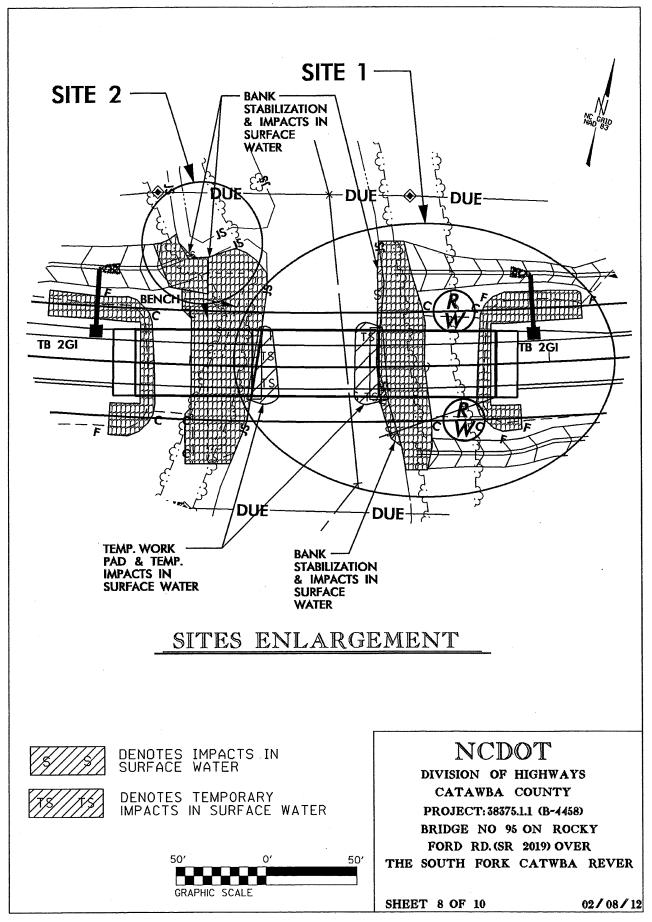
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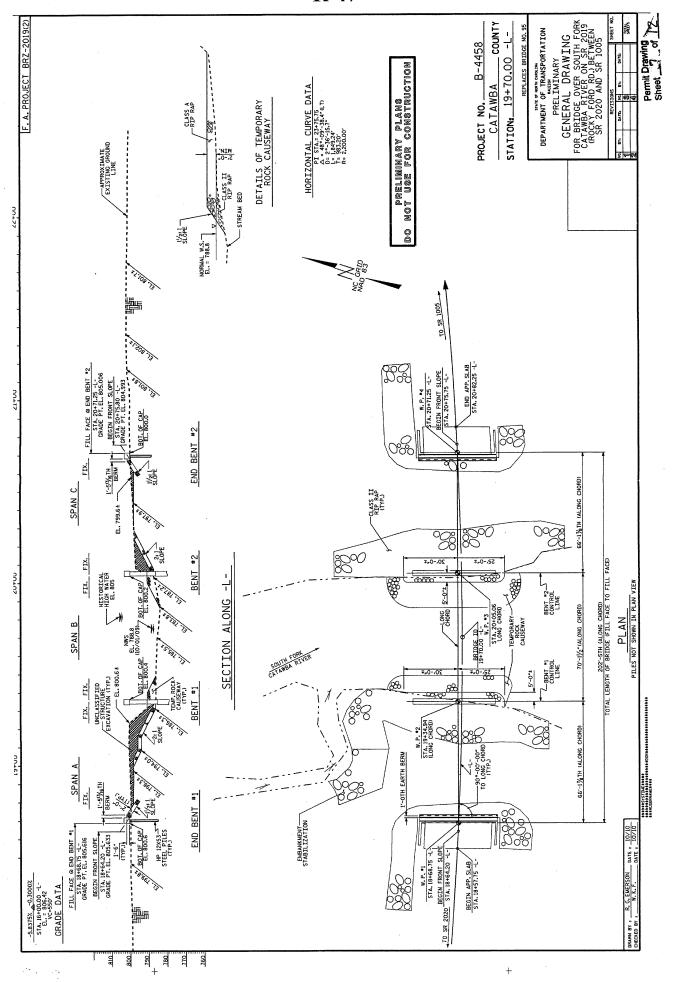


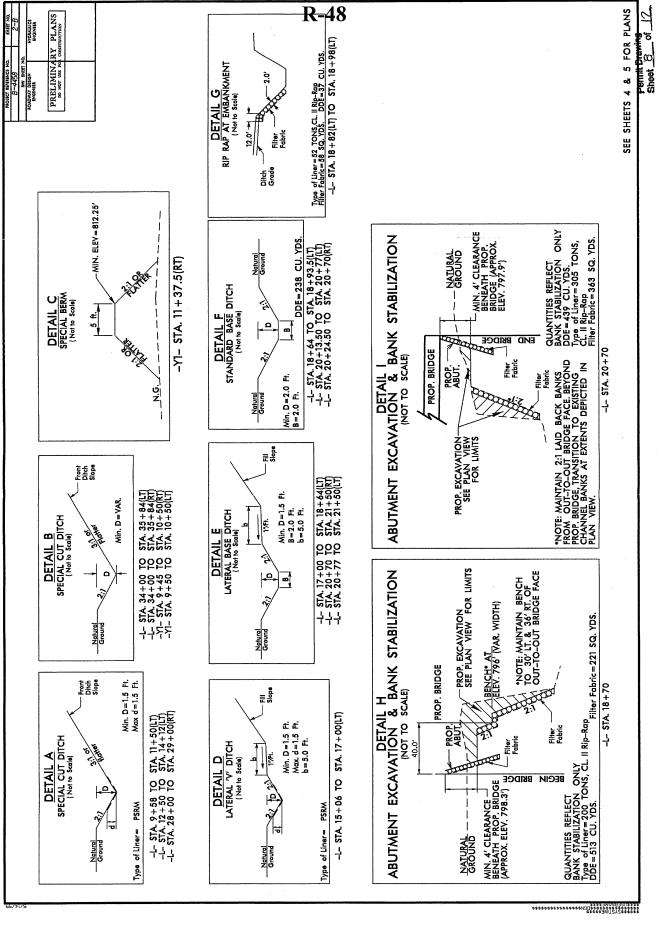


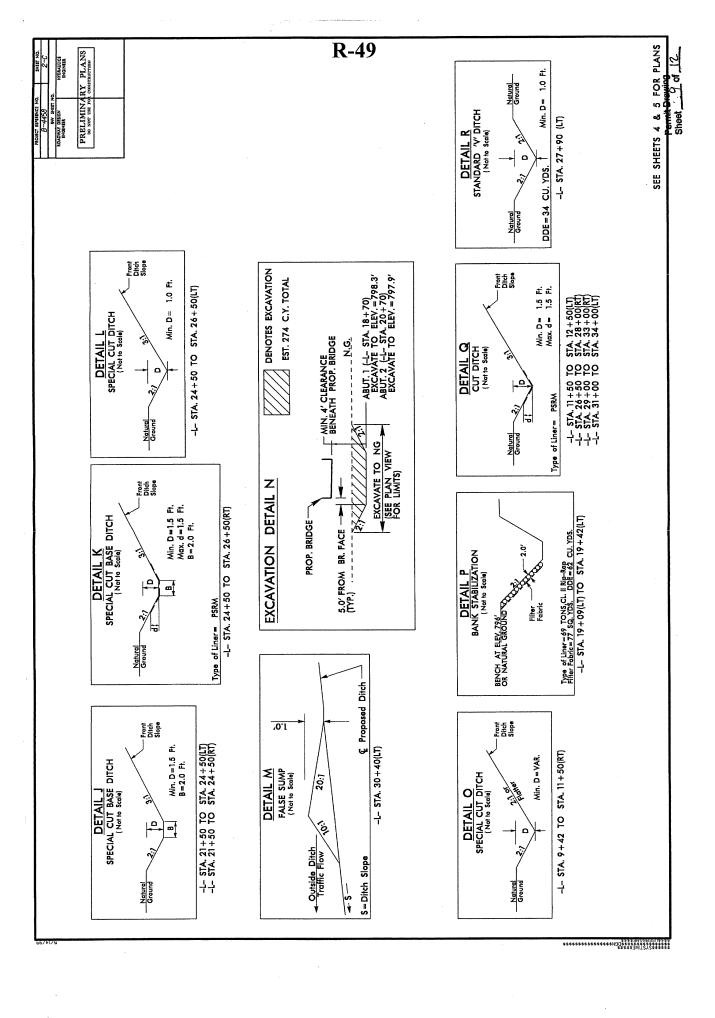


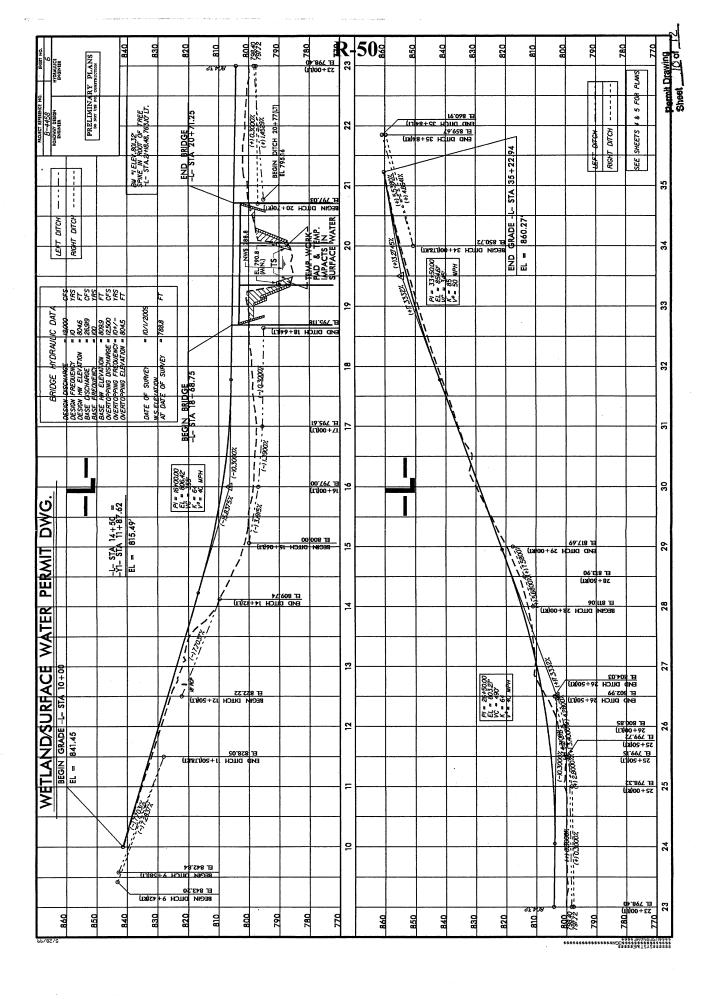












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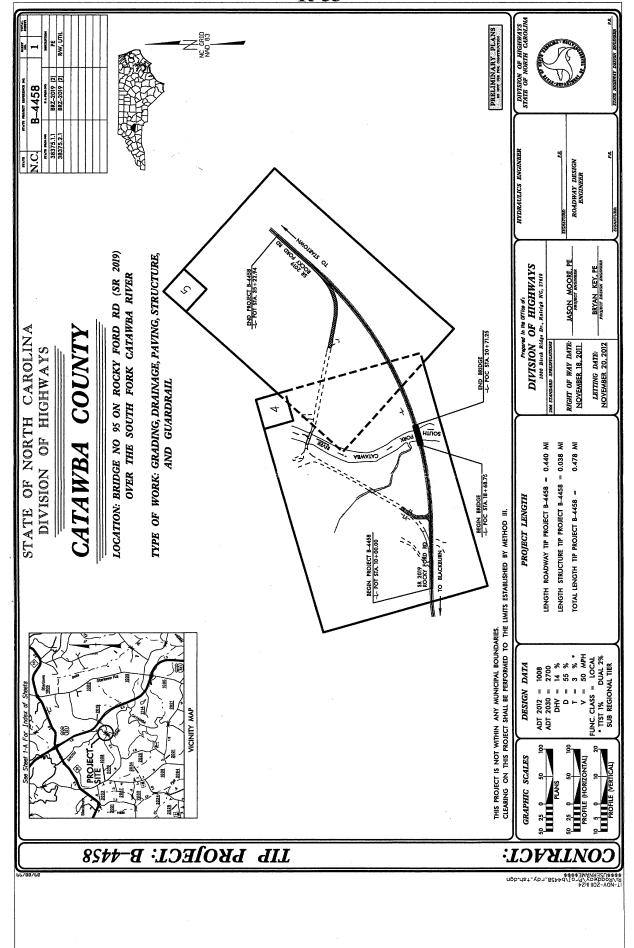
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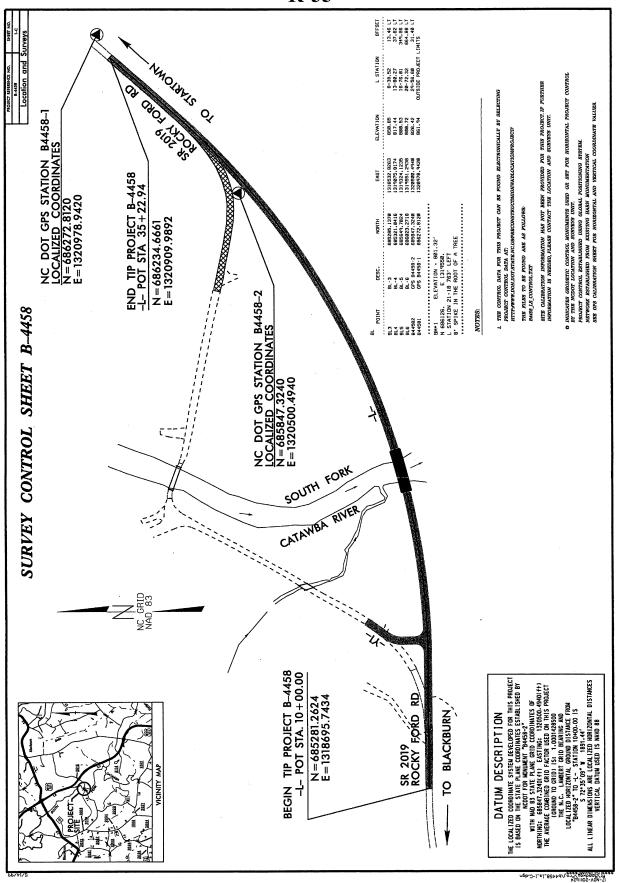
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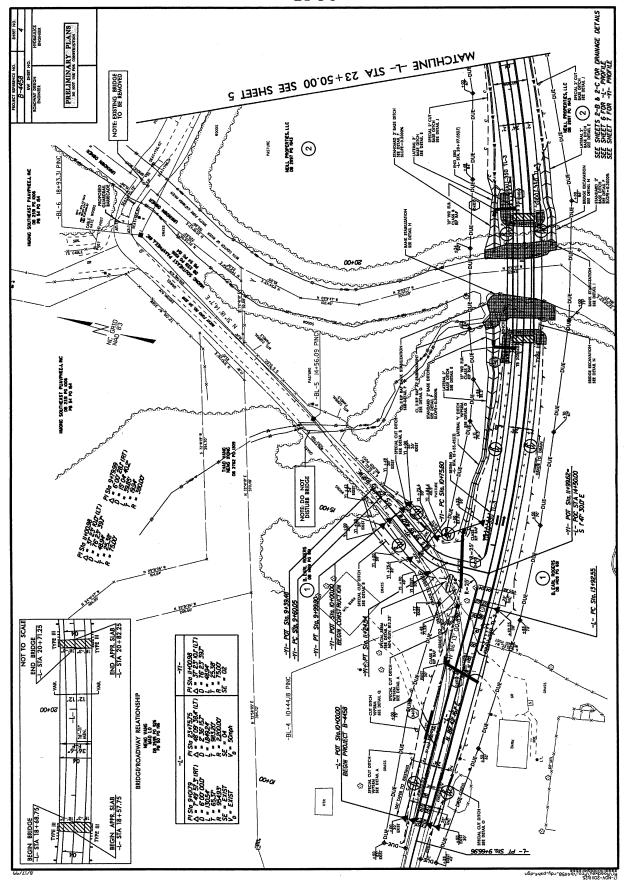
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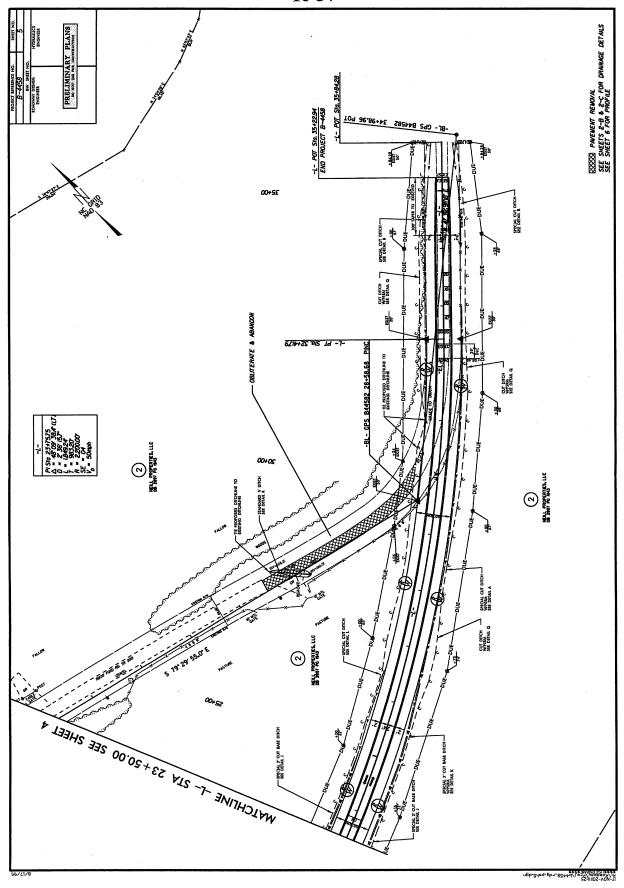


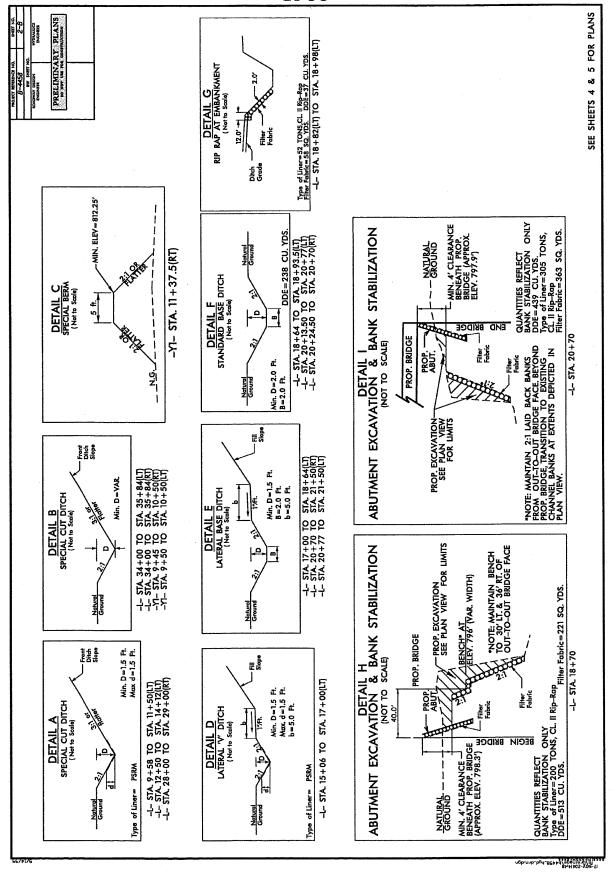
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HIGHWAYS	PLAN SHEET SYMBOLS	WATER	Wate	Wate		EXISTING STRUCTURES: Water	MAJOR: Recor	П	Bridge Wing Wall, Head Wall and End Wall -) com w (Above		nd Wall		Y		<u> </u>			UTILITIES: Desig		Existing Power Pole	Proposed Power Pole Gas		Proposed Joint Use Pole Recor				UG Power Cable Hand Hole SANIT			Designated U/G Power Line (S.U.E.*)		TELEPHONE:	\$	Θ	Telephone Booth (3) Utility		Telephone Cell Tower		Recorded U/G Telephone Cable Utility	Designated U/G Telephone Cable (S.U.E.*) U/G	Recorded U/G Telephone Conduit	Designated UG Telephone Conduit (S.U.E.*) UG	101	Designated UC Fiber Optics Cable (S.U.E.+
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS	CONVENTIONAL PLA			RAILROADS:	Standard Gauge		Switch	pauopu	RR Dismanifed	RIGHT OF WAY:	Baseline Control Point	Existing Right of Way Marker	Existing Right of Way Line	-x- Proposed Right of Way Line	Proposed Right of Way Line with	Proposed Right of Way Line with			d Control of Access		-		Proposed Fermanent Drainage Easement			Iron Pin and Cap Marker	ROADS AND RELATED FEATURES:	Existing Edge of Pavement		Proposed Slope Stakes Cut		Proposed Wheel Chair Ramp	Proposed Guardrail	Existing Cable Guiderail	Proposed Cable Guiderail	Equality Symbol	Pavement Removal	VEGETATION:	Single Tree	Single Shrub	Hedge	Woods Line	Orchard ———— @	Vineyard Phases
O.O.L Swondace Office Digmering			ROTINDABIES AND PROPERTY.	Stripe line	- cuit vino	Townsy Line	lownsnip Line	Cily Line	Reservation Line	Frieting Iron Bin			Parcel/Sequence Number (23)	Existing Fence Line	Proposed Woven Wire Fence	Proposed Chain Link Fence	Proposed Barbed Wire Fence	Existing Wetland Boundary	Proposed Wetland Boundary	Existing Endangered Animal Boundary	Existing Endangered Plant Boundary	BUILDINGS AND OTHER CULTURE:	Gas Pump Vent or U/G Tank Cap			Small Mine **	Foundation ————————————————————————————————————	Area Outline	Cemetery		++			Stream or Body of Water	Hydro Pool or Reservoir]	Buffer Zone 1		Flow Arrow	Disappearing Stream	Spring	Wetland	Proposed Lateral, Tail, Head Ditch	False Sump

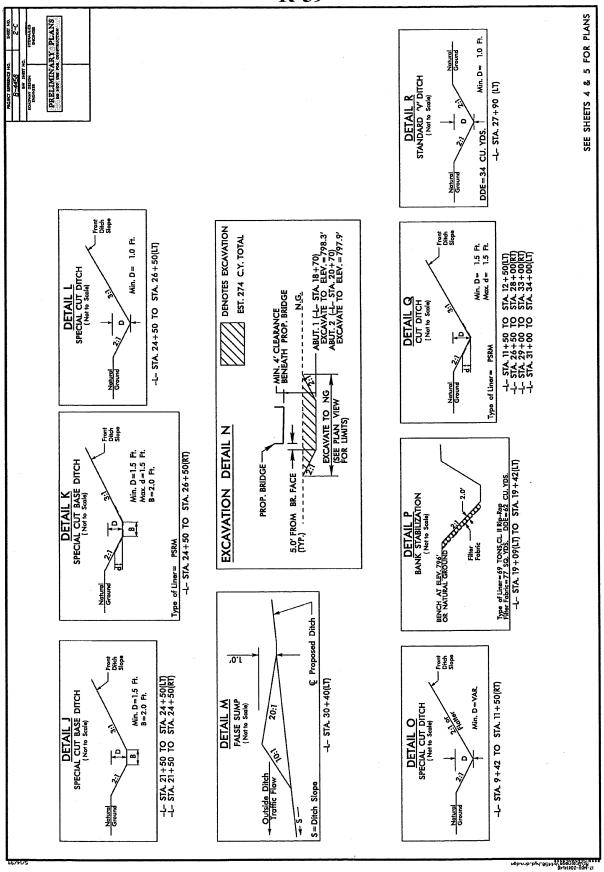








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