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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)
Transportation Permitting Branch

NC Division of Water Resources
Transportation Permitting Branch

ATTN: NCDOT Coordinator

NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Reverification of Regional General Permit 50 & 401 Water Quality and Catawba Riparian Buffer Certification** for the Replacement of Bridge 10 over Catawba River/Lake Rhodhiss on SR 1001 (Malcolm Blvd/Connelly Springs Road) in Burke and Caldwell County, Division 13 and 11, TIP No. R-3430B, WBS: 34544.3.3

Dear NCDOT Coordinators:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) hereby requests reverification of the impacts to potential Waters of the United States for the above referenced project that were previously authorized under an expiring Regional General Permit (RGP) and/or Water Quality Certification (WQC).

Previous Authorization Information

USACE Action ID	SAW-2019-01368	NCDWR Project No.	20221711
RGP No.	50	General Certification No.	4135
Date Issued	November 15, 2023	Date Issued	December 16, 2022

The previous permit application and authorization can be found here:

[R-3430B Burke Caldwell 10](#)

Lead Federal Agency:

FHWA USACE

Project Status:

Pre-Let Under Construction

Reverifications Requested:

RGP 31 RGP 50 Individual 401 WQC GC 7679 For the Record Only

Supporting Documentation of Previous Permitting Decision

Topic	Notes / Changes
Permit Drawings	No Change
Impact Summary	No Change
Mitigation	No Change
Endangered Species Act	See table below
Archaeology	No Change
Historic Architecture and Landscapes	No Change
Tribal Coordination	No Tribes Added

Endangered Species Act

Protected Species listed from IPaC¹ as of the date of this request²:

Common Name	Habitat Present	Survey Dates	Proposed Biological Conclusion	FWS Concurrence Remarks
Bog turtle	No	n/a	Not Required	n/a
Gray bat	Yes	6/9/21, 6/10/24	MA-NLAA	MA-NLAA ³
Tricolored bat (P) ⁴	Yes	6/9/21, 6/10/24	MA-NLAA	MA-NLAA
Small whorled pogonia	Yes	6/17/21, 6/19/22, 6/10/24, 6/25/25	No Effect	n/a
Monarch Butterfly ⁵ (P)	n/a	n/a	Not Required	n/a

1 IPaC – Information for Planning and Consultation (US Fish and Wildlife Service)

2 Dwarf-flowered heartleaf was delisted in August 2025

3 MA-NLAA = May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect

4 P = Proposed

5 Monarch butterfly was proposed for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in December 2024. As of December 2025 the final decision has been delayed, and the status has been moved to "long-term action," meaning no final ruling is expected for at least another year. No regulatory protections will take effect until the listing is finalized. Until that time, proposed species do not receive formal ESA protections.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Erin Cheely at ekcheely@ncdot.gov or (919)707-6108.

Sincerely,



Erin K. Cheely

ECAP Western Team Lead

Project Submittal Interim Form



Updated March 16, 2026

*Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk * below are required. You will not be able to submit the form until all mandatory questions are answered.*

Project Type: *

- For the Record Only (Courtesy Copy)
- Modification/New Project with Existing ID
- Other Agency Comments
- Re-Issuance/Renewal Request
- New Project
- More Information Response
- Pre-Application Submittal
- Stream or Buffer Appeal

Is this application for a project associated with emergency response/repairs from Hurricane Helene impacts to your project or property? *

- Yes
- No

Submittal Type: *

401 Application

Project Contact Information

Name:

Erin K. Cheely

Who is submitting the information?

Email Address: *

ekcheely@ncdot.gov

Project Information

Existing ID #: *

20221711

20170001 (no dashes)

Existing Version: *

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Project Name: *

R-3430B - Bridge 10 over Catawba River/Lake Rhodhiss on SR 1001 (Malcolm Blvd/Connelly Springs Rd)

Is this a public transportation project? *

- Yes
- No

Is this a DOT project? *

- Yes
- No

Is the project located within a NC DCM Area of Environmental Concern (AEC)? *

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Does this project involve maintenance dredging funded by the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Aquatic Weed Fund, electric generation projects located at an existing or former electric generating facility, or involve the distribution or transmission of energy or fuel, including natural gas, diesel, petroleum, or electricity? *

- Yes
- No

Is this project connected with ARPA funding? *

Yes No

Is this application being filed jointly with another party involved with this project? *

Yes No

TIP#:

R-3430B

WBS#:

34544.3.3

(Applies to DOT projects only)

County (ies) *

Burke

Caldwell

Please upload all files that need to be submitted.

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R-3430B 2026-03-18 Renewal Request.pdf

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Only pdf or kmz files are accepted.

Describe the attachments or add comments:

Requesting 404/401 RGP renewal for R-3430B

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By checking the box and signing box below, I certify that:

- I, the project proponent, hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I, the project proponent, hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time.
- I agree that submission of this online form is a "transaction" subject to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I agree to conduct this transaction by electronic means pursuant to Chapter 66, Article 40 of the NC General Statutes (the "Uniform Electronic Transactions Act");
- I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature; AND
- I intend to electronically sign and submit the online form.

Signature: *



Erin K. Cheely

Submittal Date:

3/18/2026