

# **STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA** DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MICHAEL F. EASLEY GOVERNOR

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July 27, 2007

**MEMORANDUM TO:** 

Mr. C. E. Lassiter, Jr., PE

FROM:

Philip S. Harris, III, P.E., Unit Head Natural Environment Unit Project Development and T Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch

SUBJECT:

Beaufort County, Improvements to US 17 over the Tar River; T.I.P. Number R-2510; Federal Aid Project MAF-75-3 (26); State Project 8.T150601

Attached are the modifications to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Indiviual Permit, the special conditions for the 401 Water Quality Certification and the CAMA Consistency Concurrence for the above referenced project. All environmental permits have been received for the construction of this project.

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Attachment

Cc:

Mr. Majed Alghandour, P. E., Programming and TIP Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design Dr. David Chang, P.E., Hydraulics Mr. Randy Garris, P.E. State Contract Officer Mr. Art McMillan, P.E., Highway Design Mr. Greg Perfetti, P.E., Structure Design Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental Mr. John F. Sullivan, FHWA Mr. Rob Hanson, P.E., PDEA Eastern Region Unit Head

Mr. Jay B. Johnson, Division Environmental Officer



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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IN REPLY REFER TO

**Regulatory Division** 

**ORM ID SAW-199301143** 

Dr. Gregory J. Thorpe, Ph. D. Environmental Manager Director Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch NC Department of Transportation 1548 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Reference the Department of the Army permit issued to you on January 17, 2006, for Section A and January 17, 2007, for Section B of the U.S. Highway 17 Washington Bypass project (R-2510), starting from 0.5 mile south of Possum Track Road (NCSR 1127) south of Chocowinity, in Beaufort County and ending at US 17 north of SR 1509 (Springs Road), and your written request of June 4, 2007, for permit modification to Section B. The permit modification requests are as follows:

Section A	Sheets 9 & 10	0.15 acres of additional hand clearing for powerline
Section B	Site 4	0.05 acres of additional permanent wetland impacts
Section B	Site 6	0.32 acres of additional hand clearing on south end
Section B	Site 6	0.08 acres of additional hand clearing on north end
Section B	Site 6	Temporary use of mats in wetlands

The permit is hereby modified to include the work as indicated above and shown on the enclosed plans. It is understood that all conditions of the original permit remain applicable and that the expiration date is unchanged.

Sincerely,

David M. Lekson, P.W.S. Chief, Washington Regulatory Field Office

Enclosures

Copies Furnished (without enclosures):

Mr. Steve Sollod Division of Coastal Management 1638 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-16387

Mr. John Hennessy Water Quality Section Division of Environmental Management North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources 1650 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1650

Mr. Travis Wilson Eastern Region Highway Project Coordinator Habitat Conservation Program 1142 I-85 Service Road Creedmoor, North Carolina 27522

Mr. Pete Benjamin U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Post Office Box 33726 Raleigh, North Carolina 27636-3726

Mr. Ron Sechler National Marine Fisheries Service 101 Pivers Island Beaufort, North Carolina 28516

Mr. Chris Militscher C/O FHWA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Raleigh Office 310 New Bern Avenue, Room 206 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Michael F. Easley, Governor

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William G. Ross Jr., Secretary North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

> Coleen H. Sullins Director **Division of Water Quality**

July 9, 2007

Dr. Greg Thorpe, PhD., Manager Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch North Carolina Department of Transportation 1548 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-1548

Subject: Modification to the 401 Water Quality Certification Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act and Tar-Pamlico River Buffer Authorization, with Additional Conditions for Proposed Improvements to US 17 (Washington Bypass) in Beaufort County, Federal Aid Project No. MAF-75-3 (26), State Project No. 8.T150601, TIP R-2510A. DWO Project No. 20050785 v.4

Dear Dr. Thorpe:

Attached hereto is a modification of Certification No. 3527 issued to The North Carolina Department of Transportation dated September 6, 2005, and modified January 24, 2007, and February 13, 2007. This modification is applicable only to the additional proposed activities in R-2510 section A. All the authorized activities and conditions, associated with the original Water Quality Certification dated September 6, 2005 and subsequent modifications still apply except where superceded by this certification.

If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Coleen H. Sullins Director

Attachments

Wilmington District Corps of Engineers cc: Mr. William Wescott, Corps of Engineers, Washington Field Office Kathy Matthews, US EPA, Region IV Mr. Jay Johnson, Division 2 Environmental Officer, PO Box 1587, Greenville, NC 27835 Mr. Steven Sollod, NCDENR- DCM, 2728-168 Capital Blvd., Parker Lincoln Bldg., Raleigh, NC 27604 Mr. Garcy Ward, NC DWQ, Washington Regional Office **Central Files** File Copy



### Modification to the 401 Water Quality Certification Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act and Tar-Pamlico River Buffer Authorization, with Additional Conditions

THIS CERTIFICATION 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 15 NCAC 2H .0500 and 15A NCAC 2B.0259. This certification authorizes the NCDOT to impact an additional 0.15 acres of jurisdictional wetlands, and an additional 1,608 square feet of protected riparian buffers in R-2510 section A in Beaufort County. The project shall be constructed pursuant to the modification dated received June 11, 2007. The authorized impacts are as described below:

Site	Fill (ac)	Fill (temporary) (ac)	Excavation (ac)	Mechanized Clearing (ac)	Hand Clearing (ac)	Total Wetland Impact (ac)
Original approved impacts at R-2510A, Site 6	1.0470	0	0	0.1639	0	1.2109
New additional impacts with this approval at R-2510A, Site 6	0	0	0	0	0.15	0.15
Total	1.0470	0	0	0.1639	0.15	1.3609

Wetland Impacts in the Tar-Pamlico River Basin

Total Wetland Impacts for Site 6: 1.3609 acres.

#### Tar-Pamlico Riparian Buffer Impacts

Site	Zone 1 Impact (sq ft)	<i>minus</i> Wetlands in Zone 1 (sq ft)	= Zone 1 Buffers (not wetlands) (sq ft)	Zone 1 Buffer Mitigation Required (using 3:1 ratio)	Zone 2 Impact (sq ft)	<i>minus</i> Wetland s in Zone 2 (sq ft)	= Zone 2 Buffers (not wetlands) (sq ft)	Zone 2 Buffer Mitigation Required (using 1.5:1 ratio)
Original approved impacts at R-2510A, Site 6	2,165.1	853	1,312.1	3,936.3	1,383.8	0	1,383.8	2,075.7
New additional impacts with this approval at R-2510A, Site 6	606	0	606	0*	1,002	0	1,002	0*
Totals	2,771.1	853	1,918.1	3,936.3	2,385.8	0	2385.8	2,075.7

\* = no additional mitigation required [per 15A NCAC 2B .0259(6)] for overhead electric utility line relocation. Total Buffer Impacts for Site 6: <u>5,156.9 square feet</u>.

The application provides adequate assurance that the discharge of fill material into the waters of the Tar-Pamlico River Basin in conjunction with the proposed development will not result in a violation of applicable Water Quality Standards and discharge guidelines. Therefore, the State of North Carolina certifies that this activity will not violate the applicable portions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, 307 of PL 92-500 and PL 95-217 if conducted in accordance with the application and conditions hereinafter set forth.

This approval is only valid for the purpose and design that you submitted in your modified application dated received June 11, 2007. All the authorized activities and conditions associated with the original Water Quality Certification dated September 6, 2005 still apply except where superceded by this certification. Should your project change, you are required to notify the DWQ and 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 the conditions. If any additional wetland impacts, or stream impacts, for this project (now or in the future) exceed one acre or 150 linear feet, respectively, additional compensatory mitigation may be required as described in 15A NCAC 2H .0506 (h) (6) and (7). For this approval to remain

valid, you are required to comply with all the conditions listed below. In addition, you should obtain all other federal, state or local permits before proceeding with your project including (but not limited to) Sediment and Erosion control, Coastal Stormwater, Non-discharge and Water Supply watershed regulations. This Certification shall expire on the same day as the expiration date of the corresponding Corps of Engineers Permit.

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### **Condition(s) of Certification:**

- 1. The only modifications to the design of the project authorized by this certification are those submitted in your application dated June 4, 2007 and received June 11, 2007. All authorized activities and conditions associated with the original Water Quality Certification dated September 6, 2005 and all other subsequent modifications still apply except where superceded by this certification.
- 2. The permittee and its authorized agents shall conduct its 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 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.
- 3. 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.

Violations of any condition herein set forth may result in revocation of this Certification and may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. This Certification shall become null and void unless the above conditions are made conditions of the Federal 404 and/or Coastal Area Management Act Permit. This Certification shall expire upon the expiration of the 404 or CAMA permit.

If this Certification is unacceptable to you, you have the right to an adjudicatory hearing upon written request within sixty (60) days following receipt of this Certification. This request must be in the form of a written petition conforming to Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes and filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-6714. If modifications are made to an original Certification, you have the right to an adjudicatory hearing on the modifications upon written request within sixty (60) days following receipt of the Certification. Unless such demands are made, this Certification shall be final and binding.

This the 9th day of July, 2007

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY

Coleen H. Sullins Director

Modification to WQC No. 3527

# **Certification of Completion**

DWQ Project No.:	County:
Applicant:	
Project Name:	······································
Date of Issuance of Certification or Authorization	on:

## **Certificate of Completion**

Upon completion of all work approved within the **401 Water Quality Certification and Buffer Rules**, and any subsequent modifications, the applicant is required to return this certificate to the 401 Oversight/Express Permitting Unit, North Carolina Division of Water Quality, 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1650. This form may be returned to DWQ by the applicant, the applicant's authorized agent, or the project engineer. It is not necessary to send certificates from all of these.

## Applicant's Certification

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that, to the best of my abilities, due care and diligence was used in the observation of the construction such that the construction was observed to be built within substantial compliance and intent of the 401 Water Quality Certification and Buffer Rules, the approved plans and specifications, and other supporting materials.

Signature:

Date:

## Agent's Certification

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that, to the best of my abilities, due care and diligence was used in the observation of the construction such that the construction was observed to be built within substantial compliance and intent of the 401 Water Quality Certification and Buffer Rules, the approved plans and specifications, and other supporting materials.

Signature:

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## If this project was designed by a Certified Professional

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, as a duly registered Professional \_\_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., Engineer, Landscape Architect, Surveyor, etc.) in the State of North Carolina, having been authorized to observe (periodically, weekly, full time) the construction of the project, for the Permittee hereby state that, to the best of my abilities, due care and diligence was used in the observation of the construction such that the construction was observed to be built within substantial compliance and intent of the 401 Water Quality Certification and Buffer Rules, the approved plans and specifications, and other supporting materials.

Signature:	Registration No.	 Date









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