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ATTN: Mr. Steve Lund
NCDOT Coordinator

SUBJECT: **Request for Re-issuance of NW 14 Permit and 401 Water Quality Certification** for the widening of NC 274 from US 29-74 to NC 275 in Gaston County. State Project No. 8.1811201, T.I.P. No. U-2408: \$570.00 Debit work order 8.1811201, WBS Element 34799.1.1.

REFERENCE: 1) U-2408 USACE 404 NW 14 Action ID No. SAW200431321, dated August 13, 2004, Renewed August 31, 2006
2) U-2408 DWQ 401 Water Quality Certification 3404, Project No. 04-1148, dated September 2, 2004, Renewed August 31, 2006
3) U-2408 Nationwide 14 Permit Application dated July 12, 2004
4) U-2408 Nationwide 14 Permit Application Renewal, dated July 31, 2006

Dear Sir:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has been issued a Nationwide 14 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and a 401 Water Quality Certification from the Division of Water Quality for project U-2408 which expired on March 18, 2007. Project construction in jurisdictional areas will not be completed by March 17, 2008. There are no changes to the original project design or impacts to jurisdictional sites. Therefore, we are requesting permit re-issuance.

Table 1. Project Information

TIP	Permit Action ID #	NW #	DOT Div	County	Stream Name	Location
U-2408	SAW200431321	14	12	Gaston	Blackwood Creek and UT	NC 274

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LOCATION:
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Table 2. Project Impacts

TIP	Site	Perm Wetland Impacts	Perm Stream Impacts (ft)	Temp Wetland Impacts	Temp Stream Impacts	Perm Open Water	Temp Open Water	Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands
U-2408	1	0	282	0	0	0	0	0
U-2408	2	0	115	0	0	0	0	0
Total		0	397	0	0	0	0	0

Application is hereby made for re-issue of the USACE Section 404 permit and DWQ Section 401 permit. All permit drawings and plan sheets submitted with the original application are current and account for the entire scope of the project. All environmental commitments and special conditions referenced in the original NW 14 Permit Application will continue to be followed throughout project construction.

The NCDOT will also continue to adhere to all general conditions set forth in the Section 401 General Water Quality Certifications (WQC) 3704. All general conditions of the Water Quality Certification will be met. Therefore, in accordance with 15A NCAC 2H, Section .0500(a) and 15A NCAC 2B.0200, we are providing five copies of this application to the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality for their approval.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Erin Cheely at ekcheely@dot.state.nc.us or 919-715-5529.

Sincerely,




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- Mr. Mark Staley, Roadside Environmental
- Mr. M.L. Holder, P.E., Division Engineer
- Ms. Trish Simon, DEO
- Mr. Jay Bennett, P.E., Roadway Design
- Mr. Majed Alghandour, P. E., Programming and TIP
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- Mr. Elmo Vance, Project Planning Engineer