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Subject: Permit modification request for the proposed improvements to US 17 in Onslow, Jones and Craven Counties, TIP No. R-2514B, C & D.

Reference: Section 404 Permit Action ID SAW-2008-00528 issued May 22, 2015
Section 401 Water Quality Certification No. 004012 issued March 2, 2015
NCDWR Project No. 20141169v1
N.C. Coastal Area Management Act Permit 43-15 issued March 24, 2015

Dear Sirs:

As you are aware, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is constructing improvements to US 17 from SR 1330/SR 1439 south of Belgrade to the New Bern Bypass. Permits for this project were issued in 2015, and the project was let to construction on June 16, 2015. The NCDOT is requesting a permit modification to allow for changes the contractor wants to make at permit Site 3 on Goshen Branch northeast of Pollocksville on section R-2514D (sheet 9 of the highway plan sheets).

The contractor, Mountain Creek Contracting, would like to use a bypass channel to build a culvert. If allowed to proceed, this will minimize environmental impacts to one channel change as well as speed up production. They are requesting that the permits and erosion control plans be revised to reflect the attached revised plan sheet 9 for R-2514D.

The NCDOT hereby requests approval of this proposal by modifying the project permits as appropriate.

Sincerely,

PHS Philip S. Harris III, P.E., C.P.M.
Natural Environment Section Head

