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Attn: Mr. Eric Alsmeyer
NCDOT Coordinator, Division 5

Subject: **Permit Extension Request for Section 404 permit** for the proposed improvements to SR 1959 (South Miami Boulevard) from South of SR 2112 (Methodist Street) to North of SR 1960 (Bethesda Avenue) in Durham County, Federal Aid Project No. STP-1959 (2); WBS 40221.1.1; Division 5; TIP No. U-4011.

References: Section 404 Nationwide (NW) Permit 23 and NW 33, issued April 2, 2009, USACE Action ID 200520914
Section 401 Individual Water Quality Certification, issued February 6, 2009, Certification No. 3689 and Certification No. 5688

Dear Sir:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to make improvements to SR 1959 (South Miami Boulevard) from South of SR 2112 (Methodist Street) to North of SR 1960 (Bethesda Avenue) in Durham County.

The initial Let date for this project was August 18, 2009, however the project was delayed due to utility and right of way issues. The current Let date is January 18, 2011. This project has a current Section 404 NW 23 Permit and NW 33 Permit that expires on April 2, 2011. The project also has a current Section 401 General Water Quality Certifications that according to the permit will expire at the time of the Section 404 Permits. At this time, the NCDOT would like to request an extension of the Section 404 Permits. NCDOT anticipates that it will take 30 months to complete the project. With the extension of the Section 404 Permits, we expect the Section 401 Permits will be extended as well without any written approval from the Division of Water Quality (DWQ). By extending the permits we would like confirmation from the USACE that the verification of the wetland and streams in the permitted areas remains valid.

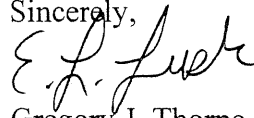
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Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sara Easterly at seeasterly@ncdot.gov or (919) 431-1605. A copy of this permit modification application will be posted on the DOT website at: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/pe/neu/permit.html>.

Sincerely,



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