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Division of Water Resources  
Transportation Permitting Unit  
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ATTN: Garcy Ward  
NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Written approval request for Section 401 Water Quality Certification** for the replacement of the temporary bridge over New Inlet on NC 12 in Dare County, TIP No. B-2500 AB, WBS Element 32635.1.3.

Reference: NCDOT Application dated June 19, 2015

Dear Sir:

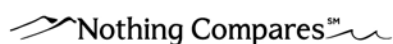
At the Pre-Construction Agency Meeting held on November 19, 2015, it was noted that the proposed bridge contains drains that will directly discharge within the jurisdictional boundaries of New Inlet.

The bridge uses the narrowest design standard as acceptable to avoid impacts to other jurisdictional features and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. As such, no area for water storage was available for this design, and water is removed as quickly as possible via deck drains to prevent standing water on the travel lanes.

As noted in the General Certification No. 3893 for a corresponding 404 Nationwide Permit 33, condition 9 states:

*Bridge deck drains shall not discharge directly into the stream. Stormwater shall be directed across the bridge and pre-treated through site-appropriate means (grassed swales, preformed scour holes, vegetated buffers, etc.) before entering the stream. Please refer to the most current version of Stormwater Best Management Practices. **Exceptions to this condition require written approval by the Division.***

This letter serves as a request for written approval. All other aspects of the project remain as previously provided.



A copy of this request will be posted on the NCDOT Website at:  
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental>. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact Michael Turchy at [maturchy@ncdot.gov](mailto:maturchy@ncdot.gov) or 919 707-6157.

Sincerely,



for Richard W. Hancock, P.E., Manager  
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