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ATTN: Ms. Loretta Beckwith
NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Extension Request for Section 404 Regional General Permit 31 and 401 Water Quality Certification** for the proposed replacement of Bridges No. 235 & No. 238 over Hominy Creek and SR 3431(Pond Rd.) on I-26 in Buncombe County, Federal Aid Project No. BRZ-1326(3); Division 13; TIP No. B-5178, WBS Element 42549.1.1.

Reference: Regional General Permit 31 (SAW-2012-00379) issued May 9, 2012
401 Water Quality Certification No. 3820 (DWQ# 20120119) issued February 17, 2012

Dear Madam,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) requests the extension of the Regional General Permit 31 issued in May 2012 and the 401 Water Quality Certification issued in February 2012 for B-5178: the replacement of Bridges No. 235 & No. 238 over Hominy Creek and SR 3431(Pond Rd.) on I-26 in Buncombe County. Both of these permits are set expire on October 31, 2014. NCDOT's contractor has encountered difficulties in constructing the first bridge and as a result the Phase I temporary causeway is still installed. This has delayed construction activities that will require the permits to be extended for the work to be completed. No new impacts for this project will result from this delay. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jeff Hemphill at jhemphill@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6126.

Sincerely,

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