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US Army Corps of Engineers
69 Darlington Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28402-1890

Attention: Brad Shaver
NCDOT Coordinator

Subject: **Permit Extension Request for the Section 404 Individual Permit and Section 401 Individual Water Quality Certification** for improvements to NC 24 from 2.8 miles east of I-95 to I-40 in Cumberland, Sampson, and Duplin Counties, Federal Aid No. STPNHF-F-8-2(17), WBS 34416.1.1, TIP R-2303.

Reference: Section 404 Individual Permit, issued December 12, 2012 and permit modifications issued March 5, 2013, July 8, 2013 and October 30, 2015, USACE Action ID 1992-03237

Section 401 Individual Water Quality Certification issued September 24, 2012, NCDWR Project No. 20120240 and permit modifications issued February 25, 2013, March 18, 2013, July 12, 2013, May 1, 2014, September 25, 2014 and October 30, 2015.

Dear Sir:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is currently improving sections of NC 24 from 2.8 miles east of I-95 to I-40 in Cumberland, Sampson, and Duplin Counties for a distance of 41.8 miles. This work includes a combination of widening, new location segments and other improvements.

Construction on Sections A-D continues with approximately 85% of the work completed. Section E has a tentative let date of December 2019 and Section F is currently post-year. However, it is possible the schedule for these sections will be accelerated if funds become available.

The current permit expiration date is December 31, 2017. In order to complete construction in the currently permitted jurisdictional areas for the project, NCDOT requests that the permit expiration date be extended to December 31, 2019.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jason Dilday at 919-707-6111 or jldilday@ncdot.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. S. Harris III', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Mason Herndon, NCDOT Division 3