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ATTN: Ms. Lori Beckwith
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SUBJECT: **Extension Request for Individual Section 404 and Individual 401 Water Quality Certification** for US 19/US 19E Improvements from SR 1336 (Jacks Creek Road) to SR 1186 (US 19) west of Micaville, Yancey County. NCDOT Division 13; State Project Numbers 6.869005T and 6.909001T; T.I.P. Project Number R-2519A.

REFERENCE: Individual 401 Water Quality Certification No. 3706 issued October 16, 2007 for R-2518A, R-2518B, and R-2519A.
Individual 404 Permit SAW-2007-2197-357/300 issued April 1, 2008 for R-2518A, R-2518B, and R-2519A.
Biological Opinion issued March 14, 2008.
Individual 404 Phased Modification issued January 6, 2010 R-2519A.
Individual 401 Phased Modification issued September 4, 2009 R-2519A.
404 Utilities Permit Modification issued April 25, 2011 for R-2519A.
401 Utilities Permit Modification issued April 1, 2011 for R-2519A.
Individual 404 Permit Modification issued February 6, 2015 for R-2519A.

Dear Madam,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) requests the extension of the Individual 404 Phased Modification and the Individual 401 Water Quality Certification issued for R-2519A: the improvement of US 19E from SR 1336 (Jacks Creek Road) to SR 1186 (US 19) west of Micaville in Yancey County. These permits are both set to expire on April 25, 2016. The following "in water" project construction items still remain to be completed:

- Permit Site 12 - Channel relocation and embankment construction along Little Crabtree Creek, Station 278+60 to 279+20 +/- Lt.
- Permit Site 14 - Supplemental retaining walls along Little Crabtree Creek, Station 284+40 +/- Lt. (This would exclude the coping work at the top of the walls. All coping work can be done without being in or impacting the stream.)
- Permit Site 15 - Silt removal at the confluence of Little Crabtree Creek and its UT, Station 285+00 +/- Lt.

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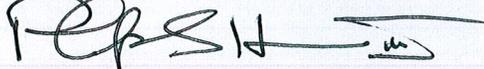
- Permit Site 26 - Completion of stream mitigation site on Georges Fork, Station 314+40+/- Lt
- Permit Site 28 - Culvert backfill and stream bank work on Little Crabtree Creek, Station 316+40 +/- Lt.
- Permit Site 32 - Steam mitigation repair on UT to Plum Branch, Station 327+60+/- Lt.

NCDOT ensures that these bulleted items will be complete prior to July 1, 2016 and these areas will also be stabilized by measures such as vegetated or seeded and matted or any other combination of methods needed to stabilize the soil. If efforts to stabilize the soil are not successful, then new methods and continued efforts to stabilize the area will be required until it is successful. There will be no new impacts associated with the extension of this permit.

NCDOT has construction items that will not be completed by July 1, 2016 but do not involve working in jurisdictional resources. NCDOT is requesting that the R-2519A Individual 404 Phased Modification be extended to April 15, 2017 to encompass these items but with the caveat that the bulleted tasks referred to above will be completed prior to July 1, 2016.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jeff Hemphill at jhemphill@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6126.

Sincerely,



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