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MEMORANDUM

To: Greg Thorpe, Branch Manager, PDEA, NCDOT

From: Brian Wrenn, Transportation Permitting Unit, NCDWQ

Subject: Application Processes for State Stormwater Permits and 401 Water Quality Certifications

On June 23, 2006, NCDWQ notified NCDOT that projects that meet the criteria of 15A NCAC 02H .1003(b) are required to obtain a State Stormwater Permit. Several projects meeting these criteria were in the advanced stages of planning and development. To avoid delays to LET schedules, NCDWQ in conjunction with NCDOT developed a process to issue State Stormwater Permits through the 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) process. This process is outlined below:

1. In accordance with 15A NCAC 02H .1003(b), if a proposed project is draining to an ORW or within one mile and draining to an HQW, then a State Stormwater Permit must be obtained. If the project is scheduled to be let by November 2008, NCDOT may choose to satisfy the State Stormwater Permit requirements through a special request within the 401 WQC application.
2. NCDOT should schedule a pre-application meeting with the appropriate Regional Office contact (see list below) to review the stormwater BMPs proposed for the project. Based on the discussions of this pre-application meeting, State Stormwater Permit conditions will be included in the 401 WQC to satisfy the requirements of the State Stormwater Rules (15A NCAC 02H .1000).
3. If NCDOT chooses to satisfy the State Stormwater Permit through the 401 WQC application and the application is for a General Certification that does not require written concurrence, NCDOT must specifically request written concurrence for the 401 WQC application. Written concurrence is necessary to include the appropriate State Stormwater Permit conditions.
4. If a proposed project meets the criteria of 15A NCAC 02H .1003(b) but does not require a 401 WQC, NCDOT is still responsible for obtaining a State Stormwater Permit and must follow the State Stormwater Permit application process.
5. Obtainment of the State Stormwater Permit through the 401 WQC application process is intended to facilitate the planning, development, and permitting of NCDOT projects and is in place for NCDOT's convenience. If NCDOT chooses not to use this new process to obtain State Stormwater Permits, these permits must be obtained, as necessary, through the regular State Stormwater Permit process.

UPDATED LIST: 1.16.09**Regional Office Contacts for State Stormwater Permits**

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