

APPENDIX D

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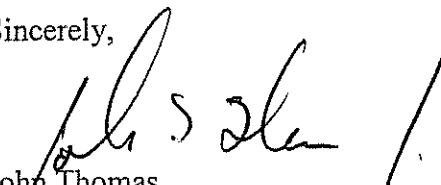
Dear Ms. ^{MISSY}Dickens:

Reference your letter of June 11, 2007, requesting our comments on correspondence you received from Jerry and Sandra Hart concerning the Jurisdictional Delineation (Waters of the United States) of the proposed corridor for the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway (TIP Projects R-2247, U-2579, and U-2579A) located north of Winston-Salem, in Forsyth County, North Carolina. The Harts expressed concern that the field work for the referenced Jurisdictional Delineation (JD) occurred during the drought of 2002. It is their contention that the JD is not accurate due to the work being done during a drought (i.e. not during "normal circumstances" of rain fall).

I have had the opportunity to review the Hart's correspondence and I have talked to Eric Alsmeyer of our Raleigh Regulatory Field Office staff who conducted site inspections of the referenced corridor and confirmed your JD work. Eric remembers doing the site inspections and confirming your JD work. Therefore for the purpose of your environmental assessment of the proposed project, the JD is valid. In regard to the concerns expressed by the Harts, their contention is based on the misunderstanding of the term "normal circumstances" found in our 1987 Wetlands Delineation Manual. As you are aware, documentation for JD's are based on wetland field indicators for vegetation, soil, and evidence of current or past hydrology. These indicators develop during "normal circumstances" and would be present regardless of the current weather conditions (i.e. periods of drought or periods of flood). In short, JD's are based on wetland field indicators developed over a period of time and not on current weather conditions.

Should you have any further questions please call me at the Raleigh Field Office at 919-876-8441.

Sincerely,



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