

Mr. James Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
61 Forsyth Street SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

SUBJECT: Certification of Adoption of Modifications to North Carolina's Surface Water Quality Standards

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Under the provisions of Article 21, Chapter 143 of the North Carolina General Statutes as amended, the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission is directed and empowered to adopt and assign "best use" classifications to all the surface waters of the State and to adopt water quality standards applicable to each classification.

The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, after notice duly given, has adopted modifications and additions to the 15A NCAC 2B .0200s as listed in the enclosure *List of Modifications and Additions to North Carolina Water Quality Standards*. These modifications and additions became effective April 1, 2003.

By delegation from the Attorney General of North Carolina, I advise you that it is my opinion that the revised standards listed in the enclosure have been duly adopted and promulgated in accordance with the Laws of the State of North Carolina and the Rules of the Environmental Management Commission and that these revisions are valid and enforceable in the State of North Carolina effective April 1, 2003.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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List of Modifications and Additions to North Carolina Water Quality Standards

15A NCAC 02B .0208

Adoption of a human health standard for Arsenic for all waters of the State, adopt minor modifications to language

15A NCAC 2B .0211

Adopted a Total Residual Chlorine in-stream standard for all freshwaters of the state

Modified existing freshwater Cyanide standard to allow for development of site-specific standards in accordance with EPA procedures

Remove the MBAS standard language and replace at 15A NCAC 02B .0212, 0214, .0215, .0216 and .0218

2B .0212, .0214, 0215, .0216, .0218

MBAS aesthetic standard adopted for all Water Supply classified waters.

Adoption of an in-stream standard for Arsenic applicable to all Water Supply classified waters.