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TO: 401 Water Quality Certification Listserv

FROM: Karen Higgins, Wetlands, Buffers, Stormwater – Compliance and Permitting Unit  
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RE: Draft 401 WQC for the proposed Vessel and Small Vessel NPDES General Permits,  
“dwqwetlands” Listserv Update, Reminder concerning application address

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The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices>.

**I. DRAFT 401 Water Quality Certification for the Proposed Vessel and Small Vessel NPDES General Permits**

EPA is in the process of reissuing the NPDES Vessel General Permit (VGP) and the NPDES Small Vessel General Permit (sVGP). To read the proposed VGP and sVGP, please go to EPA's website at: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/vessels/vgpermit.cfm>. Questions or comments regarding the VGP or sVGP should be directed to EPA.

In December of 2011, EPA requested each State to make a written decision regarding the 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the proposed VGP and sVGP. The Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has developed a draft 401 WQC and invites public comment on the draft 401 WQC as presented on our website at: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices>. If you lack internet access, please contact Ms. Beverly Strickland at 919-807-6350 to request a copy of the draft 401 WQC.

Persons wishing to comment on the 401 WQC are invited to submit their comments in writing to the address below. All comments **received by DWQ by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on May 15, 2012** on the 401 WQC will be considered in the final determination regarding issuance of the WQC. Written comments will be accepted by regular mail or email as indicated below.

Please direct questions or comments to: Karen Higgins, NC Division of Water Quality, 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1650, Phone: 919-807-6360, email: [karen.higgins@ncdenr.gov](mailto:karen.higgins@ncdenr.gov).

**II. DWQWETLANDS Listserv Update**

We have recently experienced technical issues with our Yahoo listserv so after this public notice, we will no longer be using the [dwqwetlands@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dwqwetlands@yahoogroups.com) listserv. We will be using the following listserv: [denr.dwg.wetlands-public@lists.ncmail.net](mailto:denr.dwg.wetlands-public@lists.ncmail.net). Over the next couple weeks we will be importing the yahoo list to the new ncmal list. You should receive an email welcoming you to the group, which will also include a password and instructions.

For those not currently on the listserv, a link will be posted on <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices> and folks can sign up to receive future notices.

**III. Reminder Concerning Application Address**

A reminder that 401 WQC and/or buffer applications are no longer accepted at the Parkview Building on Crabtree Blvd. All mail should be sent to: **1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1650**. Hand deliveries only may be delivered to 512 N. Salisbury Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Raleigh, NC 27604.

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