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TO: 401 Water Quality Certification Mailing List and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Cyndi Karoly, Wetlands and Stormwater Branch Manager *CBK*

RE: Changes to the Express Review Program, Small Impoundment Study, Nutrient Offset Coordinator Change, and Reorganization in the Branch and Updated Contact Information

The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice, with hyperlinks to the two documents referenced, is available electronically at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices>.

I. Changes to the Express Review Program

Due to a reduction of staff, the DWQ Central Office will no longer be offering the following **express review** services: 401 water quality certifications, non-404 jurisdictional general permit, riparian buffer authorizations or minor variances, stormwater management plan review/approval, stream origin or intermittent/perennial determinations, or non-404 wetland determinations. All of the services listed above are still offered by DWQ, just not on an **express** timeframe. For more information on any of these services, please visit our website:

<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/webscape> or contact one of the Regional Offices:
<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/home/ro>.

Some of the DENR Regional Offices are still offering **express review** services; please contact one of the permit coordinators (www.envhelp.org/docs/onestopflyer_back07.pdf) for more information.

II. DWQ study on the water quality impacts of small impoundments begins summer 2011

Concerns have been expressed that small, artificial impoundments on stream channels can lead to changes in water quality parameters within the impoundment and in downstream stream reaches. These changes may be significant enough that they may result in a loss of use (e.g. aquatic life use support). Results from a large-scale, probabilistic study of small impoundments by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TN DEC 2006) indicated that the impoundments had adverse affects on physical, chemical, and biological components downstream. There are concerns that similar impacts occur in NC as well. During regulatory review of 401 applications, DWQ has had insufficient data on small impoundments within NC to determine whether to include additional conditions in the 401 Certification. Recently, DWQ was awarded a two-year EPA Wetlands Program Development Grant (CD-95471111) which will provide data on small impoundments in North Carolina and to determine if existing data (such as the Tennessee study) are applicable to small impoundments located in the Blue Ridge and Piedmont ecoregions of NC. Grant work began in March 2011, and a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) was submitted to EPA for review on April 1, 2011. QAPP approval was received from EPA on May 13, 2011. On-site water quality parameters and samples for chemical analyses will be collected from each project site (six sites in the Piedmont and six in the Blue Ridge regions) during three sampling events between May and October 2011. Samples will also be collected for macrobenthos analysis, and an evaluation of periphyton growth will be conducted. Field work and data collection commenced in May 2011. A copy of the QAPP may be reviewed at http://portal.ncdenr.org/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=84a16da2-7664-4d4d-abd7-06a49d1ddd04&groupId=38364. Contact Eric Kulz at (919) 715-4631 or eric.kulz@ncdenr.gov if you have questions regarding this project.

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III. Nutrient Offset Coordinator Change

Due to reduction in staff, the duties for nutrient offset coordinator for private mitigation banks and EEP mitigation banks have been transferred from Lia Myott Gilleski to Katie Merritt. Contact Katie Merritt at: katie.merritt@ncdenr.gov or (919) 807-6371. All correspondence should be sent to her attention at 1650 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1650.

IV. Reorganization in the Wetlands & Stormwater Branch

The 401 Oversight/Express Permitting Unit and the Non-Point Source Assistance & Compliance Oversight Unit have been combined into the Wetlands, Buffers, Stormwater – Compliance & Permitting (Webscape) Unit. The members of the Webscape Unit are as follows:

Name	Title	Phone Number
Karen Higgins	Supervisor	919-807-6360
Amy Chapman	Buffer Coordinator	919-807-6400
Laurie Dennison	Administrative Assistant	919-807-6303
Annette Lucas	Stormwater & Wetland Coordinator	919-807-6381
Niki Maher	Compliance Specialist	919-807-6367
Ian McMillan	401 Coordinator	919-807-6364
Katie Merritt	Nutrient Offset Coordinator and Compliance Specialist	919-807-6371
Shelton Sullivan	Compliance Specialist	919-807-6361

For more information, please visit our website: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/webscape>.

V. Updated Contact Information

There have been several changes to phone numbers for staff in the Transportation Permitting Unit and the Program Development Unit. Current contact information is as follows:

Transportation Permitting Unit	Phone Number
Brian Wrenn	919-807-6365
Sonia Carrillo	919-807-6399
Rob Ridings	919-807-6403
David Wainwright	919-807-6405

Program Development Unit	Phone Number
John Dorney	(919) 733-9646
Virginia Baker	(919) 715-3415
Larry Eaton	(919) 733-9721
Susan Gale	(919) 733-5694
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Rick Savage	(919) 733-5715
Bev Strickland	(919) 807-6350
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Any future updates will be posted online at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/ws/tpu/staffcontacts> and <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/pdu/staff>.

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