NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

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UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SECTION

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TO: Environmental Consultants and Service Providers

RE: 2003 Reasonable Rate Document & Responses to Comments

On January 31, 2003, the UST Section will place the new Reasonable Rate Document (RRD) on the Division of Waste Management (DWM) website at http://wastenot.enr.state.nc.us under the "What-s New link". The new RRD will go into effect March 1, 2003. All work conducted or pre-approved to be conducted after that date must adhere to the formats and rates of the new document. You may obtain a paper copy of the RRD for a small fee by calling Karen Prather or Jane Comer at 919 733-8486.

On behalf of the UST Section, I want to thank everyone who submitted comments on the 2003 RRD. All comments were reviewed and considered, and some comments that had to do with scopes of work or process were incorporated into the RRD. We were unable to incorporate those comments we received about the actual reimbursement rates since we are satisfied that the methods we used to determine the rates most accurately reflect fair market fees. We did receive one comment that expressed dissatisfaction with the present reimbursement process. Although we could not incorporate any comment of this sort into the RRD, we will be happy to discuss alternatives to the present process with anyone.

The UST Section is continuing to update our contact database of environmental consultants and service providers. If you have not already done so, please e-mail your contact person and a backup person's name and e-mail address to scott.ryals@ncmail.net so that we can update this database. This database will only be used for official UST Section correspondence.

Sincerely,

Grover Nicholson, Chief

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