Determination of Minor Construction Activity

North Carolina Division of Water Quality
Construction Grants and Loans Section

Project Applicant: Buncombe County
Date: July 27, 2009
Project Number: 2W370917-01
Estimated Project Cost: $ 3,614,000
Estimated Funding Amount: $ 3,000,000

Project Description: Buncombe County Solid Waste Management Facility Landfill Wastewater Pretreatment System and Landfill Gas-to-Energy Project.

The proposed project will include: 1) approximately 1,300 vertical feet of gas extraction wells (25 wells); 2) approximately 3,900 linear feet of gas collection header pipe; 3) approximately 1,600 linear feet of gas collection lateral piping; 4) a gas conditioning system; 5) a 1250 kW power generation facility; and 6) all electrical work, appurtenances and associated piping.

The above named applicant intends to apply for assistance from the State Revolving Fund program associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to construct the wastewater facilities described above. The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has conducted a review of the project in accordance with the procedures (NCAC 15A Subchapter 1C) for conformance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The DWQ has determined that this project is a minor construction activity, and that the preparation of additional environmental documents is not required.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by DWQ. This determination can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality, Construction Grants and Loans Section, and is available for public review at www.nccgl.net.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Mr. Kim H. Colson, P.E., Assistant Chief, Construction Grants and Loans Section, Division of Water Quality, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1633, or he may be reached by phone at (919) 715-6212.

Sincerely,

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