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Mr. Huisman:

States and local governments across the US are developing policies to prevent and reduce phosphorus loading in waters.

After the Environmental Management Commission classified Falls Lake, Jordan Lake and other waters as nutrient sensitive in the early 1980s the 1987 NC General Assembly banned phosphorus in laundry detergents as part of a strategy to help wastewater treatment plants use more cost effective biological treatment to reduce phosphorus loading into waters of the state. The EMC supported the phosphate laundry detergent ban.

The attached memo from Nicholas Institute Intern Claire Williamson outlines actions that some other state and local governments have taken to reduce phosphorus loading by regulating phosphorus in dishwashing detergents and turf fertilizers. Please include this information in the Falls Lake record.

I understand that the EMC may lack the authority to regulate phosphorus in these products. However if the EMC decides these policies have water quality benefits, it could recommend policies to the 2011 General Assembly for consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.

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