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Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 4:26 PM
To: Huisman, John
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Subject: Public Comment regarding Proposed Rules for Falls Lake Clean-up

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express concern about the proposed rules for the Falls Lake Clean-up.

As you know, Falls Lake, is a water supply reservoir for over 400,000 people and a popular lake for fishing and boating. However this important water resource suffers from extreme nitrogen and phosphorus pollution. While there are parts of the lake that are clean, large sections of the upper lake violate water quality standards as much as 80% of the time.

As I understand it, the proposed rules will require new development in the Falls Lake watershed to control polluted runoff, and will require existing development, agriculture, and wastewater treatment plants to reduce pollution also. The ultimate targets, based on scientific models are to be accomplished over the next 25 years.

I believe that any delay in implementing this proposed change, especially as advocates representing the interests of Durham City and County will have serious negative consequences on the water quality available to the citizen of North Carolina.

Suggesting that the lake clean-up be separated into two parts is like saying that even though there is fecal matter at one end of the swimming pool, the other end is safe for swimming.

The rules governing the Falls Lake clean-up must be applied to the lake.

As a public resource, it is the responsibility of the local county and city governments to minimize their individual contaminated water effluent contributions to Falls Lake.

Please act quickly to clean-up Falls Lake and reduce the pollution and sources of pollution that are affecting the water quality of Raleigh's source of drinking water.

Respectfully yours

Francis Lamberti