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Melinda Clark
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Subject: Water Supply Watershed Protection Program Compliance Audit Followup

Dear Ms. Clark:

The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (DWQ) conducted a compliance audit of Wake County's water supply watershed protection program on October 8, 2009. The meeting was attended by Melinda Clark, Kathryn Hobby, Britt Stoddard, and Betsy Pearce with Wake County Environmental Services; Keith Lankford, Larry Morgan, Brenda Coats, Celena Everette, Tim Maloney, and Steven Finn with Wake County Community Services/Planning; and Julie Ventaloro, Shelton Sullivan, and Natalie Landry with DWQ. The purpose of the audit was to evaluate the county's compliance with the requirements of North Carolina General Statute 143-214.5 and Rule 15A NCAC 2B .0104(b) which requires that local governments having land use jurisdiction within a water supply watershed adopt and implement land use ordinances. The ordinances must meet the minimum requirements of the Environmental Management Commission's (EMC) rules under 15A NCAC 2B .0100 and .0200. Failure by a local government to properly administer its ordinance can result in assumption of the local program by the EMC and civil penalties pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-215.6A(e).

Our review of the county's program and documents provided during the meeting indicate that Wake County is fully compliant with state water supply watershed protection program requirements. No further action is required of the county at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this program evaluation. County staff were very helpful during the evaluation and should be commended on the initiative the county has taken to administer its stormwater programs above and beyond many of the state's minimum requirements. We were particularly impressed with the knowledgeability of staff as well as the county's thoughtful and holistic approach to

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watershed management. The county has developed a comprehensive stormwater BMP inventory and inspection program and appears to have a high level of coordination between departments involved in watershed management.

We look forward to working with you on future stormwater issues. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone (919) 807-6370 or email julie.ventaloro@ncdenr.gov. You may also contact Shelton Sullivan at (919) 807-6361 or shelton.sullivan@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,

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