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TO: Members of the Environmental Review Commission
Interested Parties

FROM: George F. Givens, Commission Counsel
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RE: **Notice of Commission Meeting**
Notice of Planning Meeting
Schedule of Future Meetings
Meetings of Interested Parties (605 Working Groups)
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COMMISSION MEETING:

The Environmental Review Commission (Commission) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday 17 January 2007 in Room 544 of the Legislative Office Building in Raleigh.

At this meeting, the Commission will continue studies for which the Commission is responsible, hear reports from State agencies, discuss topics to be considered at future meetings, and attend to other matters. Listed below are potential agenda topics for this meeting and for future meetings. More specific information regarding the agenda for the 17 January meeting of the Commission will be developed at the staff planning meeting discussed below.

STUDIES

- 1) Issues related to solid waste management (S.L. 2006-244, Sec.4)
- 2) Issues related to the nutrient offset payment program with regard to the costs associated with providing nutrient controls that are adequate to offset point source and nonpoint source discharges of nitrogen; whether nutrient offset payments should be authorized for additional nutrients, including phosphorus; and whether the nutrient offset program should be expanded to other areas of the State (S.L. 2006-215, Sec. 2)
- 3) The merger of the organization and functions of the Ecosystem Enhancement Program and the Clean Water Management Trust Fund with the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee (S.L. 2006-248, Sec. 16)

REPORTS *(Report due dates are indicated in parentheses)*

General/Miscellaneous:

- 4) Annual report on the evaluation and adjustment of the boundaries of the area served by each Metropolitan Planning Organization (G.S. 136-202(d)) *(1 November)*
- 5) Annual report on the mercury minimization plan prepared by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (G.S. 130A-310.57) *(1 November)*
- 6) Quarterly report on the activities of the Environmental Management Commission (G.S. 143B-282(b)) *(15 January)*
- 7) Interim Report by the Biofuels Energy Strategic Plan Work Group on the Development of the Strategic Plan (S.L. 2006-206, Sec. 3.2) *(15 January 2007)*

Air Quality:

- 8) Interim Report on the Costs and Benefits of Reducing Oxides of Nitrogen, Particulate Matter, and Other Greenhouse Gases from Motor Vehicles (S.L. 2006-248, Sec. 43) *(15 January 2007)*

Hazardous Waste Management:

- 9) Annual report on the Effectiveness of the Brownfields Property Reuse Act (G.S. 130A-310.40) *(1 October)*
- 10) Report on the findings and recommendations of the Governor's Hazardous Waste Task Force

Land Resources:

- 11) Annual report on implementation of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 (G.S. 113A-67) *(1 October)*

Parks and Recreation:

- 12) Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (G.S. 113-44.15(c)) *(1 October)*
- 13) Report on the Conservation Easement Program and inventory of all conservation easements held by the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (G.S. 113A-235(c), S.L. 2004-124, Sec. 2.2) *(1 October)*
- 14) Report on acquisitions made with funds from the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (G.S. 113-77.9(e)) *(Semi-annually, within 30 days of revision)*
- 15) Annual report on the State's progress made towards Preserving One Million Acres of farmland, open space, and conservation lands (G.S. 113A-241(c), S.L. 2004-195, Sec. 2.3) *(1 October)*
- 16) Report on the Feasibility and Desirability of Acquiring Land and Establishing a State Park at Cabin Lake (S.L. 2006-138, Sec. 3) *(15 January 2007)*

Solid Waste Management:

- 17) Solid Waste Management Annual Report (G.S. 130A-309.12(c), G.S. 130A-309.06(c)(8), G.S. 130A-309.63(e), G.S. 130A-309.06(c)(10), G.S. 130A-309.85, G.S. 130A-309.06(c)(11), G.S. 130A-309.06(c)(12), 136-28.8(g), G.S. 130A-309.06(c)(13), 143-58.2(f)) *(15 January)*

- 18) An evaluation of the recycling industry, the markets for recycled materials, the recycling of polystyrene, and the success of State, local, and private industry efforts to enhance the markets for these materials. (G.S. 130A-309.06(c)(6))

Water Quality:

- 19) Annual report on the Wastewater Discharge Elimination Program (S.L. 2001-452, Sec. 2.9) *(15 October)*
- 20) Implementation of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund; projects and awarded grants. (G.S. 113-145.6A(a) and S.L. 2002-148, Sec. 3) *(1 December)*
- 21) Implementation of the Ecosystem Enhancement Program and use of the Ecosystem Enhancement Fund, including inventory of property and easements. (G.S. 143-214.13) *(1 November)*
- 22) Follow-up discussion of the report on the evaluation of the training and qualification requirements for approval as an animal waste management systems technical specialist (S.L. 2006-38, Sec. 2) *(15 November 2006)*

Water Quantity:

- 23) Annual report by the Catawba/Wateree River Basin Advisory Commission and the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission (G.S. 77-117) *(1 October)*

PLANNING MEETING:

To facilitate development of the agendas for the 17 and 23 January meetings of the Commission, to plan for subsequent meetings of the Commission, and to receive input from interested persons regarding the work of the Commission, the Commission Counsel will hold an informal planning meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Monday 8 January 2007 in Room 605 of the Legislative Office Building**. Persons who wish to participate in the development of the agenda for meetings of the Commission, or who are interested in any matter before the Commission, are invited to attend.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

The Environmental Review Commission is scheduled to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday 23 January 2007 in Room 1228 of the Legislative Building. It may be necessary to reschedule this meeting.

The Commission may also meet once the General Assembly is in session (G.S. 120-70.44). When the Commission meets while the General Assembly is in session, written notice will not be mailed to persons on the mailing list. Rather, notice will be given at a session of the Senate and House of Representative as provided by G.S. 143-318.12(b) and will be distributed by email. The Commission will resume a regular schedule of monthly meetings following adjournment of the 2007 Session of the General Assembly.

MEETINGS OF INTERESTED PARTIES (605 WORKING GROUPS):

The Commission Counsel will hold meetings of interested parties on specific topics as indicated below:

Underground Storage Tank Working Group
10:00 a.m. Friday 26 January 2007 – 605 Legislative Office Building

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have questions related to the Commission, you may contact the Commission Counsel or other Commission staff at (919) 733-2578.