

# General Assembly of North Carolina

## Environmental Review Commission

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## AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Wednesday 31 October 2007

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1. Call to order  
Senator Charles W. Albertson, Presiding
2. Introductory remarks by Cochairs. *(5 minutes)*  
Senator Charles W. Albertson  
Senator Daniel G. Clodfelter  
Representative Lucy T. Allen  
Representative Pryor A. Gibson
3. Report to the Commission and explanation of agenda items. *(20 minutes)*  
George F. Givens, Commission Counsel
4. Quarterly reports by the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) as to its operations, activities, programs, and progress for the period of January 2007 through October 2007 (G.S. 143B-282(b)). *(45 minutes)*  
David H. Moreau, Chairman  
Environmental Management Commission
5. Report by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) regarding the implementation of stormwater runoff rules and programs (G.S. 143-214.7(e) and 15A NCAC 02H .1005). *(30 minutes)*  
Thomas A. Reeder, Chief  
Wetlands and Stormwater Branch, Surface Water Quality Section,  
Division of Water Quality, DENR
6. Report on the implementation of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 (G.S. 113A-67). *(20 minutes)*  
Jim D. Simons, State Geologist and  
Director, Division of Land Resources, DENR

7. Discussion of issues related to drought.

- a. Current conditions and outlook. *(10 minutes)*  
Ryan P. Boyles, Associate State Climatologist  
State Climate Office, North Carolina State University
- b. Explanation of drought terminology. *(5 minutes)*  
J. Wayne Munden, Head  
Technical Services Branch, Public Water Supply Section,  
Division of Environmental Health, DENR
- c. Report from the Governor. *(15 minutes)*  
Franklin E. Freeman, Senior Assistant for Governmental Affairs  
Office of the Governor

***LUNCH BREAK***– *Estimated for 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.*

- d. Report from the Commissioner of Agriculture. *(15 minutes)*  
Steven W. Troxler, Commissioner  
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- e. Status on the Economic Task Force. *(10 minutes)*  
Stephanie G. McGarrah, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Research and Strategic  
Planning  
Department of Commerce
- f. Discussion of the powers and duties of State government agencies to respond to the  
drought. *(30 minutes)*  
Robin W. Smith, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Protection  
DENR
- g. Discussion on water rate structures and the drought: rate restructuring, revenue  
vulnerability, and the impact of water rates on water conservation across the State. *(20  
minutes)*  
Jeffrey A. Hughes, Director  
Environmental Finance Center, School of Government, University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill
- h. Update from the North Carolina League of Municipalities. *(10 minutes)*  
Kimberly S. Hibbard, Associate General Counsel  
North Carolina League of Municipalities
- i. Update from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. *(10 minutes)*  
Paul A. Meyer, Assistant General Counsel  
North Carolina Association of County Commissioners
- j. A discussion of available conservation measures. *(10 minutes)*  
Gary E. Hunt, Director

Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance, DENR

- k. Comments by interested parties. *(Limited to 5 minutes each)*
  - i. Erica U. Peterson, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer  
North Carolina AgriBusiness Council, Inc.
  - ii. Louise R. Hodges, President  
Green Industry Council
- 8. Commission discussion and announcements
- 9. Adjourn

**SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Below is a schedule of meetings of the Commission for November 2007 through May 2008. This schedule is tentative and subject to adjustment.

To facilitate development of the agenda for meetings of the Commission and to receive input from interested persons regarding the future work of the Commission, the Commission Counsel holds informal public planning meetings for staff and interested parties. The schedule of these meetings is also set out below.

<u>Commission Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Staff Planning Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday 27 November 2007	544 LOB	Thursday 15 November 2007	605 LOB
Wednesday 19 December 2007	544 LOB	Wednesday 5 December 2007	605 LOB
Wednesday 23 January 2008	544 LOB	Friday 11 January 2008	605 LOB
Thursday 14 February 2008	544 LOB	Tuesday 5 February 2008	605 LOB
Tuesday 18 March 2008	544 LOB	Friday 7 March 2008	605 LOB
Thursday 10 April 2008	544 LOB	Friday 28 March 2008	605 LOB
Friday 9 May 2008	544 LOB	Tuesday 29 April 2008	605 LOB
Wednesday 14 May 2008	544 LOB		

**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 9 November 2007 – 605 Legislative Office Building

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Persons having questions about the Commission meeting or other matters related to the Commission may contact Commission Counsel or other Commission staff at (919) 733-2578 or may visit the Commission's website at

<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/DocumentSites/browseDocSite.asp?nID=12>