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TO: Members of the Environmental Review Commission
Interested Parties

FROM: George F. Givens, Commission Counsel
Jessica Bennett, Commission Clerk

RE: **Notice of Commission Meeting**
Notice of Planning Meeting
Schedule of Future Meetings
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COMMISSION MEETING:

The Environmental Review Commission (Commission) will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday October 31 2007 in Room 544 of the Legislative Office Building in Raleigh.

At this meeting, the Commission will begin or 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 31 October meeting of the Commission will be developed at the staff planning meeting discussed below. Commission Staff may publish a revised notice/draft agenda following the staff planning meeting if circumstances permit.

STUDIES

- 1) Issues related to the franchise of solid waste management facilities by units of local government. (S.L. 2007-550, Sec. 18)
- 2) Issues related to the transportation of solid waste by rail or barge, including the extent to which regulation of the transportation of solid waste by rail or barge may be preempted by federal law. (S.L. 2007-550, Sec. 18)
- 3) Issues related to the use of pervious surfaces for vehicle parking areas, including associated costs, impact to the environment of stormwater runoff, and practices of other states with regard to stormwater best management practices. (S.L. 2007-323, Sec. 6.22.(b))

- 4) Allocation of surface water resources and their availability and maintenance in the State, including issues related to the transfer of water from one river basin to another, the withdrawal of water for consumptive use, and the accuracy and tolerance of equipment used to measure the flow of water transferred from one river basin to another river basin. (S.L. 2007-518, Sec. 1.(a))
- 5) Preparation of a revised map entitled "Major River Basins and Sub-basins in North Carolina" as a recommended replacement for the map referenced in G.S. 143-215.22G. The revised map shall define the extent to which any river basin that encompasses any river that flows from another state into North Carolina or that flows from North Carolina into another state extends into an adjacent state. (S.L. 2007-518, Sec. 1.(b))

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

General/Miscellaneous:

- 6) Quarterly report on the activities of the Environmental Management Commission (G.S. 143B-282(b)) *(15 April, 15 July, and 15 October)*
- 7) Report by the Community Conservation Assistance Program Advisory Committee on the findings of its program review (S.L. 2006-78, Sec. 5) *(31 March 2007)*
- 8) Annual report on the One-Stop Permit Assistance Program on the number of environmental permits that took more than 90 days to issue or deny, types of permits, reasons for extended processing time, and how the time used to issue or deny the permits compared with projected time provided to the applicant by DENR *(1 October)*
- 9) Annual report on the findings and recommendations on the success of the express permit and certification review program (G.S. 143B-279.13(c)) *(1 March)*
- 10) Interim Report on the findings and recommendations of the Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change (S.L. 2006-79) *(15 January 2007)*
- 11) Annual report on litter enforcement, prevention, and removal efforts (G.S. 147-12(b)) *(1 March)*

Air Quality:

- 12) Final report on the costs and benefits of reducing emissions of NO_x, particulate matter, and greenhouse gases from motor vehicles in the State and consideration of standards adopted in other states. (S.L. 2006-248, Sec. 43) *(1 April 2007)*
- 13) Annual report on implementation of S.L. 2002-4 (Clean Smokestacks Act) (S.L. 2002-4, Sec. 14) *(1 June)*
- 14) Annual report on the desirability of requiring and the feasibility of obtaining reductions in emissions of NO_x and SO₂ beyond those required by the Clean Smokestacks Act (S.L. 2002-4, Sec. 11) *(1 September)*
- 15) Annual report on development and implementation of a plan to reduce vehicle miles traveled by State employees and vehicle emissions resulting from job-related travel, including commuting to and from work (G.S. 143-215.107C(d)) *(1 October)*
- 16) Annual report on development and implementation of a plan to reduce vehicle miles traveled by private sector employees and vehicle emissions resulting from job-related travel, including commuting to and from work (G.S. 143-215.107C(e)) *(1 October)*

Coastal Management:

- 17) Annual report on the progress in developing and implementing the Coastal Habitat Protection Plans and reports on the completion or substantial revision of each draft Coastal Habitat Protection Plan (G.S. 143B-279.8(e) and G.S. 143B-279.8(f)) *(1 September)*

- 18) Annual report by the Coastal Resources Commission evaluating the impacts on water quality and other environmental impacts from new urban waterfront area development (S.L. 2004-117, Sec. 4) *(1 October)*

Hazardous Waste Management:

- 19) Annual report on the Inactive Hazardous Sites Program (G.S. 130A-310.10) *(1 October)*
- 20) Annual report on implementation of the Resident Inspectors Program at commercial hazardous waste facilities (G.S. 130A-295.02(m)) *(1 October)*
- 21) Report of Superfund cost share fund expenditures for cleanup of sites on the National Priorities List (S.L. 1999-237(15.6)(b)) *(Floating, within 30 days of expenditure)*
- 22) Annual report on the North Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Plan (G.S. 130A-294(i)) *(1 October)*
- 23) Annual report on the Effectiveness of the Brownfields Property Reuse Act (G.S. 130A-310.40) *(1 October)*

Land Resources:

- 24) Annual report on the cost of implementing the Mining Act of 1971 (G.S. 74-54.1(c)) *(1 September)*
- 25) Annual report on implementation of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 (G.S. 113A-67) *(1 October)*

Parks and Recreation / Land Conservation:

- 26) Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2003-2004 (G.S. 113-44.15(c)) *(1 October)*
- 27) North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund Award Report, Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (G.S. 113-77.9(e)) *(Semi-annually, within 30 days of each revision)*
- 28) Annual report on progress towards attaining the State's goal of protecting one million acres of farmland, open space, and conservation lands (G.S. 113A-241(c)) *(1 October)*
- 29) Annual report on implementation of the Conservation Easements Program and inventory of all conservation easements held by DENR (G.S. 113A-235(c)) *(1 October)*
- 30) Annual report on the activities of the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and Advisory Committee, the agriculture easements purchased, and agricultural projects funded during the previous year. (S.L. 2007-495, Sec. 23 *(May 1)*)

Water Quality:

- 31) Interim report on the pilot program to streamline the process for the issuance of an improvement permit or an authorization to construct for an on-site subsurface wastewater system in certain counties by authorizing local health departments, authorized agents of DENR, and licensed soil scientists to complete soil and site evaluations in participating counties. (S.L. 2006-136, Sec. 3) *(October 1)*
- 32) Annual report on permitting and inspecting animal waste management systems/Animal Waste Compliance Report (G.S. 143-215.10M) *(1 October)*
- 33) Semiannual report on the pilot program for inspection of animal waste management systems including a comparison of the costs of conducting operations reviews and inspections under the pilot program with the costs of conducting operations and inspections under G.S. 143-215.10D and G.S. 143-215.10F *(15 October)*

- 34) Annual report on the compliance/enforcement of water quality laws for facilities that discharge into surface waters (G.S. 143-215.9A) *(1 October)*
- 35) Annual report on the Wastewater Discharge Elimination Program (S.L. 2001-452, Sec. 2.9) *(15 October)*
- 36) Annual report on Basinwide Water Quality Management Plans (G.S. 143-215.8B) *(1 October)*
- 37) Annual report on the Dry-Cleaning Solvent Cleanup Program (G.S. 143-215.104U) *(1 October)*
- 38) Annual report on the status of leaking petroleum underground storage tanks, the State cleanup funds, and the Groundwater Protection Loan Fund (G.S. 143-215.94M) *(1 September)*
- 39) Annual report by the Roanoke River Basin Bi-State Commission (G.S. 77-98) *(1 October)*
- 40) Annual report by the Yadkin-Pee Dee River Basin Advisory Commission (G.S. 77-117) *(1 October)*
- 41) Annual report on the implementation of stormwater rules and programs (G.S. 143-214.7(e)) *(1 October)*
- 42) 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)*
- 43) Annual report on the Environmental Management Commission's progress in developing and implementing nutrient management strategies for certain water supply reservoirs. (S.L. 2005-190, Sec. 4)

Water Quantity:

- 44) Annual report on the progress of water supply planning (G.S. 143-355(n)) *(1 September)*
- 45) Annual report by the Drought Management Advisory Council, including a review of drought advisories issued by the Council and any recommendations to improve coordination among local, State, and federal agencies; public water systems; and water users to improve the management and mitigation of the harmful effects of drought (G.S. 143-355.1(g)) *(1 October)*

PLANNING MEETING:

To facilitate development of the agenda for the 31 October meeting of the Commission, to begin planning 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 Thursday 18 October 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:

Below is a schedule of meetings of the Environmental Review Commission for October 2007 through May 2008. **This schedule is tentative and subject to adjustment.** For planning purposes, however, please reserve these dates. This schedule may be modified to allow for out-of-town business meetings or site visits and in the event that it becomes necessary to cancel a scheduled meeting due to hazardous weather conditions.

Please note the following:

1. Meetings of the Commission normally begin at 9:30 a.m., include a lunch break, and run until mid-afternoon. Please plan on meeting from 9:30 a.m. until at least 3:30 p.m. Meetings of the Commission are open to the public.
2. Staff planning meetings normally begin at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn by noon. Staff planning meetings are informal and are open to the public. Commission members are not expected to attend these meetings.
3. The 2008 Regular Session is scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon on Tuesday 13 May 2008. The Commission may meet shortly after the beginning of the session to complete ongoing work and to consider any legislative proposals and recommendations and may meet at other times during the legislative session.

<u>Commission Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Staff Planning Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday 31 October 2007	544 LOB	Thursday 18 October 2007	605 LOB
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 12 October 2007 – 605 Legislative Office Building

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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