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MEMORANDUM

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION
The Honorable Pricey Harrison, Co-Chair, Environmental Review Commission
The Honorable Pryor Gibson, Co-Chair, Environmental Review Commission
The Honorable Bob Atwater, Co-Chair, Environmental Review Commission
The Honorable Dan Clodfelter, Co-Chair, Environmental Review Commission

FROM: Dee Freeman 

RE: Supplemental Reporting on the Inactive Hazardous Sites Program Pursuant to G.S. 130A-310.2(b)

In 1987, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the Inactive Hazardous Sites Response Act (N.C.G.S. 130A-310) to address sites with non-permitted releases of hazardous substances. N.C.G.S. 130A-310.10 requires annual reporting to the Environmental Review Commission in October each year. N.C.G.S. 130A-310.2 was amended in 2007 and requires additional reporting to the members of the North Carolina General Assembly by January of each year.

The 2007 provision requires that no later than January 1 of each year, the department report to each member of the General Assembly the location of each inactive hazardous substance or waste disposal site in the member's district, the type and amount of hazardous substances or waste known or believed to be located on each of these sites, the last action taken at each of these sites, and the date of that last action. There are currently 2,982 sites cataloged, 2,537 of which have not yet been assigned "no further action" status. In fulfillment of this additional reporting requirement, but not to overwhelm your offices with paper, the following is provided. The location and status in the inventory for each site is shown organized by county on a table on the Web at: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sf/sfavailabledocs>. Click on "130A-310.2 Supplemental Rpt." In addition, activities at voluntary remedial action sites, priority cases, orphan site actions, imminent hazard abatement, and National Priorities List sites are discussed in the 2010 Report to the North Carolina General Assembly on the Inactive Hazardous Sites Program also found at the above Web link and attached to this memorandum. Information on the contaminant type and environmental media known or believed to be affected at each site has only been electronically compiled for the Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites Priority List sites in the Inactive Hazardous Sites Inventory. That information continues to be included in the legislative report as well. Almost without exception, the "amount" of waste is unknown as there is rarely a record of the amount of a spill. Also, because spills and dumping resulted in the contamination of various media including soils and groundwater, a complete site characterization is needed and site-specific cleanup levels determined before that volume could be estimated.

A table with the location of the Pre-1983 Landfills in the inventory organized by county is also available at the above Web link. Click on "Old Landfill Inventory." These landfills will be handled as prescribed in SB 1492 (2007 Session).

If there is any further information you would like about a site in your district, please contact us with the name of the site and we will review the records and provide you with that information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call either Dexter Matthews, director of the North Carolina Division of Waste Management at (919) 508-8414 or me at (919) 733-4984.