

# **Report to the Environmental Review Commission**

## **Pursuant to S.L. 2014-120, Sec. 29 REFORM AGENCY REVIEW OF ENGINEERING WORK**

**January 14, 2015**

**Name of Local Government Unit: *Catawba County***

**Approved/delegated program subject to reporting requirements:**

☒ Sedimentation/erosion control

☒ Stormwater

☐ Water/sewer

☐ Cross-connection

☐ 401 certifications

☐ Other

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Environmental Review Commission, at [Mariah.Matheson@ncleg.net](mailto:Mariah.Matheson@ncleg.net).***

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*\*\*Please attach any written procedures that may have been developed to implement the provisions of this law.\*\**

**X** Check to indicate that this plan review program implemented procedures whereby plan reviewers distinguish between plan changes that are required by statutory or other legal authority and those that the reviewer offers as suggestions for improvement. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(1) for further details about this requirement.

**X** Check to indicate that this plan review program identifies the statutory or regulatory authority for any revisions or requests for additional information that are required by the program in order to grant the requested plan permit, approval, or license. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(b)(2) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program implemented procedures for local governments to follow when (1) a Professional Engineer submits a sealed design or practice that is not in the local government's guidance, manuals, or standard operating procedures, and (2) the submitting Professional Engineer requests additional internal review of that design or practice. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program established a procedure whereby the plan reviewer's supervisor OR the approving/delegating state agency can provide further review and oversight of these design details. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

**X** Check to indicate that this plan review program either employs a Professional Engineer who can conduct further review of these innovative designs, or maintains a list of consulting Professional Engineers of the local government unit's choice that may conduct this review, if requested by and paid for by the submitting Professional Engineer. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(1) for further details about this requirement.

**X** Check to indicate that this plan review program established an informal internal process to address disputes when a plan reviewer identifies a change to the plans as being "required" under a specific, identified legal authority. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(c)(2) for further details about this requirement.

**X** Check to indicate that this plan review program discontinued use of the word "engineer" in the job titles of all program employees whose responsibilities include review of plans in affected programs, *unless* those employees hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h) for further details about this requirement.

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☒ Check to indicate that this plan review program reviewed the titles of all employees conducting plan reviews for this program. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(1) for further details about this requirement.

☐ Check to indicate that this plan review program proposed revisions to those employees' job titles in order to eliminate use of the word "engineer" when publicly identifying those employees, if those employees do not hold Professional Engineer licenses. Refer to S.L. 2014-120, Section 29.(h)(2) for further details about this requirement.

**Additional information:**

Catawba County has procedures in place to identify statutory or regulatory authority for revisions or request for additional information to grant an erosion & sediment control permit.

Catawba County has implemented procedures to identify statutory or regulatory authority for revisions or request for additional information to grant a stormwater permit.

Catawba County employs a Professional Engineer to conduct plan reviews for erosion & sediment control and stormwater plans.

Catawba County has an informal process to address disputes where a change is required on plans.

Catawba County does not use the word "engineer" in any job title for employees who review plans.