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From: mdonin@nc.rr.com
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To: <rich.gannon@ncmail.net>
Subj: Clean Water

Dear Mr. Gannon,

Polluted with excess nutrients, Jordan Lake, subject to algae blooms and fish kills, serves less well as a site for recreation, a habitat for wild life, and a source of drinking water for people in the Triangle. The new rules proposed for the lake would address all the sources of nitrogen and phosphorus including residences, industry, and agriculture. These major goals of the rules deserve our support. But the nitrogen reductions from the major wastewater treatment plants should begin in 2011, as originally recommended, instead of 2016.

The Clean Water Responsibility Act (HR 515) was passed in 1997. If it is not implemented until 2016, that will mean that improvement will have taken almost 20 years. During that time nutrients will have continued pouring into the lake. The lake was known to be vulnerable to nutrient pollution almost immediately after the dam was closed to form the lake; so the waste water treatment facilities in the watershed have had ample warning about the need to upgrade facilities, and some have begun to do so. There should be no more delay. All the plants should be required to comply by the original date of 2011.

Sincerely,

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