



September 14, 2007

Mr. Rich Gannon  
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1617 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1617

Dear Mr. Gannon:

This purpose of this letter is to offer supplementary information to further support the comments (also dated September 14, 2007) that we have already sent you in reference to the proposed Jordan Lake Nutrient rule.

Based upon a GIS-based land cover analysis of the Lower New Hope and Upper New Hope subwatersheds completed today by EEP, we have determined that there would, at most, be 29 acres and 56 acres of 50-ft buffer opportunities available in these two subwatersheds respectively, all of which would be subject to landowner willingness to participate. This strongly reinforces our recommendation that the fee established for these two subwatersheds should be based on Scenario C (All Stormwater Retrofit Analysis).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this complex rule-making process. We are happy to answer any questions about the issues we have raised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William D. Gilmore".

William D. Gilmore, P.E., Director  
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