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Mr. Rick Grant, Plant Manager
Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.
Weatherspoon Steam Plant
491 Power Plant Road
Lumberton, NC 28358

Subject: Permit Modification
NPDES Permit NC0005363
Weatherspoon Steam Plant
Robeson County

Dear Mr. Grant:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, 2011 requesting modifications to the stormwater provisions contained in the subject permit. Our Stormwater Permitting Unit discussed the site circumstances with Robin Bryson, as per your direction in that letter. Robin has via email and verbal discussion revised Progress' request, and we are in accord with her revised modification request.

Effective immediately, you may consider all of Section B (Stormwater Permit Requirements) of the subject permit as rescinded. These stormwater requirements were initially established to cover coal ash hauling activity along an access road; however, this activity ceased in November 2010 and there are no current plans to conduct coal ash hauling or other qualifying activities along the access road. For administrative efficiency, DWQ will postpone revising and re-issuing the remaining text of the permit until the next scheduled permit renewal in 2014.

Please contact Ken Pickle in DWQ's Stormwater Permitting Unit with any questions on this stormwater modification.

Sincerely,

Tom Belnick
Supervisor, Complex Permitting Unit

Cc
Robin Bryson, Progress
Ken Pickle, SPU