

TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING BRANCH (Division of Water Resources)

Review of 401 Certification applications for NCDOT projects in Divisions 13 & 14, Review NCDOT's wetland and stream mitigation plans, Represent DWR on 404/NEPA Merger Team, Relevant DOT site visits

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UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS (Division of Waste Management)

The UST section has the regulatory authority of UST installation and operation, investigations of leaking USTs and the cleanup of releases. This section also oversees and investigates non-UST petroleum releases.

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Division of Water Infrastructure

Water Infrastructure provides financial assistance for projects that improve water quality, types of projects, including sewer collection and treatment systems, drinking water distribution systems, water treatment plants, storm-water management systems, and stream restoration.

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WATER SCIENCES LAB (Division of Water Resources)

The DWQ Laboratory Section's programs are a vital component in the effort to provide analytical data and ensure the quality of the analytical data used for regulatory purposes by various programs within DEQ. These programs rely on the services of the laboratory section to support a multitude of scientific, regulatory, and administrative decisions. The Regional Laboratory provides critically time sensitive analyses to DWQ. The Laboratory Certification program certifies approximately 120 commercial, municipal, industrial, and field laboratories in the Region and surrounding states that report data to various DEQ programs.

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WATER QUALITY REGIONAL OPERATION SECTION (Division of Water Resources)

The SWP section has regulatory authority to issue wastewater treatment permits, certify dredge and fill applications, inspect permitted plants for compliance and enforcement, conduct ambient water monitoring, investigate fish kills, and oil spills. This section also monitors watershed protection, aquatic toxicology, and basin-wide studies and permitting.

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Asheville Regional Office Divisions

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

(Division of Environmental Assistance & Customer Service)

This section provides complete office and logistical support for all programs located in this regional office.

CONTACTS:

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DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY

The DAQ has the regulatory responsibility of issuing permits, inspecting air pollutant emission sources, conducting ambient air monitoring, and investigating complaints.

CONTACTS:

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ENVIROMENTAL ASSISTANCE & OUTREACH

(Division of Environmental Assistance & Customer Service)

The EAO provides assistance and outreach to customers and serves as the centralized source of DEQs programs at the regional office.

CONTACT:

Travis Smith, Environmental Assistance Coordinator

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

(Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources)

The North Carolina Geological Survey (NCGS) examines, describes and maps the geology and mineral resources of North Carolina and publishes these findings in reports and maps. The NCGS administers cooperative geologic mapping agreements with the US Geological Survey, and other federal, state and local government agencies. The NCGS responds to citizen's questions and service requests about NC geology.

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INACTIVE HAZARDOUS SITE BRANCH (Division of Waste Management)

Responsible for oversight and approval of the assessment and remediation of hazardous substance contaminated sites.

CONTACT:

Brett Engard, Inactive Hazardous Site Branch

DIVISION OF MITIGATION SERVICES

Initiative that restores and protects wetlands and waterways for future generations while offsetting unavoidable environmental impacts from development projects; assist private and public developers in meeting state and federal compensatory mitigation and nutrient offset requirements.

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Land Quality

(Division of Energy, Mineral,, and Land Resources)

The LQ Section reviews plans, conducts compliance inspections, approve stormwater plans, investigate complaints, and initiates enforcement actions with regard to the NC Sedimentation Control Act of 1973, the Dam Safety Act of 1967, the Mining Act of 1971, and the Federal NPDES and State Storm water programs. These regulations protect our streams and lands from degradation by soil erosion and storm water runoff from mining, construction, and industry.

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MS4 STORMWATER PERMITTING

(Division of Energy, Mineral,, and Land Resources)

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program is mandated under the federal Clean Water Act and delegated to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

CONTACTS:

Isaiah Reed, MS4 Program Coordinator



Public Water Supply (Division of Water Resources)

The PWS section works with operators of public water systems to ensure the water supply is safe to drink. This is accomplished through plant site, plan, and specification reviews, contamination complaints, water sample reports, and training of consultant plant operators and owners.

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Recycling

(Division of Environmental Assistance & Customer Service)

General questions about composting/anaerobic digestion, permitting guidance, state rules navigation, organic waste tonnages, private/local government funding for organics recycling projects

CONTACT:

Christine Wittmeier, Organic Recycling Team Lead

SOLID WASTE SECTION (Division of Waste Management)

The Solid Waste Program regulates safe management of solid waste through guidance, technical assistance, regulations, permitting, environmental monitoring, compliance evaluation and enforcement. Waste types handled at these facilities include municipal solid waste, industrial waste, construction and demolition waste, land-clearing waste, scrap tires, medical waste, compost, and seepage.

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