



NORTH CAROLINA
Environmental Quality

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UAS Authorization Form - Private Property

Date: _____

Private Property Owner: _____
Address Line 1: _____
Address Line 2: _____
City, State Zip: _____

RE: Project Name or Subject Property: _____
Project Name: _____
Project Location Address: _____
Project Latitude / Longitude: _____
County: _____

Dear Sir or Madam:

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources (DEMLR) maintains jurisdiction over regulated dams and mines, erosion/sedimentation control and permitting for regulated land-disturbing activities and storm water pollution prevention. DEMLR also regulates permitting pertaining to development, industrial and municipal activities as well as performing dam safety inspections and emergency response activities. DEMLR periodically visits regulated sites for inspection, compliance, dam safety, and emergency response purposes. DEMLR also conducts non-regulatory functions in the interest of public safety, such as landslide investigations, landslide mapping and emergency landslide responses, in addition to other geological mapping functions. These site visits often employ the use of equipment and technology owned and operated by DEMLR. Typical equipment and technology may include surveying/measuring instrument(s), cell phones, video and camera equipment, etc., as well as air, land and water-based vehicles.

Recently, DEMLR added the use of Unmanned Aircraft System(s) (UAS) technology, commonly referred to as drones, to its site visits to provide a more expedient and less obtrusive means of obtaining pertinent data and information. UAS technology is particularly useful where physical access by personnel is limited, dangerous or otherwise inaccessible (i.e. flooded conditions, dam breaches, landslides, etc., during emergencies). DEMLR's use of UAS is intended to target only the regulated portion(s), landslide area or geological mapping area of the sites we visit.

In accordance with NCGS §15A-300.1(b) and 300.2, which proscribes certain UAS use for activities involving private real property, DEMLR is required to obtain the consent of the owner, easement holder or lessee of the property prior to launching and/or recovering a UAS from that property and for inspecting the property using UAS video or photographic imaging. Your signature below specifically authorizes DEMLR to launch and/or recover a UAS from your property and to inspect the property via video or photographic imaging with a UAS for regulatory, landslide or geological mapping, or emergency purposes only. This authorization will remain in effect until you rescind the authorization by providing written notification to our office.

Please feel free to contact the [NC DEQ DEMLR Regional Office](#) which covers the County where the project is located as they will be your point of contact to facilitate this request. Once you have identified the proper regional office, the Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources within each office can assist. We look forward to working with you.

(sign) _____ (Land owner/lessee/easement holder) _____ Date

(print) _____

