RESOLUTION REGARDING QUALIFIED INSPECTION PERSONNEL FOR NORTH CAROLINA CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

WHEREAS, sediment runoff degrades land resources, and sediment is a pollutant of concern for waters of the state that can adversely impact aquatic habitat; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act (SPCA) to preserve land resources and protect water quality from potentially adverse impacts associated with land-disturbing activities, and

WHEREAS, the operation and performance of erosion and sedimentation control measures must be inspected on a routine basis to ensure that the maintenance of the measures are being performed so that the measures continue to perform as planned and designed; and

WHEREAS, the SPCA currently has no education or training requirements for personnel assigned to conduct inspections of erosion and sedimentation control measures; and

WHEREAS, establishing minimum education or training requirements for inspection personnel would result in improved operation and performance of erosion and sedimentation control measures, which would preserve land resources and protect water quality; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission is charged with developing and adopting rules and regulations for the control of erosion and sedimentation resulting from land disturbing activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sedimentation Control Commission recommends that the North Carolina General Assembly investigate and consider enacting statutory authority requiring qualified personnel for the inspection of erosion and sedimentation control measures.

ADOPTED this the 12th day of November 2009, by the North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission.

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