



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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August 23, 2012

Chris Rollins, City Manager
City of Graham
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Graham, NC 27253

Dear Mr. Rollins:

Our Director, Mr. Charles Wakild, asked me to respond to your July 24, 2012 letter regarding a Category 4b demonstration as an alternative management approach for Little Alamance Creek. According to EPA guidance, Category 4b is appropriate for situations where a TMDL is not needed, because other pollution control requirements are expected to result in the attainment of an applicable water quality standard in a reasonable period of time. DWQ concurs that a Category 4b demonstration is a viable alternative to the draft TMDL for Little Alamance Creek.

Please consider this letter to be your requested notice-to-proceed. We understand that within the next 24 months, NCDOT, Burlington, and Graham will submit documentation addressing each of the required six elements of a 4b demonstration. We request that staff assigned to developing the 4b plan arrange to meet with DWQ staff early in the process and then periodically as development proceeds. This will help to ensure that the product is consistent with federal regulations and EPA's recommended structure.

Thank you for your commitment to restoring Little Alamance Creek. Please contact me if you have any questions. My phone number is 919-807-6331, and my email address is kathy.stecker@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,

Pam Blum for Kathy Stecker

Kathy Stecker, Supervisor
Modeling and TMDL Unit

cc: Mike Randall
Andy McDaniel, DOT
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David Chang, PhD, PE
State Hydraulics Engineer
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1590 MSC
Raleigh, NC 27699

Dear Dr. Chang:

Our Director, Mr. Charles Wakild, asked me to respond to your July 27, 2012 letter regarding a Category 4b demonstration as an alternative management approach for Little Alamance Creek. According to EPA guidance, Category 4b is appropriate for situations where a TMDL is not needed, because other pollution control requirements are expected to result in the attainment of an applicable water quality standard in a reasonable period of time. DWQ concurs that a Category 4b demonstration is a viable alternative to the draft TMDL for Little Alamance Creek.

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Harold Owen, City Manager
City of Burlington
PO Box 1358
Burlington, NC 27216

Dear Mr. Owen:

Our Director, Mr. Charles Wakild, asked me to respond to your August 8, 2012 letter regarding a Category 4b demonstration as an alternative management approach for Little Alamance Creek. According to EPA guidance, Category 4b is appropriate for situations where a TMDL is not needed, because other pollution control requirements are expected to result in the attainment of an applicable water quality standard in a reasonable period of time. DWQ concurs that a Category 4b demonstration is a viable alternative to the draft TMDL for Little Alamance Creek.

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