

## North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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RE: Weatherspoon Power Station, Weatherspoon Cooling Pond

State Dam ID: ROBES-004

Robeson County Lumber River

## Dear Sirs:

The information received in this office on July 31, 2014 regarding the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for the Weatherspoon Cooling Pond has been reviewed. On August 26, 2014, Land Quality Section personnel from this office conducted an inspection of the downstream areas identified in the EAP as inundated areas during a failure. During the inspection, it was confirmed that the structures identified in the EAP are inhabited or inhabitable.

Based on the above-referenced information, our office has determined that a high hazard potential classification is presently warranted. This being the case, the dam must be regulated by the Dam Safety Program under the Dam Safety Law of 1967 and the North Carolina Administrative Code 15A-2K.

You may contact this office at telephone number (910) 433-3300 or the Raleigh Central office at (919) 707-9220 if you have questions or if we may be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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