

**Subject:** Western Wake Partners FEIS

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Dear Mr. Wicker,

I am writing in reference to the Western Wake Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility. Some of the reasons given by the USACE in response to citizen concerns are troubling, and give the impression the USACE is not performing their duties. For example:

Appendix H. #1 Western Wake EJ Summary\_FINAL.pdf Lines 54 - 60 state:

*A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was previously prepared for the Western Wake Regional WWMF project under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) (NCGS 113A-1). A Public Hearing for the Draft EIS and Draft Section 404 Permit was held on June 15, 2006. Because of the number of comments received on the Draft Section 404 Permit, USACE determined that the project required a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) EIS. The SEPA process was suspended, and the NEPA process was begun. The NEPA EIS will also fulfill the requirements of SEPA.*

Why is there no mention in the Executive summary of all the errors made during the SEPA process? (I remind you that the errors were made by the same consultants the USACE is currently using.)

Why is there no mention that the hearing officer's report stated:

*"After hearing oral comments, reading written comments and consulting with the technical experts in DENR, it is our recommendation that you do not consider the April 2006 Draft EIS as an accurate, complete and adequate document.*

*The previous issues should be addressed before this document should be considered a final Environmental Impact Statement for the Project."*

Eliminating this information from the FEIS leads the reader to believe there were no mistakes in the SEPA Draft EIS, and that the USACE only stepped in because a few people spoke out during the public hearing.

Or are those errors going to be ignored, just like the residents of New Hill have been ignored since this project began?

Sincerely,

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