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Monte Matthews
Raleigh Regulatory Field Office
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Re: Western Wake Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), Wake County, CH 04-3147

Dear Mr. Matthews:

We have received the Public Notice for the above referenced undertaking, which is likely to adversely affect the New Hill Historic District, a property listed in the National Register of Historic Places. We note that the Public Notice states that the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has not yet determined if there are any historic properties within the permit area. We can state that there are no National Register-listed or eligible properties within the permit area. However, we believe that the WRF cannot be built at the proposed location without the associated transmission lines passing through and adversely affecting the National Register historic district. We also believe that the proposed facility may create other adverse effects on the historic district, and enclose our comments on such effects offered to the Division of Water Quality.

The enclosed comments reflect questions and concerns raised by the public at a meeting on April 4, 2006, in New Hill to specifically address the potential effects of the WRF on the historic district. It is our understanding that the Division of Water Quality is considering conditions on their permit for the WRF to address some of these concerns. We would, however, urge the USACE also to consider including conditions, within its permit for the proposed undertaking, to mitigate the adverse effect of the project on the district. We will be pleased to meet with you to discuss specific stipulations, which would help mitigate the adverse effects of the project on the historic district.

The above comments are made in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your contacting our Environmental Review Coordinator, Renee Gledhill-Earley, at 733-4763 x 246 to schedule a meeting to cover the concerns outlined

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in our memorandum. If possible, we would also like to include the applicant and the Division of Water Quality in the meeting so as to further coordinate the handling of this matter.

Sincerely,

Renee Medhill-Early

Peter Sandbeck

Enclosure

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