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1 Attachment



Norfolk Southern Railway EA.pdf

Joshua,

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) has received and reviewed the Environmental Assessment concerning Norfolk Southern Railway Company's plans for rail abandonment in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties, NC (See attached). Based on the information provided, it appears that a NPDES permit would not be needed for the proposed salvage activities, and it's unlikely that a 401 Certification will be needed; as well as no stream or wetland impacts are proposed. There may be some brief channel disturbance if bridge support structures are removed in or adjacent to stream crossings, but as long as the salvage operation utilizes BMPs and keep mechanical equipment out of the channel, any channel impacts should be minimal at best and localized in the vicinity of the support structure.

NCDENR requests that Condition 2 as recommended in the CONDITIONS section of the assessment be included in any decision granting abandonment authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the attached document and to provide comments.

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