

Agency Contacts

Division of Water Quality:

Basinwide Planning Unit

This is a nonregulatory, watershed-based approach to restoring and protecting the quality of North Carolina's surface waters. Basinwide water quality plans are prepared for each of the 17 major river basins in the state.

Contact: [Jeff Manning](#), 919-807-6415

Point Source Branch: NPDES Wastewater Permitting & Compliance Program

Complex Permitting Unit

This unit handles all major/minor permits and special technical issues, Level B modeling, and policy implementation tasks.

Contact: [Tom Belnick](#), 919-807-6390

Compliance and Expedited Permitting Unit

This unit handles expedited and simple permit renewals and general permits. Staff renew existing permits and are a compliance contact for regional offices.

Contact: [John Hennessy](#), 919-807-6377

Point Source Branch: Pre-treatment and Collection Systems Program

For projects involving new or expanding sewer lines, force mains and pump stations, and pre-treatment.

Contact: [Deborah Gore](#), 919-807-6383

Wetlands, Buffers, Stormwater Compliance and Permitting Unit

Contact: [Karen Higgins](#), 919-807-6360

For Transportation Permitting in relation to 401s and wetlands, **contact:** [Amy Chapman](#), 919-807-6365

Aquifer Protection Section

For wastewater treatment projects not involving direct discharge, such as land application and surface irrigation.

Contact: [Jon Risgaard](#), 919-807-6458

Environmental Sciences Section

The Environmental Sciences Section provides scientific and technical support required to regulate and manage water quality throughout North Carolina. The four units and two teams of the Section evaluate the state's aquatic resources through a variety of specialized biological, chemical, and physical techniques.

Contact: [Jay Sauber](#), (919) 733-6510

Infrastructure Finance Section

If the DWQ project involves money administered by this Section, the above office should be contacted to determine whether an EA, EIS, or other environmental documentation will be required.

Contact: [Jennifer Haynie](#), Supervisor of the Facilities Evaluation Unit, (919) 707-9173. All questions regarding permitting of wastewater collection infrastructure, **regardless of funding source**, should be directed to: [Adrian Eaton](#), Engineer II - Sewer Extensions Permitting, (919) 707-9178.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR):

Contact: [Lyn Hardison](#), (DENR Assistance Coordinator), 252-948-3842

Regional Offices

There are seven Regional Offices of the DENR that perform the Department's duties on a local level.

Division of Parks and Recreation

The Division should be able to provide information on the presence of rare, threatened or endangered species; significant natural heritage areas; state parks and state lakes; state-designated natural and scenic rivers; and national wild and scenic rivers that may be impacted by the project.

Contact: [Amin Davis](#), 919-707-9329

Division of Water Resources

This Division is interested in the hydrologic impacts of projects such as those posed by dams, water withdrawals, or wastewater discharges on small streams. They are concerned with maintaining minimum instream surface water flows for protection of shellfish, fish and their habitats, aquatic life, minimizing flooding and erosion impacts.

Contact: [Harold Brady](#), 919-707-9005

[Public Water Supply Section](#) is now located in the Division of Water Resources.

This section addresses several areas of public health protection such as: public drinking water protection, public health pest protection, on-site sewage (i.e., septic tanks), and shellfish sanitation.

Contact: [Jackie Roddy](#), 919-707-9059

Division of Coastal Management

This agency should be consulted if the proposed project has the potential to impact coastal waters, coastal wetlands, or a Federal Consistency Determination is required.

Contact: [Doug Huggett](#), 252-808-2808

Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources

This Division should be contacted to determine the need for sedimentation and erosion control, mining, and dam safety permits.

Contact: [Tracy Davis](#), 919-707-9200

Division of Marine Fisheries

This Division will be concerned with the impacts of the proposed project on coastal/marine fish and shellfish resources. These may include but not be limited to impacts from habitat disturbance (dredging or filling) or impacts in these areas.

Contact: [Anne Deaton](#), 910-796-7315

Wildlife Resources Commission

The commission is concerned with protection of inland wetlands and wildlife, fish, shellfish, and their habitats (including game, non-game, threatened and endangered species).

Contact: [David Cox](#), 919-528-9886

Also, you may wish to access the Commission's [Guidance Memorandum to Address and Mitigate Secondary and Cumulative Impacts to Aquatic and Terrestrial Wildlife Resources and Water Quality \(August 2002\)](#)

Other State Agencies

[Department of Administration, State Clearinghouse \(SCH\)](#)

SCH manages the State's Intergovernmental Environmental Review process ([SCH SEPA flow chart](#)), which notifies potentially affected state/local agencies and the public of proposed state development activities in their jurisdiction. Further, the process offers a means for agencies with expertise and/or the public to review the environmental documents prepared for the proposed activity and offer comments regarding the adequacy/accuracy of the impact analysis.

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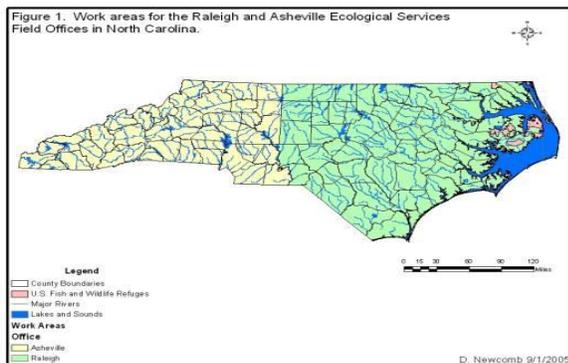
[Department of Cultural Resources/State Historic Preservation Office \(SHPO\)](#)

SHPO may have information on the presence of archaeological or historical sites. It may also require a survey be done at the site prior to any site development.

Please visit SHPO's [Project Review Checklist](#) to ensure that your document contains the required information.

Contact: [Renee Gledhill-Earley](#), 919-807-6579

Federal Agency - [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)



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