



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

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Elly S. Young, Counsel to the EMC
Jennifer Everett, DEQ Rulemaking Coordinator
The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission (“EMC”)
Sent via email to esyoun@NCDOJ.GOV and jennifer.everett@deq.nc.gov

Re: Return of 15A NCAC 02Q .0114 and Amended 15A NCAC 02Q .0501 and .0507

Dear Ms. Young and Ms. Everett:

At its April 28, 2026, meeting, the Rules Review Commission objected to the above captioned rules finding that the rules did not satisfy G.S. 150B-21.9(a). A statement of objection was sent to you both on April 28, 2026, pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.12(a).

On May 20, 2026, the EMC responded in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 150B-21.12(a)(2) stating that the EMC has decided not to change the rules and requesting that the RRC return said rules. In accordance with G.S. 150B-21.12(d), the above captioned rules are being returned pursuant to this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher S. Miller
Christopher S. Miller
Commission Counsel

Cc: Brian Liebman, Codifier of Rules

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