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- notices of rule-making proceedings; 3
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- other information the Codifier of Rules determines to be helpful to the public. 6

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NOTICE OF RULE-MAKING PROCEEDINGS

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days after publication or until the date of IMPACT: An agency shall accept comments on the text of a proposed rule published in (2) RULE WITH SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC the Register and that has a substantial economic impact requiring a fiscal note under G.S. 150B-21.4(b1) for at least 60 any public hearing held on the rule, whichever is longer.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT TO THE RULES REVIEW **COMMISSION:** The Commission shall review a rule submitted to it on or before the twentieth of a month by the last day of the next month.

SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: This following approval of the rule by the Rules FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY OF THE NEXT REGULAR date is the first legislative day of the next regular session of the General Assembly Review Commission. See G.S. 150B-21.3, Effective date of rules.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 97 EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE BERTHA

WHEREAS, I have proclaimed that a state of emergency and threatened disaster exists in certain areas of North Carolina due to Hurricane Bertha; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, has declared a regional emergency justifying an exemption from 49 C.F.R. 390-399 (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations); and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of N.C.G.S. 166A-4(3)and 166A-6(c)(3), the Governor, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may regulate and control the flow of vehicular traffic and the operation of transportation services; and

WHEREAS, with the concurrence of the Council of State, I have found that if vehicles bearing food, equipment, and supplies to relieve our hurricane-stricken counties must adhere to the weight restrictions of N.C.G.S. 20-88, 20-96 and 20-118, citizens those counties likely will suffer losses and therefore, there is an imminent threat of widespread damage within the meaning of N.C.G.S. 166A-4(3);

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of this State, and with the concurrence of the Council of State, IT IS OR-DERED:

Section 1. The Division of Motor Vehicles shall waive restrictions and penalties therefor arising under N.C.G.S. 20-88, 20-96, and 20-118 for vehicles transporting food, equipment, and supplies, including necessary utility vehicles along our highways to North Carolina's hurricane-stricken counties.

<u>Section 2.</u> Notwithstanding the waivers set forth above, restrictions and penalties shall not be waived under the following conditions:

(A) When the vehicle weight exceeds the maximum gross vehicle weight criteria established by the manufacturer (GVWR) or 90,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, whichever is less.

- (B) When tandem axle weights exceed 42,000 pounds and single axle weights exceed 22,000 pounds.
- (C) When vehicle/vehicle combination exceeds 12 feet in width and a total overall combination vehicle length of 65 feet from bumper to bumper.

Section 3.

- (A) Upon entering North Carolina, the vehicles will stop at the first available vehicle weight station and produce identification sufficient to establish that its load will be used for the Hurricane Bertha relief effort. All other safety restrictions apply. If returning vehicles are loaded with some other backhaul, all normal weight and permit restrictions apply.
- (B) The \$50.00 fee listed in N.C.G.S. 105-449.49 for a temporary trip permit is waived for the vehicles described above. The penalties described in N.C.G.S. 20-382 concerning insurance registration are waived also. Finally, no quarterly fuel tax is required because the exception in N.C.G.S. 105-449.45(a)(1) applies.
- (C) The vehicles will be allowed only in primary and interstate routes designated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

<u>Section</u> <u>4.</u> Vehicles described in Section 1 which are nonparticipants in North Carolina's International Registration Plan will be permitted to pass through North Carolina in accordance with the spirit of the exemptions identified by this Executive Order.

<u>Section 5.</u> The North Carolina Department of Transportation shall enforce the conditions set forth in Sections 1, 2, and 3 in a manner in which would best accomplish the implementation of this rule without endangering motorists in North Carolina.

Section 6. This Order shall not be in effect on bridges posted pursuant to N.C.G.S. 136-72.

This Executive Order shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 30 days.

Done in the Capital City of Raleigh, North Carolina this the 12th day of July 1996.

A Notice of Rule-making Proceedings is a statement of subject matter of the agency's proposed rule making. The agency must publish a notice of the subject matter for public comment at least 60 days prior to publishing the proposed text of a rule. Publication of a temporary rule serves as a Notice of Rule-making Proceedings and can be found in the Register under the section heading of Temporary Rules. A Rule-making Agenda published by an agency serves as Rule-making Proceedings and can be found in the Register under the section heading of Rule-making Agendas. Statutory reference: G.S. 150B-21.2.

TITLE 12 - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CHAPTER 7 - PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Notice of Rule-making Proceedings is hereby given by the N.C. Private Protective Services Board in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2. The agency shall subsequently publish in the <u>Register</u> the text of the rule(s) it proposes to adopt as a result of this notice of rule-making proceedings and any comments received on this notice.

Citation to Existing Rules Affected by this Rule-Making: 12 NCAC 7D .0201, .0504, .0701, .0801, .0902; 12 NCAC 7D. Other rules may be proposed in the course of the rule-making process.

Authority for the rule-making: G.S. 74C-5

Statement of the Subject Matter:

12 NCAC 7D .0201, .0701, .0801, .0902 - The rules currently set forth standards for submission of an applicant's criminal record check.

12 NCAC 7D .0504 - The rule sets forth the basic stan-

dards for an accepted polygraph instrument.

12 NCAC 7D - The Board wishes to develop rules that will set forth the requirements to become a Certified Firearm Instructor Trainer.

Reason for Proposed Action:

12 NCAC 7D .0201, .0701, .0801, .0902 - The Board would like to consider changing the type and origin or criminal record checks that are submitted with an individual's application.

12 NCAC 7D .0504 - The current rule requires a polygraph instrument to have a "permanent simultaneous recording on a moving chart." Technology has changed and new instruments no longer record data on moving charts.

12 NCAC 7D - No rules currently exist to specify what is required for an instructor to teach others how to instruct.

Comment Procedures: Written comments concerning this rule-making activity may be submitted within sixty days of this publication to W.A. Hoggard, III, Administrator, N.C. Private Protective Services Board, 3320 Old Garner Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27626.

This Section contains the text of proposed rules. At least 60 days prior to the publication of text, the agency published a Notice of Rule-making Proceedings. The agency must accept comments on the proposed rule for at least 30 days from the publication date, or until the public hearing, or a later date if specified in the notice by the agency. The required comment period is 60 days for a rule that has a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000). Statutory reference: G.S. 150B-21.2.

TITLE 10 - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the North Carolina Child Day Care Commission intends to adopt rules cited as 10 NCAC 3U .2701, .2702, .2703, .2704 and to amend rule cited as 10 NCAC 3U .0102. Notice of Rule-making Proceedings was published in the Register on January 16, 1996.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 1997

A Public Hearing will be conducted at 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. on September 4, 1996 at the Division of Child Development, 319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 120, Room 300, Raleigh, NC 27603.

Reason for Proposed Action: Permanent rules will replace previously adopted temporary rules that outline criminal records check procedures for child day care providers.

Comment Procedures: Comments may be presented in writing any time before or at the public hearing or orally at the hearing. Time limits for oral remarks may be imposed by the Commission Chairman. Any person may request copies of these Rules by calling Jeanne Marlowe, Division of Child Development, 319 Chapanoke Road, Suite 120, Raleigh, NC 27603, (919) 662-4527.

Fiscal Note: These Rules do affect the expenditures or revenues of state funds. These Rules do not affect local funds. These Rules do not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.

CHAPTER 3 - FACILITY SERVICES

SUBCHAPTER 3U - CHILD DAY CARE STANDARDS

SECTION .0100 - PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

.0102 DEFINITIONS

The terms and phrases used in this Subchapter shall be defined as follows except when the content of the Rule clearly requires a different meaning. The definitions prescribed in G.S. 110-86 also apply to these rules.

(1) "Age appropriate" means suitable to the chronological age range and developmental characteristics of a specific group of children.

- (2) "Agency" means the Child Day Care Section, Division of Facility Services, Department of Human Resources, located at 701 Barbour Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.
- (3) "Appellant" means the person or persons who request a contested case hearing.
- (4) "A" license means the license issued to day care operators who meet the minimum requirements for the legal operation of a child day care facility pursuant to G.S. 110-91 and applicable rules in this Subchapter.
- (5) "AA" license means the license issued to day care operators who meet the higher voluntary standards promulgated by the Child Day Care Commission as codified in Section .1600 of this Subchapter.
- (6) "Child Care Program" means a provider of child day care services and may consist of a single center or home, or a group of centers or homes or both, which are operated by one owner or supervised by a common sponsor.
- (7) "Child day care provider" as defined by G.S. 110-90.2 and used in Section .2700 of this Subchapter, includes but is not limited to the following employees: facility directors, administrative staff, teachers, teachers' aides, cooks, maintenance personnel and drivers.
- (8) (7)"Day care center" means any day care facility as defined in G.S. 110-86(3) which is authorized to provide day care to 13 or more children when any child present is preschool-age according to the definition of preschool-aged child in this Rule.
- (9) (8)"Day care home" means any child day care home as defined in G.S. 110-86(4) which provides day care on a regular basis of at least once per week for more than four hours, but less than 24 hours per day. Child care arrangements excluded from the definition of day care facility in G.S. 110-86(3) are excluded as day care homes.
- (10) (9)"Department" means the Department of Human Resources.
- (11) (10)"Division" means the Division of Facility Services within the Department of Human Resources.
- (12) (11)"Drop-in care" means a child day care arrangement where children attend on an intermittent, unscheduled basis.
- (13) (12)"Group" means the children assigned to a specific caregiver, or caregivers, to meet the staff/child ratios set forth in G.S. 110-91(7) and this Subchapter, using space which is identifiable

for each group.

- (14) (13)"Large child day care center" or "large center" means any day care center which is authorized to provide care to 80 or more children.
- (15) (14)"Large child day care home" or "large home" means any day care facility as defined in G.S. 110-86(3) which is authorized to routinely provide care to a maximum of 12 children when any child present is preschool-aged or, when all children present are school-aged, to a maximum of 15 children. Provided the appropriate child/staff ratios are not exceeded, the large home may exceed these maximum capacities by no more than two children:
 - (a) during the school year for no more than one hour immediately after school; and
 - (b) during the two week period preceding and the two week period following the public school year.
- (16) (15)"Licensee" means the person or entity that is granted permission by the State of North Carolina to operate a day care center.
- (17) (16)"Licensing Manual" means the document published by the Child Day Care Section which contains the procedures and standards required by North Carolina law, the Commission and the Department for licensure of child day care centers. The licensing manual may be obtained from the Section at the address given in Paragraph (1) of this Rule.
- (18) (17)"Medium child day care center" or "medium center" means any day care center which is authorized to provide day care to at least 30 but no more than 79 children.
- (19) (18)"Operator" means the person or entity held responsible by law as the owner of a child day care business. The terms "operator", "sponsor" or "licensee" are used interchangeably.
- (20) (19)"Part-time care arrangement" means a child care arrangement as defined in G.S. 110-86 which provides care on less than a full-time basis. Examples of part-time care arrangements are certain drop-in, before/after school, and seasonal programs.
- (21) (20)"Passageway" means a hall or corridor.
- (22) (21)"Preschool (formerly preschool-aged) child" means any child under 13 years of age who does not fit the definition of school-aged child in this Rule.
- (23) (22)"Provisional License" means the type of license issued to a center which does not conform in every respect with the standards for an "A" license.
- (24) (23)"Registrant" means the person or entity that is granted permission by the State of North Carolina to operate a day care home.
- (25) (24)"School-aged child" means any child who is

at least five years old on or before October 16 of the current school year and who is attending, or has attended, a public or private grade school or kindergarten.

- (26) (25)"Section" means the Child Day Care Section, Division of Facility Services, Department of Human Resources. The Section is located at the address given in Item (1) of this Rule.
- (27) (26)"Small day care center" or "small center" means any day care center which is authorized to provide day care for a maximum of 29 children.
- (28) (27)"Small day care home" or "small home" means the child care arrangements defined in G.S. 110-86(4) which are subject to the registration requirements set forth in Section .1700 of this Subchapter.
- (29) (28)"Special Provisional License" means the type of license which may be issued a day care operator pursuant to the conditions of G.S. 110-88 (6a) when child abuse or neglect has occurred in the center.
- (30) (29)"Substitute" means any person who temporarily assumes the duties of a regular staff person for a time period not to exceed two consecutive months.
- (31) (30)"Teacher" means the caregiver who has responsibility for planning and implementing the daily program of activities for each group of children.
- (32) (31)"Temporary care arrangement" means any child day care arrangement required to be regulated pursuant to G.S. 110-86 which provides either drop-in care or care on a seasonal or other part-time basis.
- (33) (32)"Temporary license" means the license which may be issued when a licensed center changes location or changes ownership.
- (34) (33)"Volunteer" means a person who works in a day care center or day care home and is not monetarily compensated by the center or home.

Authority G.S. 110-88; 143B-168.3.

SECTION .2700 - CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS

.2701 APPLICATION FOR PERMITS

(a) Beginning with the date set forth in the Division's implementation schedule, and in addition to the requirements set forth in Rule .0302 of this Subchapter and in Rule .1702 of this Subchapter the prospective child care provider shall submit to the Division at the time of application the following forms:

- (1) <u>a certified criminal history check from the Clerk</u> of Superior Court's office in the county where the individual resides;
- (2) <u>a signed Authority for Release of Information</u> using the form provided by the Division; and

(3) <u>a completed fingerprint card using SBI form FD-</u> 258.

If the prospective child care provider has lived in North Carolina for less than five consecutive years immediately preceding the date the fingerprint card is completed, a second fingerprint card shall be submitted in order to complete a national check.

(b) The prospective child care provider shall sign and submit a statement declaring under penalty of perjury if he or she has been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation. If the prospective child care provider has been convicted of a crime including, but not limited to, those specified in G.S. 110-90.2, the prospective child care provider shall acknowledge on the statement that he or she is aware that the issuance of a permit is conditional pending approval by the Division.

(c) If the prospective child care provider has been convicted of a crime including, but not limited to, those specified in G.S. 110-90.2, he or she may submit to the Division additional information concerning the conviction that could be used by the Division in making the determination of the prospective child care provider's qualification. The Division may consider the following in making their decision: length of time since conviction; nature of the crime; circumstances surrounding the commission of the offenses or offenses; evidence of rehabilitation; number of prior offenses; and age of the individual at the time of occurrence.

(d) <u>A prospective child care provider's refusal to complete the required criminal history record check paperwork</u> is reasonable cause to deny issuance of a permit.

(e) The Division shall notify the prospective child care provider in writing of the determination by the Division of the individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children based on the criminal history.

(f) Determination by the Division that the prospective child care provider is disqualified is reasonable cause to deny issuance of a permit.

(g) If the prospective child care provider is a firm, partnership, association, or corporation, the chief executive officer or other person serving in like capacity, or a person designated by the chief executive officer as responsible for the operation of the facility, shall complete the criminal history record check as specified in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(h) When a Letter of Intent to Operate pursuant to G.S. 110-106 and G.S. 110-106.1 is submitted to the Division, the person signing the Letter of Intent shall also submit all forms as required in Rule .2702(a) of this Section.

(i) Determination by the Division that the person submitting the Letter of Intent is disqualified is reasonable cause to issue a Notice to Cease Operation.

(j) Any child care provider who owns or operates an existing child care program, and who is applying for a permit for an additional child care program within one year from the date of qualification that was based on fingerprinting, shall submit a certified criminal history check from the <u>Clerk of Superior Court's office in the county where the</u> <u>individual resides. A new fingerprint card shall not be</u> <u>required unless deemed necessary by the Division in making</u> <u>the determination of qualification. If the criminal history</u> <u>check was completed more than one year prior to the</u> <u>application for an additional child care program, the</u> <u>applicant shall complete all forms as required in Paragraph</u> (a) of this Rule.

Authority G.S. 110-90.2; 114-19.5; 143B-168.3; S.L. 1995, c. 507, s. 23.25.

.2702 CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

(a) Beginning with the date set forth in the Division's implementation schedule, child care providers shall submit the following to their employer no later than five working days after beginning work:

- (1) <u>a certified criminal history check from the Clerk</u> of Superior Court's office in the county where the individual resides;
- (2) <u>a signed Authority for Release of Information</u> using the form provided by the Division;
- (3) a fingerprint card using SBI form FD-258; and
- (4) <u>a signed statement declaring under penalty of</u> <u>perjury if he or she has been convicted of a crime</u> <u>other than a minor traffic violation.</u>

If the child care provider has been convicted of a crime, including, but not limited to, those specified in G.S. 110-90.2, the child care provider shall acknowledge on the statement that he or she is aware that the employment is conditional pending approval by the Division. If the child care provider has lived in North Carolina for less than five consecutive years immediately preceding the date the fingerprint card is completed, a second fingerprint card shall be submitted in order to complete a national check.

(b) If the child care provider has been convicted of a crime, including, but not limited to, those specified in G.S. 110-90.2, he or she may submit to the Division additional information concerning the conviction that could be used by the Division in making the determination of the provider's qualification for employment. The Division may consider the following in making their decision: length of time since conviction; nature of the crime; circumstances surrounding the commission of the offense or offenses; evidence of rehabilitation; number of prior offenses; and age of the individual at the time of occurrence.

(c) The child care provider's employer shall mail the local criminal history check, Authority for Release of Information using the form provided by the Division, and fingerprint card(s) to the Division no later than three working days after receipt. A copy of the submitted information, and the declaration statement, shall be maintained in the child care provider's personnel file, and shall be available for review by a representative of the Division.

(d) The child care provider shall be on probationary

status pending the determination of qualification or disqualification by the Division.

(c) The Division shall notify the child care provider in writing of the determination by the Division of the individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of children based on the criminal history. The Division shall notify the employer if any, in writing of the Division's determination concerning the child care provider; however, the employer shall not be told the specific information used in making the determination.

(f) If the child care provider changes employers within one year from the date of qualification that was based on fingerprinting, he or she shall submit a certified criminal history check from the Clerk of Superior Court's office in the county where the individual resides. This local check shall be submitted to his or her employer no later than five working days after beginning work. The employer shall complete the steps as defined in Paragraphs (c), (d) and (g) of this Rule. A new fingerprint card shall not be required unless deemed necessary by the Division in making its determination of qualification. If the criminal history check was completed more than one year prior to employment, the child care provider shall complete all forms as required in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(g) <u>Child care providers determined by the Division to be</u> <u>disqualified shall be terminated by the facility or small day</u> <u>care home immediately upon receipt of the disqualification</u> <u>notice.</u>

(h) <u>Refusal on the part of the employer to dismiss a child</u> <u>care provider who has been found to be disqualified shall be</u> <u>grounds for suspension, denial or revocation of the permit</u> <u>in addition to any other administrative action or civil</u> <u>penalties pursued by the Division. If an employer appeals</u> <u>the administrative action, the child care provider shall not be</u> <u>employed during the appeal process.</u>

(i) A substitute child care provider who is employed for more than five days, whether working full or part-time, shall submit all forms as required in Paragraph (a) of this Rule to the employer by the end of the fifth working day. The employer shall complete the steps as defined in Paragraphs (c), (d) and (g) of this Rule.

Authority G.S. 110-90.2; 114-19.5; 143B-168.3; S.L. 1995, c. 507, s. 23.25.

.2703 CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK REQS FOR CURRENT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

(a) Current child care providers shall submit all forms as required in Rule .2702(a) of this Section and based upon the implementation schedule developed by the Division.

(b) If the child care provider has been convicted of a crime, including, but not limited to, those specified in G.S. 110-90.2, he or she may submit to the Division additional information concerning the conviction that could be used by the Division in making the determination of the provider's qualification. The Division may consider the following in making their decision: length of time since conviction;

nature of the crime; circumstances surrounding the commission of the offense or offenses; evidence of rehabilitation; number of prior offenses; and age of the individual at the time of occurrence.

(c) The Division shall notify the child care provider in writing of the determination by the Division of the individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of children based on the criminal history. The Division shall notify the employer, if any, in writing of the Division's determination concerning the child care provider; however the employer shall not be told the specific information used in making the determination.

(d) Child care providers determined by the Division to be disqualified shall be terminated by the facility or small day care home immediately upon receipt of the notification.

(e) Refusal on the part of the employer to dismiss a child care provider who has been found to be disqualified shall be grounds for suspension, denial or revocation of the permit in addition to any other administrative action or civil penalties pursued by the Division.

(f) Determination by the Division that the employer is disqualified is reasonable cause to suspend, deny or revoke the permit in addition to any other administrative actions or civil penalties pursued by the Division.

Authority G.S. 110-90.2; 114-19.5; 143B-168.3; S.L. 1995, c. 507, s. 23.25.

.2704 CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK REQS FOR NONREGISTERED HOME PROVIDERS

(a) Beginning with the date set forth in the Division's implementation schedule for current nonregistered home providers, and no later than five working days after applying for enrollment as a nonregistered home provider of subsidized child day care, the nonregistered home provider shall submit the following to the local purchasing agency:

- (1) <u>certified criminal history check from the Clerk of</u> <u>Superior Court's office in the county where the</u> <u>individual resides;</u>
- (2) <u>a signed Authority for Release of Information</u> using the form provided by the Division;
- (3) a fingerprint card using SBI form FD-258; and
- (4) <u>a signed statement declaring under penalty of</u> <u>perjury if he or she has been convicted of a crime</u> <u>other than a minor traffic violation.</u>

If the nonregistered home provider has been convicted of a crime, including, but not limited to, those specified in G.S. 110-90.2, the nonregistered home provider shall acknowledge on the statement that he or she is aware that payment is conditional pending approval by the Division. If the nonregistered home provider has lived in North Carolina for less than five consecutive years immediately preceding the date the fingerprint card is completed, a second fingerprint card shall be submitted in order to complete a national check.

(b) If the nonregistered home provider has been convicted of a crime, including, but not limited to, those specified in G.S. 110-90.2, he or she may submit to the Division additional information concerning the conviction that could be used by the Division in making the determination of the provider's qualification. The Division may consider the following in making their decision: length of time since conviction; nature of the crime; circumstances surrounding the commission of the offense or offenses; evidence of rehabilitation; number of prior offenses; and age of the individual at the time of occurrence.

(c) The local purchasing agency shall mail the local criminal history check, Authority for Release of Information using the form provided by the Division, and fingerprint card(s) to the Division no later than five working days after receipt. A copy of the submitted information, and the declaration statement, shall be maintained in the nonregistered home provider's file.

(d) <u>A nonregistered home provider may receive payment</u> <u>during the period in which the state or national criminal</u> <u>history check is being completed if the applicant would</u> <u>otherwise receive approval or temporary approval from the</u> <u>local purchasing agency for enrollment in the subsidized</u> <u>child day care program, subject to the provisions referenced</u> <u>in 10 NCAC 46G .0111(b), 10 NCAC 46G .0214, and 10</u> <u>NCAC 46G .0215.</u>

(e) The Division shall notify the nonregistered home provider in writing of the determination by the Division of the individual's fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of children based on the criminal history. The Division shall notify the local purchasing agency in writing of the Division's determination concerning the nonregistered home provider; however, the local purchasing agency shall not be told the specific information used in making the determination.

(f) <u>Disqualification of a nonregistered home provider by</u> the <u>Division shall be reasonable cause for the local purchas-</u> ing agency to deny further payment.

(g) If a nonregistered home provider disagrees with the decision of disqualification and files a civil action in district court, the provider may continue to operate but shall not receive payment during the proceedings. If the determination is that the nonregistered home provider is qualified, the nonregistered provider shall receive retroactive payment for the care that was provided.

Authority G.S. 110-90.2; 114-19.5; 143B-168.3; S.L. 1995, c. 507, s. 23.25.

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Social Services Commission intends to adopt rules cited as 10 NCAC 42A .0701 - .0703. Notice of Rule-making Proceedings was published in the Register on February 1, 1996.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 1997

A Public Hearing will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 1996 at the Albemarle Building, Room 943-2, 325 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27603.

Reason for Proposed Action: The action to adopt is required to ensure that requirements of Chapter 449 of the 1995 Session Laws (Senate Bill 864) are met. This statute gives the Social Services Commission the authority to adopt rules associated with independent case management for residents of adult care homes in North Carolina. Effective January 1, 1996 certain "heavy care" Medicaid residents became eligible for Enhanced Adult Care Home care. Initial Medicaid criteria for heavy care are residents who have very extensive needs for aide assistance with eating and toileting in addition to other forms of personal care. Adult Care Home Case Management is also required for these residents to verify that they qualify as heavy care residents, that the personal care provided by the adult care home is adequate to address the resident's needs, that other needed Medicaid financed service are arranged for and provided, and that changes in the resident's condition are being appropriately responded to by the adult care home or other providers of care.

Comment Procedures: Comments may be presented anytime before or at the public hearing or orally at the hearing. Time limits for oral remarks may be imposed by the Commission Chairman. Any person may request copies of these rules by calling or writing to Sharnese Ransome, APA Coordinator, Social Services Commission, NC Division of Social Services, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27603, phone: 919-733-3055.

Fiscal Note: Rule .0701 affects the expenditures or revenues of local government funds and affects the expenditure or distribution of State funds subject to the Executive Budget Act, Article 1 of Chapter 143. Rule .0701 does have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period. Rules .0702 and .0703 do not affect state or local government funds and do not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.

CHAPTER 42 - INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT

SUBCHAPTER 42A - ADULT PLACEMENT SERVICES

SECTION .0700 - ADULT CARE HOME CASE MANAGEMENT

.0701 AVAILABILITY

<u>Counties shall assure the availability of case management</u> services to adult care home residents eligible for Medicaid funded Enhanced Adult Care Home Personal Care. Authority G.S. 131D-4.3; 143B-153.

.0702 CASE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Adult Care Home Case Management shall include the following activities:

- (1) verifying the need for Enhanced Adult Care Home Personal Care;
- (2) assuring the adult care home's care plan corresponds to the needs of the resident;
- (3) reviewing the adult care home's provision of care to assure changes in the residents conditions are being addressed;
- (4) <u>determining the need for other community based</u> <u>services which might benefit the resident; and</u>
- (5) <u>assisting the resident and the adult care home to</u> <u>access other needed services.</u>

Authority G.S. 131D-4.3; 143B-153.

.0703 DESIGNATED AGENCIES

<u>Adult Care Home Case Management can be provided by</u> an <u>Area Mental Health Agency, a County Department of</u> <u>Social Services, or other agencies designated by the Depart-</u> <u>ment.</u>

Authority G.S. 131D-4.3; 143B-153.

TITLE 15A - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the EHNR - Environmental Management Commission intends to adopt rules cited as 15A NCAC 2B.0231 - .0236. Notice of Rule-making Proceedings was published in the Register on April 15, 1996.

Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 1997

A Public Hearing will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates and at the following locations:

September 9, 1996 Raleigh State Highway Building

September 10, 1996 Goldsboro Wayne Community College

September 11, 1996 New Bern Craven County Courthouse

September 12, 1996 Kinston Lenoir Community College Reason for Proposed Action: In 1988, the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) classified the entire Neuse River Basin as Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW). They adopted this classification due to nutrient-related water quality problems in the freshwater sections between Kinston and New Bern. At that time, the EMC adopted a Nutrient Management Strategy to improve water quality in the river. This initial NSW strategy addressed phosphorus reductions through point source controls and nitrogen from the voluntary implementation of agricultural best management practices (BMPs). The strategy was successful and phosphorus loading has declined due to these point source controls and the phosphate detergent ban.

Even with the management measures adopted in the initial NSW strategy, water quality problems in the lower Neuse River continue, especially below New Bern. For example, during July, September, and October 1995, widespread fish kills occurred in the Neuse River, mainly from New Bern to Minnesott Beach. Millions of fish were killed. The water was lacking oxygen near the surface and algal blooms were common. Because of these continued water quality problems, the EMC intends to revise the NSW strategy and to focus on nitrogen loading to the estuary. Rules are proposed for the following components:

- Wastewater Discharge Requirements (15A NCAC 2B .0231),
- Illegal Discharges Management Plan (15A NCAC 2B .0232),
- Stormwater Management (15A NCAC 2B .0233),
- Animal Waste Management (15A NCAC 2B .0234),*
- Buffers (15A NCAC 2B .0235), and
- Nutrient Management (15A NCAC 2B .0236).

* Two alternatives are being proposed for animal waste management. The EMC approved these two alternatives for public hearing before the 1996 North Carolina General Assembly adjourned. During the 1996 session, a bill (Senate Bill 1217) was ratified that establishes a permitting and inspection program for animal operations. The requirements of SB 1217 will render the proposed rule alternatives for animal operations unnecessary. Any animal waste management rules that the EMC adopts as part of the NSW strategy for the Neuse River will reflect the requirements of Senate Bill 1217. Briefly, SB 1217 will require a permitting program using general and individual permits for animal operations based on size of operation

Comment Procedures: The purpose of the announcement is to encourage those interested in this proposal to provide comments. You may submit comments, statements, data and other information in writing prior to, during or after the hearing but no later than October 14, 1996. You may also present verbal comments at the hearing. The Hearing Officer may limit the length of time that you speak so that all those who wish to speak may have an opportunity to do so. We encourage you to submit written comments. It is very important that all interested and potentially affected persons or parties make their views known to the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) whether in favor of or opposed to any and all provisions of the proposal being noticed. If opposed to any or all provisions of the proposal we encourage you to offer appropriate alternative proposals. The EMC may not adopt a rule that differs substantilly from the text of the proposed rule published in the North Carolina Register unless the EMC publishes the text of the proposed different rule and accepts comments on the new text. [See G.S. 150B-21.2(g)] Written comments may be submitted to:

> David Harding DEHNR/Division of Water Quality PO Box 29535 Raleigh, NC 27626-0535 (919) 733-5083, extension 569

Questions concerning proposed requirements for point source dischargers may be directed to Coleen Sullins at (919) 733-5083, ext. 550 and questions concerning proposed nonpoint source requirements to David Harding at (919) 733-5083, ext. 569.

Fiscal Note: A Fiscal Analysis was prepared by the Division of Water Quality and is available for public review. For information on the Fiscal Analysis, please call Marsha Byrd at (919) 733-5083, ext 558.

- Wastewater Discharge Requirements (15A NCAC 2B .0231) This Rule does affect the expenditures or revenues of local government funds. This Rule does not affect the expenditures or revenues of state government funds. This Rule does have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.
- Illegal Discharges Management Plan (15A NCAC 2B .0232) - This Rule does affect the expenditures or revenues of local government funds. This Rule does not affect the expenditures or revenues of state government funds. This Rule does not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.
- Stormwater Management (15A NCAC 2B .0233) -This Rule does affect the expenditures or revenues of local government funds. This Rule does not affect the expenditures or revenues of state government funds. This Rule does not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.
- Animal Waste Management (15A NCAC 2B .0234) -This Rule does not affect the expenditures or revenues of local or state government funds. This Rule does not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.
- Buffers (15A NCAC 2B .0235) This Rule does not affect the expenditures or revenues of local or state

government funds. This Rule does not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.

Nutrient Management (15A NCAC 2B .0236) - This Rule does affect the expenditures or revenues of local government funds. This Rule does not affect the expenditures or revenues of state government funds. This Rule does not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.

CHAPTER 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBCHAPTER 2B - SURFACE WATER STANDARDS: MONITORING

SECTION .0200 - CLASSIFICATIONS AND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO SURFACE WATERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

.0231 NEUSE RIVER BASIN - NUTRIENT SENSITIVE WATERS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: WASTEWATER DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

The Environmental Management Commission hereby establishes the goal of reducing the average annual load of nitrogen delivered to the Neuse River Estuary from point and nonpoint sources by a minimum of 30 percent of the average annual load for the period 1991 through 1995 by the year 2001. Furthermore, the Commission shall develop and adopt a plan to attempt to achieve the 30 percent reduction with the goal of demonstrating incremental progress each year. The Commission shall quantify progress toward the 30 percent reduction goal by assigning appropriate credit for reductions in point and nonpoint source pollution achieved through mandatory and voluntary measures. The following management strategy applies to the entire Neuse River Basin pursuant to the Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW) classification, 15A NCAC 2B .0223. The management requirements for the Neuse River Basin are specified in Rules .0231, .0232, .0233, .0234, .0235 and .0236 of this Section. The following is the wastewater discharge management strategy for the Neuse River Basin:

- (1) All new and expanding dischargers will be required to document that all practical alternatives to surface waters discharge were employed pursuant to 15A NCAC 2B .0201(c)(1).
- (2) All wastewater dischargers greater than or equal to 0.5 MGD permitted flow regardless of current loading levels are required to evaluate and optimize the operation of their facilities in order to reduce nutrient loadings. One year after the effective date of this Rule, a report shall be submitted to the Division documenting the efforts/level of reductions achieved.
- (3) <u>No new domestic wastewater discharges to sur-</u> face waters of less than 0.5 MGD shall be permit-

ted. Proposed domestic wastewater dischargers to surface waters that request a permit for 0.5 MGD or greater shall be required to justify flows based on full build out of the site. No phasing of less than 0.5 MGD will be allowed for construction of the wastewater treatment plants. Existing municipal dischargers shall be exempt from this Sub-Item after it is shown that no alternative to discharge exists pursuant to 15A NCAC 2B .0201(c)(1). Flows permitted by February 1, 1996 are also not affected.

- (4) All dischargers within the basin below Falls Lake Dam will have the option of forming a coalition (hereafter referred to as the "Association") to implement nutrient reduction through a nutrient trading program.
 - For dischargers that join the Association, (a) an agreement will be drafted between the Division and the Association that includes, but is not limited to the following: membership in Association, final loading targets based on a 30 percent reduction of calendar year 1995 nitrogen loads from the membership within five years of the effective date of this Rule, payment schedule for BMPs in years loading targets are not met, monitoring requirements for Association members, and the credit life of BMPs. No Association exists, for the purposes of this Rule, until the Agreement is formally approved by the Commission. All existing Association dischargers that have a permitted flow greater than or equal to 0.5 MGD and any new or expanding Association dischargers will receive a quarterly average total phosphorus limit of 2 mg/l in their NPDES permits.
 - (b) For dischargers that do not join the Association and dischargers above Falls Lake Dam, the following requirements apply:
 - (i) All existing municipal and domestic dischargers greater than or equal to 0.5 MGD below Falls Lake Dam must meet a monthly average total nitrogen limit of 6 mg/l within five years from the effective date of this Rule. These facilities must meet a quarterly average total phosphorus limit of 2 mg/l. More stringent limits may apply to protect localized areas.
 - (ii) All existing facilities above Falls Lake Dam with permitted flows greater than or equal to 0.05 MGD will be required to meet a quarterly average total phosphorus limit of 2 mg/l. More stringent limits may

apply to protect localized areas.

- (iii) All proposed new industrial and new and expanding domestic or municipal wastewater dischargers, where discharge is the only environmentally and economically feasible option, must comply with a monthly average total nitrogen limit of 6 mg/l and a monthly average total phosphorus limit of 1 mg/l. More stringent limits may be given to protect localized areas.
- (iv)Existing industrial process wastewater dischargers below Falls Lake Dam and expanding industrial process wastewater dischargers within the basin will be evaluated by the Division on an individualized basis. The industries within the management area will be required to control total nitrogen to the best available technology levels applicable to the specific wastestream. For the purposes of this strategy, the definition of best available technology will be required to be individually developed for each facility. A report must be submitted and approved by the Division of Water Quality within two years of the effective date of this Rule which outlines best available technology for their particular site. All existing industrial process wastewater dischargers below Falls Lake Dam with a permitted flow of 0.5 MGD or greater will receive a quarterly average total phosphorus limit of 2 mg/l. Expanding industrial process wastewater dischargers in the basin will receive a monthly average total phosphorus limit of 1 mg/l. More stringent limits may apply to protect localized areas.
- (v) All new and expanding wastewater dischargers will be required to offset their additional nutrient loads by funding nonpoint source control programs approved by the Division of Water Quality. Nitrogen and phosphorus loads shall be offset at the rate of 110 percent of the cost to implement BMPs designed to reduce that same loading created by the new or expanding discharge.
- (c) If no Association of dischargers is formed, the following requirements will apply to

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dischargers in the Neuse River Basin:

- (i) All existing municipal and domestic dischargers greater than or equal to 0.5 MGD below Falls Lake Dam must meet a monthly average total nitrogen limit of 6 mg/l within five years from the effective date of this Rule. These facilities must meet a quarterly average total phosphorus limit of 2 mg/l. More stringent limits may apply to protect localized areas.
- (ii) All existing facilities above Falls Lake Dam with permitted flows greater than or equal to 0.05 MGD will be required to meet a quarterly average total phosphorus limit of 2 mg/l. More stringent limits may apply to protect localized areas.
- (iii) All proposed new industrial and new and expanding domestic or municipal wastewater dischargers, where discharge is the only environmentally and economically feasible option, must comply with a monthly average total nitrogen limit of 6 mg/l and a monthly average total phosphorus limit of 1 mg/l. More stringent limits may be given to protect localized areas.
- (iv) Existing industrial process wastewater dischargers below Falls Lake Dam and expanding industrial wastewater dischargers process within the basin will be evaluated by the Division on an individualized The industries within the basis. management area will be required to control total nitrogen to the best available technology levels applicable to the specific wastestream. For the purposes of this strategy, the definition of best available technology will be required to be individually developed for each facility. A report must be submitted and approved by the Division of Water Quality within two years of the effective date of this Rule which outlines best available technology for their particular site. All existing industrial process wastewater dischargers below Falls Lake Dam with a permitted flow of 0.5 MGD or greater will receive a quarterly average total phosphorus limit of 2 mg/l. Expanding industrial process

wastewater dischargers in the basin will receive a monthly average total phosphorus limit of 1 mg/l. More stringent limits may apply to protect localized areas.

(v) All new and expanding wastewater dischargers will be required to offset their additional nutrient loads by funding nonpoint source control programs approved by the Division. Nitrogen and phosphorus loads shall be offset at the rate of 110 percent of the cost to implement BMPs designed to reduce that same loading created by the new or expanding discharge.

Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-215; 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a)(1).

.0232 NEUSE RIVER BASIN - NUTRIENT SENSITIVE WATERS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: ILLEGAL DISCHARGES MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Environmental Management Commission hereby establishes the goal of reducing the average annual load of nitrogen delivered to the Neuse River Estuary from point and nonpoint sources by a minimum of 30 percent of the average annual load for the period 1991 through 1995 by the year 2001. Furthermore, the Commission shall develop and adopt a plan to attempt to achieve the 30 percent reduction with the goal of demonstrating incremental progress each year. The Commission shall quantify progress toward the 30 percent reduction goal by assigning appropriate credit for reductions in point and nonpoint source pollution achieved through mandatory and voluntary measures. The following management strategy applies to the entire Neuse River Basin pursuant to the Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW) classification, 15A NCAC 2B .0223. The management requirements for the Neuse River Basin are specified in Rules .0231, .0232, .0233, .0234, .0235 and .0236 of this Section. The following is the illegal discharges management strategy for the Neuse River Basin:

All municipalities having a population of 5,000 or greater must begin the process of adopting a plan to address illegal discharges. Draft plans shall be submitted within two years of the effective date of this Rule for approval by the Division. The plan must be implemented within five years after the effective date of this Rule. At the end of the five year time period local government must submit to the Division a report that addresses the local implementation program's progress of removing existing illegal discharges, prevention of additional illegal discharges and an on-going inspection program of the storm drainage system to ensure prevention and continued removal of illegal discharges.

Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-214.7; 143-215.1; 143-

215.3(a)(1).

.0233 NEUSE RIVER BASIN - NUTRIENT SENSITIVE WATERS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The Environmental Management Commission hereby establishes the goal of reducing the average annual load of nitrogen delivered to the Neuse River Estuary from point and nonpoint sources by a minimum of 30 percent of the average annual load for the period 1991 through 1995 by the year 2001. Furthermore, the Commission shall develop and adopt a plan to attempt to achieve the 30 percent reduction with the goal of demonstrating incremental progress each year. The Commission shall quantify progress toward the 30 percent reduction goal by assigning appropriate credit for reductions in point and nonpoint source pollution achieved through mandatory and voluntary measures. The following management strategy applies to the entire Neuse River Basin pursuant to the Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW) classification, 15A NCAC 2B .0223. The management requirements for the Neuse River Basin are specified in Rules .0231, .0232, .0233, .0234, .0235 and .0236 of this Section. The following is the stormwater management strategy for the Neuse River Basin:

<u>Option I:</u>

- (1) Development activities which require a Sedimentation/Erosion Control Plan in accordance with G.S. 113A-57, except those development activities within the 20 coastal counties as defined in 15A NCAC 2H .1002(4), those areas affected by a WS-I, WS-II, WS-III, WS-IV, ORW or HOW classification since these areas already have requirements for stormwater management are required, at a minimum, to meet the following stormwater management requirements:
 - (a) Low Density Option: Development activities shall be allowed pursuant to 15A NCAC 2H .1003(d)(1) if the development has:
 - (i) <u>built-upon area of 12 percent or less</u> or proposes no more than one single family residential unit per one acre:
 - (ii) stormwater runoff transported primarily by vegetated conveyance: conveyance system shall not include a discrete stormwater collection system as defined in 15A NCAC 2H .1002(18).
 - (b) High Density Option: Higher density developments shall be allowed pursuant to 15A NCAC 2H .1003(d)(2) if stormwater control systems meet the following criteria:
 - (i) stormwater systems must be wet detention ponds or alternative stormwater management systems designed in accordance with 15A NCAC 2H

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- (ii) <u>control systems must be designed to</u> <u>control runoff from all surfaces gen-</u> <u>erated by one inch of rainfall.</u>
- (2) Redevelopment is allowed if the rebuilding activity does not have a net increase in built-upon area or provide equal or greater stormwater control than the previous development, except that there are no restrictions on existing single family residential redevelopment. Expansions to structures classified as existing development must meet the requirements of this Rule; however, the builtupon surface area of the existing development is not required to be included in the built-upon area calculations. Expansions to structures other than existing development must meet the built-upon area requirements of this Rule for the entire project site.
- (3) Cluster development is allowed on a project-byproject basis as follows:
 - (a) <u>overall density of the project meets associ-</u> <u>ated density or stormwater control require-</u> <u>ments of this Rule;</u>
 - (b) <u>buffers meet the minimum requirements of</u> <u>this Rule;</u>
 - (c) built-upon areas are designed and located to minimize stormwater runoff impact to the receiving waters, minimize concentrated stormwater flow, maximize the use of sheet flow through vegetated areas; and maximize the flow length through vegetated areas;
 - (d) areas of concentrated development are located in upland areas and, to the maximum extent practical away from surface waters and drainage ways;
 - (e) remainder of tract to remain in vegetated or natural state;
 - (f) area in the vegetated or natural state may be conveyed to a property owners association; a local government for preservation as a park or greenway; a conservation organization: or placed in a permanent conservation or farmland preservation easement;
 - (g) <u>a maintenance agreement for the vegetated</u> or <u>natural area shall be filed with the Reg-</u> ister of Deeds; and
 - (h) cluster development that meets the applicable low density option requirements shall transport stormwater runoff from the development by vegetated conveyances to the maximum extent practicable.

Option 2:

(1) In order to address pollutants in stormwater runoff associated with development activities within the Neuse River Basin, a stormwater management program will be established within

those areas of the Neuse River Basin that are not within the 20 coastal counties as defined in 15A NCAC 2H .1002(4), and those areas affected by a WS-I, WS-II, WS-III, WS-IV, ORW or HQW classification as of the effective date of this Rule. Development activities within the 20 coastal counties as defined in 15A NCAC 2H .1002(4), and those areas affected by a WS-I, WS-II, WS-III, WS-IV, ORW or HQW classification are already administering a stormwater management program and are exempt from the following requirements. However, for areas within the Neuse River Basin that are not within the 20 coastal county defined area or are not affected by a <u>WS-I, WS-II, WS-III, WS-IV, ORW and HOW</u> classification, then development activities are required to have appropriate stormwater management programs in place within three years following the effective date of this Rule.

- (2) <u>A stormwater management program may be</u> <u>attained by meeting one of the following:</u>
 - (a) All local governments with land use jurisdiction in those portions of the Neuse River Basin not otherwise subject to state stormwater management requirements have the option of participating collectively with the Division to review, develop, and establish a Neuse River Basin Stormwater Management Plan. This plan will establish the minimum requirements for the Stormwater Management Program which will include, but not be limited to: land use planning development density control measures, protection of sensitive surface waters and resources, use of stormwater management control devices, water guality educational programs and an implementation and compliance strategy. The final collective plan and management program must be approved by the Commission within two years following the effective date of this Rule. Following the Commission's approval of the Neuse River Basin Stormwater Management Plan, a local government may request that the Commission delegate authority to the local government to implement the plan; or
 - (b) If a local government fails to request that the Commission delegate authority to the local government to implement their portion of the collective plan within their jurisdiction then the Division will, at a minimum, implement the following stormwater management requirements:
 - (i) Low Density Option: Development activities shall be allowed pursuant to 15A NCAC 2H .1003(d)(1) if the

development has:

- (A) built-upon area of 24 percent or less or proposes no more than one single family residential unit per one-half acre;
- (B) stormwater runoff transported primarily by vegetated conveyances; conveyance system shall not include a discrete stormwater collection system as defined in 15A NCAC 2H .1002(18).
- (ii) High Density Option: Higher density developments shall be allowed pursuant to 15A NCAC 2H .1003(d)(2) if stormwater control systems meet the following criteria:
 - (A) stormwater systems must be wet detention ponds or alternative stormwater management systems designed in accordance with 15A NCAC 2H .1008;
 - (B) <u>control systems must be de-</u> signed to control runoff from all <u>surfaces generated by one</u> inch of rainfall.
- (3) Redevelopment is allowed if the rebuilding activity does not have a net increase in built-upon area or provides equal or greater stormwater control than the previous development, except that there are no restrictions on existing single family residential redevelopment. Expansions to structures classified as existing development must meet the requirements of Sub-Item (1)(b) of this Rule; however, the built-upon surface area of the existing development is not required to be included in the built-upon area calculations. Expansions to structures other than existing development must meet the built-upon area requirements of Sub-Item (a)(ii) of this Rule for the entire project site.
- (4) <u>Cluster development is allowed on a project-by-</u> project basis as follows;
 - (a) <u>overall density of the project meets associ-</u> <u>ated density or stormwater control require-</u> <u>ments of this Section;</u>
 - (b) <u>buffers meet the minimum requirements of</u> <u>this Rule;</u>
 - (c) built-upon areas are designated and located to minimize stormwater runoff impact to the receiving waters, minimize concentrated stormwater flow, maximize the use of sheet flow through vegetated areas; and maximize the flow length through vegetated areas;
 - (d) <u>areas of concentrated development are</u> located in upland areas and, to the maxi-

mum extent practical, away from surface waters and drainways;

- (e) <u>remainder of tract to remain in vegetated or</u> <u>natural state;</u>
- (f) area in the vegetated or natural state may be conveyed to a property owners association; a local government for preservation as a park or greenway; a conservation organization; or placed in a permanent conservation or farmland preservation easement;
- (g) <u>a maintenance agreement for the vegetated</u> or natural area shall be filed with the Register of Deeds; and
- (h) <u>cluster development that meets the applicable low density option requirements shall</u> <u>transport stormwater runoff from the devel-</u> <u>opment by vegetated conveyances to the</u> <u>maximum extent practicable.</u>

Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-214.7; 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a)(1).

.0234 NEUSE RIVER BASIN - NUTRIENT SENSITIVE WATERS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: ANIMAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Environmental Management Commission hereby establishes the goal of reducing the average annual load of nitrogen delivered to the Neuse River Estuary from point and nonpoint sources by a minimum of 30 percent of the average annual load for the period 1991 through 1995 by the year 2001. Furthermore, the Commission shall develop and adopt a plan to attempt to achieve the 30 percent reduction with the goal of demonstrating incremental progress each year. The Commission shall quantify progress toward the 30 percent reduction goal by assigning appropriate credit for reductions in point and nonpoint source pollution achieved through mandatory and voluntary measures. The following management strategy applies to the entire Neuse River Basin pursuant to the Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW) classification, 15A NCAC 2B .0223. The management requirements are specified in Rules .0231, .0232, .0233, .0234, .0235 and .0236 of this Section. The following is the animal waste management strategy for the Neuse River Basin: Option 1:

- (1) Animal waste management systems, as defined in 15A NCAC 2H .0203(3), shall require a permit, pursuant to 15A NCAC 2H .0217 and 2H .0203(4), from the Division as follows:
 - (a) Systems considered deemed permitted:
 - (i) <u>swine systems designed for less than</u> 500 animals;
 - (ii) cattle systems designed for less than 250 animals;
 - (iii) poultry systems (liquid systems) designed for less than 75,000 birds; and

- (iv) poultry systems (dry litter operations) which meet the criteria of 15A NCAC 2H .0217.
- (b) Systems permitted under General Permit [15A NCAC 2H .0217(b)]:
 - (i) <u>swine systems designed for 500</u> <u>animals up to 4,999 animals;</u>
 - (ii) cattle systems designed for 250 animals up to 999 animals; and
 - (iii) poultry systems (liquid systems) designed for 75,000 birds up to 149,999 birds.
- (c) <u>Systems permitted under individual per-</u> <u>mits:</u>
 - (i) <u>swine systems designed for 5,000 or</u> <u>more animals;</u>
 - (ii) cattle systems designed for 1,000 or more animals; and
 - (iii) poultry systems (liquid systems) designed for 150,000 birds or more.
- (d) The Director may determine that a system should not be deemed to be permitted in accordance with Rule 15A NCAC 2H .0217 and require the system to obtain a general or an individual nondischarge permit. This determination shall be made based on existing or projected environmental impacts.
- (e) The Director may determine that a system should not have a general permit and require the system to obtain an individual nondischarge permit. This determination shall be made based on existing or projected environmental impacts.
- (2) <u>A 25 foot setback is required along all open</u> <u>drainage ditches for spraying and land application</u> <u>of animal waste.</u>

Option 2:

- (1) Animal waste management systems, as defined in 15A NCAC 2H .0203(3), shall require a permit, pursuant to 15A NCAC 2H .0217 and 2H .0203(4), from the Division as follows:
 - (a) Systems considered deemed permitted:
 - (i) <u>swine systems designed for less than</u> 250 <u>animals</u>;
 - (ii) <u>cattle systems designed for less than</u> <u>100 animals;</u>
 - (iii) poultry systems (liquid systems) designed for less than 30,000 birds; and
 - (iv) poultry systems (dry litter operations) which meet the criteria of 15A NCAC 2H .0217.
 - (b) <u>Systems permitted under General Permit</u> [15A NCAC 2H .0217(b)]:
 - (i) <u>swine systems designed for 250 or</u> <u>more animals;</u>

- (ii) <u>cattle systems designed for 100 or</u> <u>more animals; and</u>
- (iii) poultry systems (liquid systems) designed for 30,000 or more birds.
- (c) The Director may determine that a system should not be deemed to be permitted in accordance with Rule 15A NCAC 2H .0217 and require the system to obtain a general permit under Sub-Item (vi)(B) of this Rule or an individual nondischarge permit. This determination shall be made based on existing or projected environmental impacts.
- (d) The Director may determine that a system should not have a general permit under Sub-Item (vi)(B) of this Rule and require the system to obtain an individual nondischarge permit. This determination shall be made based on existing or projected environmental impacts.
- (2) <u>A 25 foot setback is required along all open</u> <u>drainage ditches for spraying and land application</u> <u>of animal waste.</u>

Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a); 143-215.10C.

.0235 NEUSE RIVER BASIN: NUTRIENT SENSITIVE WATERS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: BUFFERS

The Environmental Management Commission hereby establishes the goal of reducing the average annual load of nitrogen delivered to the Neuse River Estuary from point and nonpoint sources by a minimum of 30 percent of the average annual load for the period 1991 through 1995 by the year 2001. Furthermore, the Commission shall develop and adopt a plan to attempt to achieve the 30 percent reduction with the goal of demonstrating incremental progress each year. The Commission shall quantify progress toward the 30 percent reduction goal by assigning appropriate credit for reductions in point and nonpoint source pollution achieved through mandatory and voluntary measures. The following management strategy applies to the entire Neuse River Basin pursuant to the Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW) classification, 15A NCAC 2B .0223. The management requirements for the Neuse River Basin are specified in Rules .0231, .0232, .0233, .0234, .0235 and .0236 of this Section. The following is the management strategy for buffers in the Neuse River Basin:

Option 1:

(1) A forested riparian buffer in accordance with Sub-Items (2)(a)-(e) of this Rule is required on both sides of perennial and intermittent surface waters in the Neuse River Basin. Exceptions to the requirements of this Rule are described in Sub-Items (1)(e)(i)-(ix) of this Rule. Design and installation of the buffer should be such that, to the maximum extent possible, sheet flow of surface water is achieved. Any activities that would result in water quality standard violations or shall disrupt the structural or functional integrity of the buffer are prohibited. The following criteria will be used to determine which waterbodies are subject to the buffer requirement:

- (a) Surface waters indicated as "blue lines" on the most recent versions of U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale (7.5 minute quadrangle) topographic maps are subject to the buffer requirements. Waterbodies subject to the buffer requirements include perennial and intermittent streams, canals and other manmade drainage conveyances, lakes, and estuaries.
- (b) In instances where the U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale (7.5 minute quadrangle) topographic maps inaccurately depict streams or other water conveyance channels or ditches, the following descriptive criteria shall be used to determine where a buffer is required:
 - (i) All perennial and intermittent streams which have a defined stream channel formed through concentration of runoff are subject to the buffer requirement.
 - (ii) Channelized or otherwise modified natural streams are subject to the buffer requirement.
 - (iii) Ditches or manmade conveyances which under normal conditions receive drainage waters from one or more tributary ditches, canals, or streams are subject to the buffer requirement unless exempted through the use of water control structures and nutrient management as described in Sub-Item (e)(vi) of this Rule.
- (c) The Environmental Management Commission may provide a matrix of options for landowners to achieve equivalent water quality protection through alternative Best Management Practices which account for regional variations in soil types and topography.
- (d) The Directors of the Division of Water Quality, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Cooperative Extension Service shall appoint an advisory committee to make site-specific determinations of where the buffer requirements apply and alternatives for providing equivalent protection. The Committee shall be consulted when the methods of determination described above

are inadequate for a particular site. Landowners and consultants are allowed to propose site-specific determinations for review by the appointed committee.

- (e) The following waterbodies and land uses are exempt from the buffer requirement:
 - (i) Ditches or manmade conveyances other than modified natural streams which under normal conditions do not receive drainage waters from any tributary ditches, canals, or streams, unless the ditch or manmade conveyance delivers runoff directly to waters classified in accordance with 15A NCAC 2B .0100.
 - (ii) Ditches or manmade conveyances other than modified natural streams which are used exclusively for drainage of silvicultural land or naturally forested areas. All forest harvesting operations shall be in compliance with North Carolina's Forest Practices Guidelines Related to Water Quality.
 - (iii) Ponds and lakes created for animal watering, irrigation, or other agricultural uses that are not part of a natural drainage way that is classified in accordance with 15A NCAC 2B .0100.
 - Development activities that have (iv)received an approved Sedimentation/Erosion Control Plan prior to the effective date of this Rule, and development activities for which a Sedimentation/Erosion Control Plan was not required but for which lots were platted and recorded prior to the effective date of this Rule are exempt. However, landowners are encouraged to meet the minimum buffer requirements of this Rule, and to maintain existing forested buffers to the maximum extent practical, without compromising the functions and integrity of any existing permanent structures and facilities.
 - (v) New development in the buffer shall be limited to water dependent structures as defined in 15A NCAC 2B .0202. Any structures shall be located, designed, constructed and maintained to provide maximum nutrient removal, to have the least adverse effects on aquatic life and habitat and to protect water quality.
 - (vi) Canals, ditches, and other drainage

conveyances are exempt from the riparian buffer requirement if both water control structures with a water management plan and a nutrient management plan are implemented on the adjacent agricultural land according to the standards and specifications of the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service or the standards and specifications adopted by the NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The water control structures and nutrient management practices must provide equivalent protection and directly affect the land and waterbodies draining into the waterbody exempted from the buffer requirement. To the maximum extent practical, water control structures should be managed to maximize nitrogen removal throughout the year. Written approval from the local Soil and Water Conservation District must be obtained for the land certifying that appropriate nutrient management and water management plans have been developed. If the nutrient management plans and water management plans are not implemented then a buffer pursuant to this Section is required.

- (vii) Roads, bridges, stormwater management facilities, ponds, and utilities may be allowed where no practical alternative exists. These structures shall be located, designed, constructed, and maintained to have minimal disturbance, to provide maximum nutrient removal and erosion protection, to have the least adverse effects on aquatic life and habitat, and to protect water quality to the maximum extent practical through the use of Best Management Practices.
- (viii) Stream restoration projects, scientific studies, stream gauging, water wells, passive recreation facilities such as boardwalks, trails, pathways, historic preservation and archaeological activities are permitted.
- (ix) Stream crossings associated with timber harvesting are permitted if performed in accordance with the Forest Practices Guidelines Related to Water Quality (15A NCAC 1J

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<u>.0201-.0209).</u>

- (f) The following are modifications to the riparian forest buffer system.
 - On agricultural land where either (i) water control structures with a water management plan, or a nutrient management plan is implemented according to the standards and specifications of the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service or the standards and specifications adopted by the NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission, then a 20-ft forested or a 30-ft vegetated buffer is required. The water control structures or nutrient management practices must provide equivalent protection and directly affect the land and waterbodies draining into the waterbody with a modified buffer requirement. To the maximum extent practical, water control structures should be managed to maximize nitrogen removal throughout the year.
 - Periodic maintenance of drainage (ii) channels, canals, and ditches is allowed provided that disturbance is minimized and the structure and function of the buffer is not compromised. A grassed travelway is allowed on one or both sides of the waterbody when alternative forms of maintenance access are not practical. The width and specifications of the travelway shall be only that needed for equipment access and operation. The travelway should be located to maximize stream shading (i.e., located on the north and/or east side of the channel if possible). Channel and canal maintenance techniques may include the use of winches, backhoes, booms and logging skidders. Drag lines should only be used for large channels where less damaging maintenance techniques are not feasible. Any material removed from the channel shall be spread in a manner that does not compromise the water quality functions of the buffer and maintenance of appropriate vegetative cover.
 - (iii) <u>A vegetated buffer may be substituted for an equivalent width of forested buffer within 100 feet of tile drainage.</u>

- (iv) Where the buffer requirements would result in an unavoidable loss of tobacco allotments [7 CFR 723.220(c)] and the BMPs of controlled drainage or nutrient management are not in place, forest cover is required in Zone 1 only. The remaining 30 feet of the buffer must meet the requirements for Zone 3.
- (2) The buffer shall have three zones as follows:
 - Zone 1 begins at the normal waterline or at (a) the upper edge of the active channel of the surface waterbody and extends landward a distance of 20 feet, measured horizontally on a line perpendicular to the waterbody. Dominant vegetation shall consist of existing or planted trees and shrubs with a dense ground cover. For those sites where forest vegetation does not exist, it is acceptable to allow the forest buffer to succeed naturally to a wooded state. Any plantings shall primarily consist of locally native trees and shrubs. Zone 1 is intended to remain in an undisturbed state, however the following practices and activities are allowed in Zone 1:
 - Selective removal of high value trees (i) is allowed where water quality values are not compromised. Timber removal can contribute to removal of nutrients sequestered in stems and branches and maintain nutrient uptake and vigorous growth. Skidding of trees shall be directed away from any water course or water body. Skidding shall be done in a manner to prevent creation of ephemeral channels perpendicular to the waterbody. Limited mechanized equipment is allowed in this area. Any tree removal must be performed in a manner that does not compromise the intended purpose of the buffer and is in accordance with the Forest Practices Guidelines Related to Water Quality (15A NCAC 1J .0201-.0209);
 - (ii) <u>Horticulture practices may be used</u> to maintain the health of individual trees;
 - (iii) Individual trees may be removed which are in danger of causing damage to dwellings, other structures, or the stream channel; and
 - (iv) Other timber cutting techniques approved by the Department may be undertaken if necessary to prevent

- extensive pest or disease infestation. Zone 2: begins at the outer edge of Zone 1 (b) and extends landward a minimum of 20 feet as measured horizontally on a line perpendicular to the waterbody. The combined minimum width of Zones 1 and 2 shall be 40 feet. Dominant vegetation shall consist of existing or planted trees and shrubs with a dense ground cover. For those sites where forest vegetation does not exist it is acceptable to allow the forest buffer to succeed naturally to a wooded state. The following practices and activities are allowed in Zone 2 in addition to those allowed in Zone 1: Removal of tree and shrub products such as timber, nuts, and fruit is permitted on a periodic and regular basis provided the intended purpose is not compromised by loss of vegetation or harvesting disturbance. A minimum of 40 percent canopy cover on a per acre basis must be maintained. Timber removal and skidding of trees shall be directed away from the water course or waterbody. Skidding shall be done in a manner to prevent creation of ephemeral channels perpendicular to the waterbody. Any tree removal must be performed in a manner that does not compromise the intended purpose of the buffer and is in accordance with the Forest Practices Guidelines Related to Water Quality (15A NCAC 1J .0201-.0209). Forest vegetation may be managed to minimize shading on adjacent land if the water quality function of the buffer is not compromised;
- Zone 3: begins at the outer edge of Zone 2 (c) and extends landward a minimum of 10 feet as measured horizontally on a line perpendicular to the waterbody. The combined minimum width of Zones 1, 2 and 3 shall be 50 feet. Vegetation shall be composed of dense grasses and forbs or existing forest vegetation. Vegetation must consist of a dense ground cover and be maintained in a vigorous condition. Residential and commercial lawns meet the Zone 3 requirements as long as they are maintained and protected in accordance with these specifications. If existing woodland extends beyond the minimum 50 foot buffer width, the existing forest vegetation may be used to meet the Zone 3 width requirement. However, a minimum 10 foot managed grass strip is recommended adjacent to agricultural fields with a slope greater than 2 percent. The following

practices and activities are not allowed:

- (i) New permanent structures;
- (ii) <u>New on-site sanitary sewage systems</u> which use ground absorptions;
- (iii) Activities that would result in water quality standards violations or shall disrupt the structural or functional integrity of the buffer are prohibited.
- (d) Operation and maintenance of Zones 1, 2 and 3 is required. The buffers should be inspected by the landowner periodically and immediately following severe storms for evidence of sediment deposit, erosion or concentrated surface flow channels. Sheet flow must be maintained through dispersing concentrated flows, periodic reshaping of earth structures, removal or grading of accumulated sediment, or re-establishment of vegetation to maintain effectiveness of the buffer. Prompt corrective action must be taken by the landowner to stop erosion and restore sheet flow.
- (e) <u>Removal or disturbance of vegetation or</u> <u>groundcover inconsistent with erosion</u> <u>control and buffering objectives is not</u> <u>allowed within the buffer.</u>
- (3) The buffer shall be established on agricultural land within two years of the effective date of this Rule.
- (4) Where the standards and management requirements for forest buffers are in conflict with other laws, regulations, permits and policies regarding streams, steep slopes, erodible soils, wetlands, floodplains, forest harvesting, surface mining, land disturbance activities, development in Coastal Area Management Act Areas of Environmental Concern, or other environmental protection areas, the more protective shall apply so long as they are in effect. If other standards and requirements which provide equal or better protection than the forested buffer are no longer in effect then the buffer requirements of this Rule shall apply.
- (5) Local government programs approved by the Director of the Division of Water Quality may be allowed to implement and manage the riparian buffer requirement within their jurisdictions.

Option 2:

(1) A vegetated riparian buffer is required on both sides of perennial and intermittent surface waters in the Neuse River Basin. Exceptions to the requirements of this Rule are described in Sub-Items (1)(e)(i)-(ix). Design, installation, and maintenance of the buffer shall be such that, to the maximum extent practical, sheet flow of surface water is achieved. Any activities that will result in water quality standard violations or impair the structural or functional integrity of the

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<u>buffer are prohibited.</u> The following criteria will <u>be used to determine which waterbodies are</u> <u>subject to the buffer requirement:</u>

- (a) Surface waters indicated as "blue lines" on the most recent versions of U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale (7.5 minute quadrangle) topographic maps are subject to the buffer requirements. Waterbodies subject to the buffer requirements include perennial and intermittent streams, canals and other manmade drainage conveyances, lakes, and estuaries.
- (b) In instances where the U.S.G.S. 1:24,000 scale (7.5 minute quadrangle) topographic maps inaccurately depict streams or other water conveyances, channels or ditches, the following descriptive criteria shall be used to determine where a buffer is required:
 - (i) <u>All perennial and intermittent</u> <u>streams which have a defined stream</u> <u>channel formed through concentra-</u> <u>tion of runoff are subject to the</u> <u>buffer requirement.</u>
 - (ii) <u>Channelized or otherwise modified</u> <u>natural streams are subject to the</u> <u>buffer requirement.</u>
 - (iii) Ditches or manmade conveyances which under normal conditions receive drainage waters from one or more tributary ditches, canals, or streams are subject to the buffer requirement unless exempted through the use of water control structures and nutrient management as described in Sub-Item (1)(e)(vi) of this Rule.
- (c) The Environmental Management Commission may provide a matrix of options for landowners to achieve equivalent water quality protection through alternative Best Management Practices which account for regional variations in soil types and topography.
- (d) The Directors of the Division of Water Quality, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Cooperative Extension Service shall appoint an advisory committee to make site-specific determinations of where the buffer requirements apply and alternatives for providing equivalent protection. The Committee shall be consulted when the methods of determination described above are inadequate for a particular site. Landowners and consultants are allowed to propose site-specific determinations for review by the appointed committee.

- (e) The following waterbodies and land use are exempt from the buffer requirement:
 - (i) Ditches or manmade conveyances other than modified natural streams which under normal conditions do not receive drainage waters from any tributary ditches, canals, or streams, unless the ditch or manmade conveyance delivers runoff directly to waters classified in accordance with 15A NCAC 2B .0100.
 - (ii) Ditches or manmade conveyances other than modified natural streams which are used exclusively for drainage of silvicultural land or naturally forested areas. All forest harvesting operations shall be in compliance with North Carolina's Forest Practices Guidelines Related to Water Quality.
 - (iii) Ponds and lakes created for animal watering, irrigation, or other agricultural uses that are not part of a natural drainage way that is classified in accordance with 15A NCAC 2B .0100.
 - (iv)Development activities that have received an approved Sedimentation/Erosion Control Plan prior to the effective date of this Rule, and development activities for which a Sedimentation/Erosion Control Plan was not required but for which lots were platted and recorded prior to the effective date of this Rule are exempt. However, landowners are encouraged to meet the minimum buffer requirements of this Rule, and to maintain existing forested buffers to the maximum extent practical, without compromising the functions and integrity of any existing permanent structures and facilities.
 - (v) New development in the buffer shall be limited to water dependent structures as defined in 15A NCAC 2B .0202(59). Any structures shall be located, designed, constructed and maintained to provide maximum nutrient removal, to have the least adverse effects on aquatic life and habitat and to protect water quality. Landowners are encouraged to maintain existing forested buffers to the maximum extent practical.
 - (vi) <u>Canals, ditches, and other drainage</u> conveyances are exempt from the

riparian buffer requirement if both water control structures with a water management plan and a nutrient management plan are implemented on the adjacent agricultural land according to the standards and specifications of the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service or the standards and specifications adopted by the NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The water control structures and nutrient management practices must provide equivalent protection and directly affect the land and waterbodies draining into the waterbody exempted from the buffer requirement. To the maximum extent practical, water control structures should be managed to maximize nitrogen removal throughout the year. Written approval from the local Soil and Water Conservation District must be obtained for the land certifying that appropriate nutrient management and water management plans have been developed. If the nutrient management plans and water management plans are not implemented, then a buffer pursuant to this Section is required.

- (vii) Roads, bridges, stormwater management facilities, ponds, and utilities may be allowed where no practical alternatives exists. These structures shall be located, designed, constructed, and maintained to have minimal disturbance, to provide maximum nutrient removal and erosion protection, to have the least adverse effects on aquatic life and habitat, and to protect water quality to the maximum extent practical through the use of best management practices.
- (viii) <u>Stream restoration projects, scientific</u> <u>studies, stream gauging, water wells,</u> <u>passive recreation facilities such as</u> <u>boardwalks, trails, pathways, his-</u> <u>toric preservation and archaeological</u> <u>activities are permitted.</u>
 - (ix) <u>Stream crossings associated with</u> <u>timber harvesting are permitted if</u> <u>performed in accordance with the</u> <u>Forest Practices Guidelines Related</u> <u>to Water Quality (15A NCAC 1J</u> .0201-.0209).
- (f) The following are modifications to the

vegetated buffer system.

- On agricultural land where either a (i) water control structure with a water management plan, or nutrient management plan is implemented according to the standards and specifications of the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service or the standards and specifications adopted by the NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission, then a 20-foot forested or a 30-foot vegetated buffer is required. The water control structures or nutrient management practices must provide equivalent protection and directly affect the land and waterbodies draining into the waterbody with a modified buffer requirement. To the maximum extent practical, water control structures should be managed to maximize nitrogen removal throughout the year.
- <u>(ii)</u> A 30-foot forested buffer may be substituted in lieu of the requirement for 50 feet of vegetated buffer. Dominant vegetation shall consist of existing or planted trees and shrubs with a dense ground cover. For those sites where forest vegetation does not exist, it is acceptable to allow the forest buffer to succeed naturally to a wooded state. Selective removal of tree and shrub products such as timber, nuts, and fruit is permitted provided the intended purpose is not compromised by loss of vegetation or harvesting disturbance.
- (iii) Periodic maintenance of drainage channels, canals, and ditches is allowed provided that disturbance is minimized and the structure and function of the buffer is not compromised. A grassed travelway is allowed on one or both sides of the waterbody when alternative forms of maintenance access are not practical. The width and specifications of the travelway shall be only that needed for equipment access and operation. The travelway should be located to maximize stream shading (i.e., located on the north and/or east side of the channel if possible). Channel and canal maintenance techniques may include the use of winches,

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backhoes, booms, and logging skidders. Drag lines should only be used for large channels where less damaging maintenance techniques are not feasible. Any material removed from the channel shall be spread in a manner that does not compromise the water quality functions of the buffer and maintenance of appropriate vegetative cover.

- (2) The vegetated buffer begins at the normal waterline or at the upper edge of the active channel of the surface waterbody and extends landward a distance of 50 feet, measured horizontally on a line perpendicular to the waterbody.
- (3) Vegetation shall be composed of dense grasses and forbs or forest vegetation. Vegetation must consist of a dense ground cover and be maintained in a vigorous condition. Lawns meet the buffer requirements as long as they are maintained and protected in accordance with these specifications. Landowners are encouraged to maintain existing forested buffers to the maximum extent practical.
- (4) The following practices and activities are not allowed:
 - (a) New permanent structures;
 - (b) New on-site sanitary sewage systems which use ground absorption;
 - (c) <u>Removal or disturbance of vegetation or</u> <u>ground cover inconsistent with erosion</u> <u>control and buffering objectives is not</u> <u>allowed within the buffer.</u>
- (5) Maintenance of buffers is required. Sheet flow must be maintained to the maximum extent practical through dispersing concentrated flows, periodic reshaping of earth structures, removal or grading of accumulated sediment, or re-establishment of vegetation to maintain effectiveness of the buffer. Corrective action should be taken by the landowner to stop erosion and restore sheet flow. Timber removal can contribute to removal of nutrients sequestered in stems and branches and to maintain nutrient uptake and vigorous growth. Skidding of trees shall be directed away from any water course or waterbody when practical. Skidding shall be done in a manner to prevent creation of ephemeral channels perpendicular to the waterbody. Any tree removal must be performed in a manner that does not compromise the intended purpose of the buffer and in accordance with the Forest Practices Guidelines Related to Water Quality (15A NCAC 1J .0201-.0209).
- (6) The buffer shall be established on agricultural land within 2 years of the effective date of this Rule.
- (7) Where the standards and management requirements for vegetated buffers are in conflict with

other laws, regulations, permits and policies regarding streams, steep slopes, erodible soils, wetlands, floodplains, forest harvesting, surface mining, land disturbance activities, development in Coastal Area Management Act Areas of Environmental Concern, or other environmental protection areas, the more protective shall apply so long as they are in effect. If other standards and requirements which provide equal or better protection than the vegetated buffer are no longer in effect, then the buffer requirements of this Rule shall apply.

(8) Local government programs approved by the Director of the Division of Water Quality may be allowed to implement and manage the riparian buffer requirement within their jurisdictions.

Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-214.7; 143-215.3(a)(1).

.0236 NEUSE RIVER BASIN: NUTRIENT SENSITIVE WATERS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

The Environmental Management Commission hereby establishes the goal of reducing the average annual load of nitrogen delivered to the Neuse River Estuary from point and nonpoint sources by a minimum of 30 percent of the average annual load for the period 1991 through 1995 by the year 2001. Furthermore, the Commission shall develop and adopt a plan to attempt to achieve the 30 percent reduction with the goal of demonstrating incremental progress each year. The Commission shall quantify progress toward the 30 percent reduction goal by assigning appropriate credit for reductions in point and nonpoint source pollution achieved through mandatory and voluntary measures. The following management strategy applies to the entire Neuse River Basin pursuant to the Nutrient Sensitive Waters (NSW) Classification, 15A NCAC 2B .0223. The management requirements for the Neuse River Basin are specified in Rules .0231, .0232, .0233, .0234, .0235 and .0236 of this Section. The following is the management strategy for nutrient management in the Neuse River Basin: **Option 1:**

- (1) <u>Nutrient management plans shall be developed and</u> <u>implemented within two years of the effective date</u> <u>of this Rule for the following areas:</u>
 - (a) <u>Cropland and pasture land under individual</u> ownership or lease agreements where nutrients are applied and the land owned or leased is greater than or equal to 250 acres;
 - (b) <u>Contiguous tracts of agricultural land under</u> <u>multiple ownership which together com-</u> <u>prise a total area receiving nutrients of</u> <u>greater than or equal to 250 acres;</u>
- (2) The plan shall meet the standards and specifications of the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service or the standards and specifications adopted by the NC Soil and Water Conservation

Commission. The landowner is responsible for development of the nutrient management plan. Upon written agreement between the landowner and the leasee, responsibility and liability for proper development and implementation of the nutrient management plan may be transferred from the landowner to the leasee. The nutrient management plan along with supporting documents must be kept on-site. For agricultural land, written approval from the local Soil and Water Conservation District must be obtained for the land certifying that an appropriate nutrient management plan has been developed.

Option 2:

- (1) Nutrient management plans shall be developed and implemented within two years of the effective date of this Rule for the following areas:
 - (a) Cropland and pasture land under individual ownership or lease agreements where nutrients are applied and the land owned or leased is greater than or equal to 250 acres;
 - (b) Contiguous tracts of agricultural land under multiple ownership which together comprise a total area receiving nutrients of greater than or equal to 250 acres;
 - (c) <u>Private and public recreational land where</u> <u>nutrients are applied to an area greater than</u> <u>or equal to 10 acres:</u>
 - (d) Land receiving nutrients applied by commercial applicators.
- Agricultural nutrient management plans shall meet (2)the standards and specifications of the USDA -Natural Resources Conservation Service or the standards and specifications adopted by the NC Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The nutrient management plan along with supporting documents must be kept on-site. For agricultural land, written approval from the local Soil and Water Conservation District must be obtained for the land certifying that an appropriate nutrient management plan has been developed. The landowner is responsible for development of the nutrient management plan except for turfgrass and non-agricultural areas receiving nutrients applied by commercial applicators. Upon written agreement between the landowner and the leasee, responsibility and liability for proper development and implementation of the nutrient management plan may be transferred from the landowner to the leasee. The commercial applicators shall be responsible for developing generic nutrient management plans for varying turfgrass and horticultural application scenarios. The standards and specifications of nutrient management plans for turfgrass, horticultural, and non-agricultural application of nutrients shall be developed and approved by the Division of Water Quality in

consultation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Division of Soil and Water Conservation, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the Cooperative Extension Service.

Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-214.7; 143-215.3(a)(1).

TITLE 17 - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

 \mathbf{N} otice is hereby given that the Department of Revenue intends to amend rules cited as 17 NCAC 1C .0506.

Editor's Note: G.S. 150B-1(d)(4) exempts the Department of Revenue from Part 2 Article 2A of Chapter 150 with respect to the notice and hearing requirements. The Department will however publish the text of proposed rules in the North Carolina Register prior to the scheduled time of review by the Rules Review Commission.

Proposed Effective Date: March 1, 1997

Reason for Proposed Action: This Rule is being amended to allow taxpayers remitting sales and use taxes other than on a semi-monthly basis the opportunity to participate in the EFT Program.

Comment Procedures: Written public comment should be addressed to Jack L. Harper, Assistant Secretary for Tax Administration, PO Box 871, Raleigh, NC 27602-0871. Comments must be received by September 16, 1996.

Fiscal Note: This Rule does not affect the expenditures or revenues of state or local government funds. This Rule does not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.

CHAPTER 1 - DEPARTMENTAL RULES

SUBCHAPTER IC - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SECTION .0500 - FORM OF PAYMENT

.0506 VOLUNTARY EFT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

(a) The following taxpayers not subject to remittance provisions of 17 NCAC 1C .0504 may elect to participate in the EFT Program on or after January 1, 1995:

- (1) Taxpayers required to file returns and pay Withholding of Income Taxes from wages of individuals under Article 4A.
- (2) Taxpayers required to remit installment payments of Estimated Corporate Income Tax under G.S. 105 Article 4C.
- (3) Taxpayers who remit Alcoholic Beverage Excise Taxes payable under G.S. 105 Article 2C.

- (4) Taxpayers who remit Utility Sales Tax payable under the provisions of G.S. 105-164.4(a)(4c).
- (5) Taxpayers who remit Utility Franchise Tax payable under G.S. 105-116 or G.S. 105-120, excluding telephone companies who remit less than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per month.
- (6) Taxpayers who <u>remit</u> are directed by the Secretary or volunteer to file reports for Sales and Use Tax on-a semi-monthly basis under G.S. 105-164.16(b).
- (7) Taxpayers who remit Motor Fuels Taxes levied under G.S. 105 Article 36C and 36D.
- (8) Taxpayers who remit Tobacco Products Tax levied under G.S. 105 Article 2A.
- (9) Taxpayers who remit Soft Drink Tax levied under G.S. 105 Article 2B.
- (10) Taxpayers who remit Insurance Taxes levied under Chapter 105 Article 8B.

(b) Taxpayers electing to voluntarily participate in the EFT Program must complete and return Form AC-EFT-100V, Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization Agreement for Voluntary Participants.

(c) Taxpayers who elect to participate in the EFT Program shall be required to remit payments electronically for a minimum of 12 consecutive months. A taxpayer may withdraw from the EFT Program after 12 months by giving the Department 45 days written notice.

(d) Taxpayers who elect to participate in the EFT Program shall be subject to the penalty provisions stated in G.S. 105-236(1a) and (1b).

(e) Taxpayers electing to participate in the EFT Program shall be subject to the same rules as taxpayers subject to the remittance provisions of 17 NCAC 1C .0504.

Authority G.S. 105-236; 105-241; 105-262.

TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS

CHAPTER 60 - BOARD OF REFRIGERATION EXAMINERS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the State Board of Refrigeration Examiners intends to amend rules cited as 21 NCAC 60 .0204, .0207 and .0314. Notice of Rule-making Proceedings was published in the Register on June 3, 1996.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 1997

Instructions on How to Demand a Public Hearing (must be requested in writing within 15 days of notice): A demand for a public hearing must be made in writing addressed to Barbara Hines, PO Box 10666, Raleigh, NC 27605. The demand must be received within 15 days of this notice.

Reason for Proposed Action:

21 NCAC 60 .0204 - Describes transport refrigeration examination and requires an applicant to repeat only failed portions of the examination.

21 NCAC 60 .0207 - Establish requirements to sit for the transport refrigeration examination.

21 NCAC 60.0314 - Clarifies circumstance under which a refrigeration contractor's license is required.

Comment Procedures: Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed rules by mailing the comments to Barbara Hines, PO Box 10666, Raleigh, NC 27605, by September 16, 1996.

Fiscal Note: These Rules do not affect the expenditures or revenues of state or local government funds. These Rules do not have a substantial economic impact of at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in a 12-month period.

SECTION .0200 - EXAMINATIONS

.0204 SCORING EXAMINATIONS

(a) <u>Commercial</u> refrigeration contractor examinations are divided into four parts, "A," "B," "C" and "D." <u>Transport</u> refrigeration contractor examinations are divided into three parts, <u>"A"</u>, <u>"B"</u> and <u>"C"</u>.

(b) Each applicant must successfully complete 70 percent of each part to pass an examination. Each candidate who passes an examination is issued a refrigeration contractor's license.

(c) Each person who fails an examination is notified of his scores and the parts of the examination which he failed. <u>Anyone passing one or more parts of the examination shall</u> be allowed to retake the unpassed parts the next two succeeding examinations without retaking the entire examination.

Authority G.S. 87-54; 87-58.

.0207 REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAMINATION APPLICANTS

(a) An applicant for the commercial refrigeration examination shall be eligible to take the that examination upon:

- (1) Filing with the Board an application, on a form provided by the Board, together with the combined examination-license fee.
- (2) Furnishing with his application information satisfactorily verifying that he has acquired at least 4000 hours of <u>commercial</u> refrigeration experience gained while engaged actively and directly in the installation, maintenance, servicing or repairing of commercial, industrial or institutional refrigeration equipment. Prior to filing the application, qualifying experience must be acquired while working under the supervision of a person who holds a valid refrigeration contractor's license, who is a registered professional engineer

or who has equivalent industry experience. Up to one-half the experience-may be in academic or technical training directly related to the field of endeavor for which examination is requested. Applicants who obtain a license will receive a certificate issued by the Board, bearing that license number. The license shall not be assigned or transferred to another individual.

(b) An applicant for the transport refrigeration examination shall be eligible to take that examination upon:

- (1) Filing with the Board an application, on a form provided by the Board, together with the combined examination license fee.
- (2) Furnishing with his application information verifying that he has acquired at least 4000 hours of transport and/or commercial refrigeration experience gained while engaged actively and directly in the installation, maintenance, servicing or repairing of transport and/or commercial refrigeration equipment.

(c) Prior to filing the application, qualifying experience shall be acquired while working under the supervision of a person who holds a valid refrigeration contractor's license, who is a registered professional engineer or who has equivalent industry experience. Up to one-half of the experience may be in academic or technical training directly related to the field of endeavor for which the examination is requested. Applicants who obtain a license shall receive a certificate issued by the Board, bearing that license number. The license shall not be assigned or transferred to another individual.

(d) An individual holding a valid transport contractor refrigeration license shall be eligible to sit for the commercial refrigeration examination upon filing with the Board an application, on a form provided by the Board, together with the combined examination-license fee.

(b)(e) The deadline for receipt of applications for a regular examination shall be six weeks prior to the examina-

tion date. If an application is received after the published deadline, it shall be returned to the applicant, and he shall be notified that he may apply for and take the next examination. This requirement may be waived for illness, personal necessity or similar extenuating circumstances. The Board publishes the deadline for application receipt in selected newspapers, on posters mailed to all refrigeration wholesalers in North Carolina and in its quarterly newsletter.

(e)(f) If a person files an application for examination which is accepted, and takes and fails the examination, his verification of refrigeration experience is kept and is sufficient for taking any future examination, provided he files another application accompanied by the required fee.

Authority G.S. 87-54; 87-58.

SECTION .0300 - LICENSES AND FEES

.0314 USE OF LICENSE

(a) The licensed contractor shall not permit the use of his license by any other person.

(b) All refrigeration contracting business, including all business advertising and the submission of all documents and papers by a licensee of the Board shall be conducted in the exact name in which the refrigeration contracting license is issued.

(c) Should a licensee terminate his relationship from a company in which his license is issued, work begun prior to such termination may be completed under such conditions as the Board shall direct. However, no work for which a license is required under G.S. 87-58 may be bid for, contracted for or initiated prior to said company obtaining a license.

Authority G.S. 87-54; 87-57.

The Codifier of Rules has entered the following temporary rule(s) in the North Carolina Administrative Code. Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.1(e), publication of a temporary rule in the North Carolina Register serves as a notice of rule-making proceedings unless this notice has been previously published by the agency.

TITLE 10 - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Rule-making Agency: DHR - Division of Medical Assistance

Rule Citation: 10 NCAC 50B .0202, .0404, .0409

Effective Date: August 22, 1996

Findings Reviewed by Beecher Gray: Approved

Authority for the rule-making: G.S. 108A-25(b); 108A-54; 108A-57; 42 CFR 435.121, 435.401, 435.603, 435.731, 435.732, 435.734, 435.812, 435.831, 435.908, 435.916; 45 CFR 435.845, 435.851, 233.20, 233.51; Alexander v. Flaherty Consent Order Filed February 14, 1992

Reason for Proposed Action: The Division of Medical Assistance proposes to modify two recipient eligibility methodologies to conform to Work First methodologies. The modifications are beneficial to recipients and simplify program administration. In the absence of a change to administrative procedures families will have their income calculated differently and will be subject to different reporting requirements.

Comment Procedures: Written comments concerning this rule-making action must be submitted by October 14, 1996 to Portia W. Rochelle, APA Coordinator, Division of Medical Assistance, 1985 Umstead Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603.

CHAPTER 50 - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

SUBCHAPTER 50B - ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

SECTION .0200 - APPLICATION PROCESS

.0202 INITIAL INTERVIEW

(a) The county department of social services shall conduct an interview with the client or his representative. The client may have any person or persons of his choice participate in the interview. During the interview, the Income Maintenance Caseworker shall explain the application process, the client's rights and responsibilities, the programs of public assistance and the eligibility conditions.

(b) The applicant shall be advised of his right to apply in more than one program category for which he qualifies and the advantages and disadvantages of the choices shall be explained.

- (c) The client shall be informed of the following:
 - (1) That information he provides shall be checked for accuracy. The client shall be told what information he shall provide, and what sources the agency shall contact to check the information. Collateral sources of information shall include knowledgeable individuals, business organizations, public records, and documentary evidence. If the client does not wish necessary collateral contacts to be made, he can withdraw his application. If he denies permission to contact necessary collaterals and all alternative sources of verification, the application shall be denied due to failure to cooperate in establishing eligibility.
 - (2) The client has the right to:
 - (A) Receive assistance if found eligible;
 - (B) Be protected against discrimination on the grounds of race, creed, or national origin by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He may appeal such discrimination;
 - (C) If eligible for Medicaid and Medicare Part B, have the monthly premium paid in his behalf under an agreement between the state and SSA;
 - (D) Have any information given to the agency kept in confidence;
 - (E) Appeal, if he believes the agency's action to deny, change, or terminate assistance is incorrect, or his request is not acted on with reasonable promptness;
 - (F) Reapply at any time, if found ineligible;
 - (G) Withdraw from the program at any time;
 - (H) Request the agency's help in obtaining third party information which he is responsible to provide;
 - Be informed of all alternative sources of verification for the information he is responsible to provide.
 - (3) The client shall be responsible for the following:
 - (A) Provide the county department, state and federal officials, the necessary sources from which to locate and obtain information needed to determine eligibility;
 - (B) Report to the county department of social services any change in situation that may affect eligibility within five 10 days after it happens. The meaning of fraud shall be explained. The applicant shall be informed that he may be suspected of fraud if he fails to report a change in situation and that in such situations, he may have to repay assistance received in error and that he may

also be tried by the courts for fraud;

- (C) Inform the county department of social services of any persons or organization against whom he has a right to recovery. When he accepts medical assistance, the applicant assigns his rights to third party insurance benefits to the state. He shall be informed that it is a misdemeanor to fail to disclose the identity of any person or organization against whom he has a right to recovery;
- (D) Immediately report to the county department the receipt of an I.D. card which he knows to be erroneous. If he does not report such and uses the I.D. card, he may be required to repay any medical expenses paid in error.

Authority G.S. 108A-57; 42 C.F.R. 435.908; Alexander v. Flaherty, U.S.D.C., W.D.N.C., File No. C-C-74-183, Consent Order Filed 15 December 1989; Alexander v. Flaherty Consent Order filed February 14, 1992; Eff. September 1, 1984;

Amended Eff. April 1, 1993; August 1, 1990; March 1, 1986;

Temporary Adoption Eff. August 22, 1996.

SECTION .0400 - BUDGETING PRINCIPALS

.0404 INCOME

(a) Income that is actually available and that which the client or someone acting in his behalf can legally make available for support and maintenance shall be counted as income.

(b) Only income actually available or predicted to be available to the budget unit for the certification period for which eligibility is being determined shall be counted as income.

(c) For aged, blind, and disabled cases allowable disregards from income are based on Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

(d) Deductions subtracted after disregards are:

- (1) Child or incapacitated adult care not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per child over two years of age or adult or two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per child under two years of age for Family and Children's related cases.
- (2) A standard deduction of ninety dollars (\$90.00) from the total earned income of each budget unit member for Family and Children's related cases.
- (3) For aged, blind, and disabled cases allowable deductions from income are based on Title XVI of the Social Security Act.
- (e) Except for M-PW wages, wage deductions and

work-related expenses shall be calculated by converting the average amount per pay period into a monthly amount:

- (1) If paid weekly, multiply by 4.333. 4.3.
- (2) If paid bi-weekly, multiply by 2.1666. 2.15.
- (3) If paid semi-monthly, multiply by 2.
- (4) If paid monthly, use the monthly gross.
- (5) If salaried, and contract renewed annually, divide annual income etc. by 12.

(f) For M-PW cases, the budget unit's actual income for the calendar month of eligibility shall be verified.

Authority G.S. 108A-25(b); 42 C.F.R. 435.121; 42 C.F.R. 435.401; 42 C.F.R. 435.603; 42 C.F.R. 435.731; 42 C.F.R. 435.732; 42 C.F.R. 435.734; 42 C.F.R. 435.812; 42 C.F.R. 435.831; 45 C.F.R. 435.845; 45 C.F.R. 435.851; 45 C.F.R. 233.20; 45 C.F.R. 233.51;

Eff. September 1, 1984;

Amended Eff. January 1, 1995; August 1, 1990; March 1, 1986;

Temporary Amendment Eff. August 22, 1996.

.0409 CHANGE IN SITUATION

(a) For Medicaid applications, once the county department of social services learns from any source that there has been a change in the budget unit's situation they shall notify the applicant within five work days of the need to verify the change. A change in situation includes but not limited to:

- (1) Change of address, or
- (2) Change in living arrangement, or
- (3) Adding or deleting a budget unit member, or
- (4) Increase or decrease in income, or
- (5) Change in reserve, or
- (6) Cessation of disability or blindness, or
- Parent or parents are no longer incapacitated or unemployed, or
- (8) Change in responsible relative, or
- (9) Change in Aid Program Category.

(b) For an ongoing Medicaid case, once the county department of social services learns from any source that there has been a change in the budget unit's situation they shall review the case promptly and appropriate action shall be completed within 30 calendar days after the agency learns of the change in situation.

(c) The Medicaid client or his representative shall report any change in situation that might affect eligibility within five <u>10</u> calendar days to the county department of social services.

 Authority G.S. 108A-54; 42 C.F.R. 435.916;

 Eff. September 1, 1984;

 Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;

 <u>Temporary Amendment Eff. August 22, 1996.</u>

This Section includes the Register Notice citation to Rules approved by the Rules Review Commission (RRC) at its meeting of July 18, 1996 pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.17(a)(1) and reported to the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.16. The full text of rules are published below when the rules have been approved by RRC in a form different from that originally noticed in the Register or when no notice was required to be published in the Register. The rules published in full text are identified by an * in the listing of approved rules. Statutory Reference: G.S. 150B-21.17.

These rules will become effective on the 31st legislative day of the 1997 Regular Session of the General Assembly or a later date if specified by the agency unless a bill is introduced before the 31st legislative day that specifically disapproves the rule. If a bill to disapprove a rule is not ratified, the rule will become effective either on the day the bill receives an unfavorable final action or the day the General Assembly adjourns. Statutory reference: G.S. 150B-21.3.

APPROVED RULE CITATION

4	NCAC	12C	.0007 *
10	NCAC	42 V	.0201 *
10	NCAC	42V	.08020803
15A	NCAC	10F	.01020103
15A	NCAC	10F	.01060107
15A	NCAC	10F	.0109 *
15A	NCAC	10F	.0305
15A	NCAC	10F	.0310
15A	NCAC	10F	.0348 *

TITLE 4 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CHAPTER 12 - ENERGY

SUBCHAPTER 12C - ORGANIZATION

.0007 INSTITUTIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The Department of Commerce, Energy Division, has adopted a State Plan for Technical Assistance and Energy Conservation Measures: Grant Programs for Schools and Hospitals and for Buildings Owned by Units of Local Government and Public Care Institutions, as amended March 9, 1994, pursuant to Title III of the National Energy Conservation Policy Act of 1978 (Public Law 95 619, 92 Stat. 3206, 42 U.S.C. Section 8201). This State Plan, and any future amendments to this plan are incorporated herein by reference and is adopted in this Rule by reference as if written herein word for word. Copies of the State Plan may be obtained from the Energy Division, North Carolina Department of Commerce, Post Office Box 25249, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

History Note: Filed as a Temporary Amendment Eff. March 1, 1990 for a period of 180 days to expire August 27, 1990;

Authority G.S. 143B-429; 143B-430; 143B-431; 143B-449; 150B-12; Title III NECPA, P.L. 95-619, 92 Stat. 3206, 42

REGISTER CITATION TO THE NOTICE OF TEXT

Not Required, G.S. 150B-21.5(b)(3) 11:03 NCR 113 11:03 NCR 113 11:01 NCR 14 11:01 NCR 14

U.S.C. Section 8201; Eff. October 1, 1980; Amended Eff. August 1, 1985; December 1, 1981; ARRC Objection Lodged April 19, 1990; Amended Eff. August 1, 1990; RRC Objection Eff. June 16, 1994 due to lack of statutory authority; Amended Eff. August 16, 1994; <u>Repealed Eff. April 1, 1997.</u>

TITLE 10 - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

CHAPTER 42 - INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT

SUBCHAPTER 42V - PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS

SECTION .0200 - ACCEPTANCE AND EVALUATION OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

.0201 ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

(a) The county department of social services must <u>shall</u> accept all reports alleging an abused, neglected, or exploited disabled adult is in need of protective services. This

includes anonymous reports. If the county department determines that the address of the disabled adult given in the report is in another county, the department shall refer the person making the report to the appropriate county department. The county department receiving the original report shall follow up to make sure the appropriate county has received the report.

(b) The department of social services shall make arrangements for 24 hour coverage to receive calls and take appropriate action.

(c) Notwithstanding provisions in 10 NCAC 42V .0801 through .0803, the director may immediately tell the District Attorney's office and local law enforcement agencies when there is reason to believe that physical harm may occur to the disabled adult. This would include sharing evidence of abuse or neglect the agency has to date.

History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-103; 143B-153; Eff. November 1, 1983; Amended Eff. December 1, 1991; July 1, 1990; Temporary Amendment Eff. December 12, 1995; Amended Eff. April 1, 1997.

SECTION .0800 - CONFIDENTIALITY

.0802 IDENTITY OF COMPLAINANT AND OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SITUATION

The identity of the complainant and of individuals who provide information about have knowledge of the situation of the disabled adult shall be kept confidential unless the court requires that such persons' identities be revealed with the exception exceptions that that:

- (1) the complainant's name and the names of individuals who provide information about <u>have knowl-</u> edge of the situation of the disabled adult may be given verbally to the Division of Facility Services when requested by that agency in order to carry out its investigation. investigation, and
- (2) to the District Attorney's office and to law enforcement agencies which are prosecuting or conducting a criminal investigation of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation of a disabled adult.

History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-103; 143B-153; Eff. November 1, 1983; Amended Eff. December 1, 1991; Temporary Amendment Eff. December 12, 1995; Amended Eff. April 1, 1997.

.0803 SPECIFIC FINDINGS

Specific findings of the evaluation shall be kept confidential and shall not be released without consent of the disabled adult or court order, except that the <u>department of social</u> <u>services at its discretion may share</u> information about the adult <u>may be shared</u> with other persons or agencies without the adult or caretaker's consent to the extent necessary to provide protective services. When evidence of abuse, neglect, or exploitation is found, and upon request of the district attorney or law enforcement agencies, such information shall be sent to help with a criminal investigation or prosecution of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-153; 108A-80(d); Eff. November 1, 1983; Temporary Amendment Eff. December 12, 1995; <u>Amended Eff. April 1, 1997.</u>

TITLE 15A - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10F - MOTORBOATS AND WATER SAFETY

SECTION .0100 - MOTORBOAT REGISTRATION

.0102 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL NUMBER

(a)-General:

- (1) Except as provided in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, the owner of any motorboat principally used in the State of North Carolina shall, prior to its use, apply for a certificate of number on an official application form provided by the Wildlife Resources Commission.
- (2) Motorboats owned by the United States, a state, or a subdivision thereof are exempt from required numbering, but may be numbered under the provisions of Rule .0104(a)(5) of this Section. Motorboats owned and operated by non profit rescue squads are required to be numbered, but if they are operated exclusively for rescue purposes, including rescue training, they may be numbered without charge as by a governmental entity as provided by Rule .0104(a)(5) of this Section.
- (3) Pending receipt of a regular certificate of number, a motorboat may be operated for not more than 60 days under a temporary certificate of number, (See Rule .0103 of this Section)
- (4) Application forms may be obtained by applying to the Wildlife Resources Commission at the address shown in Subparagraph (a)(5) of this Rule, to any boat dealer or boat manufacturer who is qualified as an agent for the purpose of issuing temporary certificates of number [See Rule .0103(d) of this Section], or to any North Carolina certified hunting and fishing license agent.
- (5) The completed application shall be forwarded to: Motorboat Registration Section, Wildlife Resources Commission, Archdale Building, 512

North-Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

(b) Individual Owners. The application shall contain the following information:

- (1) -- name of owner;
- (2) address of owner, including zip code;
- (3) date of birth of owner;
- (4) citizenship of owner;
- (5) state of principal use of vessel;
- (6) present or previous boat number (if any);
- (7) -- desired period of registration (one or three years);
- (8) use of vessel (pleasure, livery, demonstration, commercial passenger, commercial fishing, other);
- (9)-make-of-vessel-(if known);
- (10) year-of-manufacture-or-model year (if known);
- (11) manufacturer's hull identification number (if any);
- (12) -- overall-length of vessel;
- (13) -type of vessel (open, cabin, house, other);
- (14) hull material (wood, steel, aluminum, fiberglass, plastic, other);
- (15) type-of--propulsion (inboard, outboard, inboard-outdrive, sail, and engine make if available);
- (16) type of fuel (gasoline, diesel, other);
- (17) certification of ownership;
- (18) signature of owner.

(c) Livery Motorboat Owners. The registration and numbering requirements of this Section shall apply to livery motorboats, except that in any case where the motor is not rented with the vessel, the description of the motor and type of fuel may be omitted from the application.

(d)-- Dealers and Manufacturers

- (1) The registration and numbering requirements of this Section shall apply to dealers in and manufacturers of motorboats.
- (2) Application for a certificate of number shall be made on the approved application form prescribed in this Regulation. Dealers and manufacturers shall certify that they are dealers or manufacturers, whichever the case may be.
- (3) The application, accompanied by a fee of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50), or thirteen dollars (\$13.00) in check or money order as appropriate in accordance with the provisions of Subparagraph (2) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, shall be forwarded to the address stated in this Rule. [see Subparagraph .0102(a)(5) of this Rule].
- (4) Upon receipt by the Wildlife Resources Commission of a properly completed application and fee, it shall issue to the applicant a dealer's or manufacturer's certificate of number as appropriate, which may be used in connection with the operation of any-motorboat in the possession of such dealer or manufacturer, when the boat is being used for demonstrative purposes. Additional dealers' or manufacturer's certificates of number

may be obtained by making application in the same manner as prescribed for the initial certifieate with payment of an additional fee of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50), or thirteen dollars (\$13.00) in check or money order as appropriate in accordance with the provisions of Subparagraph (2) of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, for each additional certificate.

- (5) Dealers and manufacturers have the option of registering individual motorboats on a permanent basis under the provisions of Paragraph (b) of this Rule.
- (6) A "manufacturer" as the term is used in these regulations is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing vessels either upon prior commission or for the purpose of selling them after manufacture. A "dealer" as the term is used in these regulations is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of offering vessels for sale at retail or wholesale from an established location or locations.

(a) General: Every owner of a vessel required to be numbered pursuant to G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 shall apply to the Vessel Registration and Title Section of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission or to one of its authorized agents for a certificate of vessel number using an approved application form.

(b) Individual Owners of Vessels. The application shall contain the following information:

- (1) <u>name of owner (s);</u>
- (2) address of owner, including zip code;
- (3) state of principal use of vessel;
- (4) present or previous vessel registration number (if any);
- (5) desired period of registration (one or three years);
- (6) <u>use of vessel (pleasure, livery, demonstration,</u> <u>commercial passenger, commercial fishing,</u> <u>other);</u>
- (7) make of vessel (if known);
- (8) year of manufacture or model year (if known);
- (9) manufacturer's hull identification number (if any);
- (10) overall length of vessel;
- (11) type of vessel (open, cabin, houseboat, other);
- (12) hull material (wood, metal fiberglass, inflatable, other);
- (13) type of propulsion (inboard; outboard; inboard-outdrive; jet drive; sail);
- (14) type of fuel (gasoline, diesel, electricity other);
- (15) proof of ownership document;
- (16) signature of owner(s).

(c) Livery Vessel Owners. A "livery" vessel is one that is rented or leased to an individual for a specific time period by the owner. The registration and numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 shall apply to livery vessels. In any case where the motor is not rented with the vessel, the description of the motor and type of fuel may be omitted from the application. The standard application form for vessel registration shall be used for livery vessels with the term "livery" marked in the section designated for "use of vessel."

(d) Dealers and Manufacturers of Vessels. A "manufacturer" as the term is used in this Rule is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of manufacturing vessels either upon prior commission or for the purpose of selling them after manufacture. A "dealer" as the term is used in this Rule is defined as a person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of offering vessels for sale at retail or wholesale from an established location(s). The registration and numbering requirements of G.S. 75A-4 and 75A-7 shall apply to vessels belonging to dealers and manufacturers. The standard application for a certificate of vessel number shall be used for dealer and manufacturer certificates with the term "demonstration" marked in the section designated for "use of vessel." Upon receipt of a properly completed application and fee for dealer or manufacturer vessel registration, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall issue to the applicant a dealer's or manufacturer's certificate of vessel number, as appropriate, which may be used in connection with the operation of any vessel in the possession of the dealer or manufacturer when the vessel is being demonstrated. Additional dealer's or manufacturer's certificates of vessel number may be obtained by making application in the same manner as prescribed for the initial certificate with payment of an additional fee for each additional certificate. Dealers and manufacturers have the option of registering individual vessels in accordance with Rule .0104(a) of this Section.

History Note: Legislative Objection Lodged Eff. December 16, 1980;

Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-7; 75A-19; 33 C.F.R. 174.17;

Eff. February 1, 1976;

Amended Eff. July 1, 1988 at ARRC request to cure referenced Legislative Objection;

Amended Eff. <u>March 1, 1997;</u> November 1, 1993; August 1, 1988; July 1, 1988; August 31, 1980.

.0103 TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

(a) Transfer Direct from One Individual Owner to Another Individual Owner

- (1) If the ownership of a registered motorboat is changed during the registration period, the owner shall complete the statement of transfer on the reverse side of the certificate of number, date as of the day of the transaction, sign, and deliver to the new owner.
- (2) The new owner shall apply for a new certificate of number on an official application form. The original number must be retained when a vessel numbered is again-registered as a motorboat.
- (3) For 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a registered motorboat during the registration

period, the new owner may use the certificate of number of the prior owner as a temporary certifieate of number pending receipt of his own certifieate; provided, the certificate is endorsed in accordance with Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule. In the event the transfer occurs during the 60 days prior to expiration of the registration period, the original certificate will still be honored up to the full period of 60 days as a temporary certificate even though it would otherwise have expired. Where transfer of ownership from one individual to another occurs after the expiration of the registration period, the certificate of number may not be used by the new owner.

(b) --- Transfer of -- a Previously Registered Motorboat Through a Dealer

- (1) The owner transferring his motorboat to a dealer during the registration period shall give the certificate of number to the dealer after dating and signing the statement of transfer on the reverse side of the certificate on the day of the transaction.
- (2) When the motorboat is sold by the dealer, he shall date and sign the certificate of number on the reverse side on the day of the transaction and deliver it to the new owner.
- (3) For a period of 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a registered motorboat from or through a dealer to a new owner, the new owner may use the certificate of the prior individual owner as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate; provided:
 - (A) The certificate is endorsed in accordance with Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph.
 - (B) The original owner endorsed the certificate to the boat-dealer while it was still in force, and
 - (C) The boat dealer's sale and endorsement occurs while the registration certificate is still in force.
- (4) Except as permitted above, a certificate of number may not be used after the expiration of the registration period.

(c) Transfer of an Individually Registered Motorboat by a Dealer or Manufacturer. Motorboats individually numbored by dealers or manufacturers shall-upon transfer of ownership be governed by the provisions of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

- (d) Temporary Certificate of Number
- (1) Upon acquisition of a motorboat not previously numbered or a motorboat the registration of which has expired, the new owner may transmit with his application for the regular certificate of number a request for a temporary certificate of number. The request must state the date the vessel was acquired by the applicant. For a period not

exceeding 60 days following the date of acquisition, -the motorboat may be operated on the temporary certificate of number pending receipt of the regular certificate from the Wildlife Resources Commission.

- (2) In order to make temporary certificates of number available locally within the State, boat dealers and manufacturers who conduct business from established locations in North Carolina may be designated agents of the Wildlife Resources Commission for the purpose of issuing temporary certifieates of motorboat number. - To qualify as an agent for this purpose, such dealer or manufacturer must enter into a written agreement with the Wildlife Resources Commission by which he assumes responsibility for conducting the boat registration agency as a public service and in strict compliance with these regulations. Upon approval and ratification of such agreement by the Executive Director or his designee, the agent will be-furnished with a supply of the temporary certificate forms together with forms for use in applying for the regular certificate of motorboat number. The forms for temporary certificate of number are serially numbered and are prepared in triplicate so as to provide an original (Part 1) and two copies (Parts 2 and 3).
- (3) A boat registration agency issuing temporary certificates of motorboat number shall be conducted in accordance with the following requirements and restrictions:
 - (A) The temporary certificates of number shall be issued without charge.
 - (B) There shall be no substitute for the printed form of certificate supplied by the Wildlife Resources Commission. No agent shall issue any other writing purporting to authorize the use of an unregistered motorboat.
 - (C) The certificates shall be issued consecutively in the order in which they are serially numbered, beginning with the lowest number.
 - (D) When the vessel has been acquired from a source other than the agent, a temporary certificate of number shall not be issued unless and until the owner produces a bill of sale or other memorandum of transfer which identifies the vessel and which has been dated, signed and acknowledged by the transferor before a notary public or other officer authorized to take acknowl edgments.
 - (E) All information called for on the temporary eertificate of number shall be properly entered in the spaces provided, including the date of expiration of the certificate which shall be the 60th day following the

date of acquisition of the vessel by the owner.

- (F) The temporary certificate must be signed by the owner. The agent shall deliver to the owner Part 1 of the certificate and a form with which to apply for the regular certificate of number.
- (G) Within 30 days following the issuance of a temporary certificate of number, the agent shall transmit Part 2 thereof to the Wildlife Resources Commission at the address indicated in Rule .0102(a)(5) of this Section. If a bill of sale or other memorandum of transfer has been required, the original or a copy thereof shall be attached to the Commission's copy of the temporary certificate of number.
- (H) The agent shall retain Part 3 of the temporary certificate of number for a period of at least one year and shall permit inspection thereof during business hours by any law enforcement officer or authorized personnel of the Commission.
- (I) No agent shall knowingly issue more than one temporary certificate of number for the same vessel during any calendar year.
- (J) An agent may make application for a certificate of number or for a registration on behalf of a new owner to whom a temporary certificate of number has been issued provided the application and fee is submitted to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 10 days of the date of issuance of the temporary certificate.
- (K) Upon termination of a boat registration agency which issues tomporary certificates of motorboat number, all copies (Parts 3) of such certificates theretofore issued and all unused forms for temporary certificates of number then remaining in possession of the terminated agency shall be delivered to the Wildlife Resources Commission or to a Commission employee.
- (4) A boat registration agency which issues temporary certificates of motorboat number, being a mutual and voluntary undertaking, may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, by either party thereto by giving a notice of such termination to the other party.
- (5) If the agent who issues a temporary certificate of number does not submit the application for certificate of number of registration on behalf of the new owner, the new owner must submit the application and fee to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 10 days of the date of issuance of the temporary certificate.
- (6) In order to be valid, the temporary certificate of

boat number must-contain-the following:

- (A) full-name and address of issuing agent;
- (B) full name and address of purchaser, including zip-code;
- (C) provious rogistration number, if any (if none, so state);
- (D) --- state of principal use of vessel;
- (E) make of vessel;
- (F) length in feet;
- (G) hull material;
- (H) kind of propulsion;
- (I) date of purchase of boat;
- (J) -- date of application for regular certificate of number;
- (K) expiration date of temporary certificate;
- (L) --- signature of purchaser.
- (7) Temporary certificates of number can be issued by boat registration agents when certificates of number requiring corrections other than address or name changes are presented for renewal or when the agent finds that an error has been made in validating the certificate of number.
- (e) Demonstration and Use of Vessels Held by Dealers
- (1) -- Demonstration of registered motorboats held-by dealers for sale may be with the use of the certifieate of number endorsed by the original owner so long as the registration is in force. Any dealer-or any permittee of a dealer-demonstrating-a-motorboat must utilize a set of dealer's numbers and the corresponding dealer's certificate of-number on such vessel after the original certificate of number has expired. The dealer's numbers and certificate of number may, however, be used during demonstrations before the end of the registration period at-the option of the dealer. In any event, where a set-of dealer's numbers is used upon a previously numbered vessel, the original numbers must be covered in accordance with Rule .0106(e) of this Section.
- (2) Dealers who have bought or otherwise possess motorboats for resale and who wish to operate or lend-out such motorboats for more general uses than for demonstration only must have the individual motorboat registrations transferred to their names.
- (a) Transfer of titled vessels.
- (1) When the ownership of a titled vessel is transferred, the current owner(s) as recorded on the face of the Certificate of Title for Watercraft shall complete the Assignment of Title section on the reverse side of the certificate of title according to the given instructions and transmit the title to the new owner(s). If the certificate of title contains any encumbrances, security interests, or liens on its face, the Release of First Lien section on the reverse side of the certificate of title must be completed by the lienholder(s) according to given

instructions before the title is transmitted to the new owner(s). If more than one lien is outstanding on the title, all liens must be satisfied as evidenced by attaching additional Release of Lien statements completed in the same fashion as the Release of First Lien section before the certificate of title is transmitted to the new owner(s).

- (2) The new owner(s) must complete and submit an Application for Title and Registration (Form WT-J) along with the properly assigned certificate of title and applicable registration and title fees to the Vessel Registration and Title Section of the Wildlife Resources Commission for processing. The new owner(s) shall indicate on the application whether or not the vessel will be titled under the new ownership; and, if so, whether or not any liens exist on the vessel. If the new owner(s) elects to transfer the title, then a new Certificate of Title for Watercraft shall be issued, including recordation of any new liens that are listed on the application.
- (b) Transfer of non-titled vessels.
 - (1) Direct transfer from one individual owner to another.
 - (A) If the ownership of a once-registered vessel is transferred, the previous owner shall complete the statement of transfer provided with the certificate of vessel number, date it as of the day of the transaction, sign it, and deliver it to the new owner.
 - (B) The new owner shall complete the transfer of vessel ownership by preparing and submitting an official application form for this purpose within 10 days from the date of transfer. The original vessel registration number must be retained when a vessel most recently registered in North Carolina is registered to a new owner. A new vessel registration number shall be issued to vessels most recently registered in another State or never before registered.
 - (C) For 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a once-registered vessel, the new owner may use the certificate of vessel number of the prior owner as a temporary certificate of number pending receipt of his own certificate provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule.
 - (D) An individual may also transfer ownership of a vessel by preparing a Bill of Sale naming the new owner, provided both parties to the sale sign the Bill of Sale before a notary public. If a Bill of Sale is the instrument of transfer, the new owner may use a copy of it as a temporary certificate of vessel number for a period of 60

<u>days.</u> <u>The notarized Bill of Sale must</u> <u>accompany the application for transfer of</u> <u>ownership and the application must be</u> <u>mailed within 10 days of the date of sale.</u> <u>Transfer of a once-registered vessel through a</u>

- (2) <u>Transf</u> dealer.
 - (A) An owner selling or transferring a onceregistered vessel to a dealer shall, on the day of the transaction, give the certificate of vessel number to the dealer after dating and signing the statement of transfer provided with the certificate.
 - (B) When the vessel is subsequently sold, the dealer shall, on the day of the transaction, date and sign the statement of transfer which was received from the previous owner and give it to the new owner. If no certificate of vessel registration is available, a Bill of Sale may be used to document transfer of ownership to the purchaser, provided both parties to the sale sign the Bill of Sale before a notary public.
 - (C) For a period of 60 days following the transfer of ownership of a once-registered vessel, the new owner may use the certificate of vessel number of the prior owner as a temporary certificate of vessel number, provided the certificate is validated in accordance with Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule; or a copy of the notarized Bill of Sale may be used as a temporary certificate.
- (3) <u>Transfer of a vessel individually-registered to a</u> <u>dealer or manufacturer.</u> <u>Vessels that have been</u> <u>individually numbered by dealers or manufactur-</u> <u>ers shall upon transfer of ownership be governed</u> <u>by the provisions of Subparagraph (b)(1) of this</u> <u>Rule.</u>

History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-19; 33 C.F.R. 174.21;

Eff. February 1, 1976;

Amended Eff. <u>March 1, 1997;</u> February 1, 1995; November 1, 1993; July 1, 1988; April 19, 1981.

.0106 DISPLAY OF VESSEL NUMBERS

(a) The numbers shall be painted on or attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel for which issued in such a position as to provide clear legibility for identification. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters of good proportion not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a solid color which will contrast with the color of the background and so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark numbers on a light background, or light numbers on a dark background.

(b) No other number, except the year date of the validation decal described in Rule .0107 of this Section, shall be carried on the bow of such vessel.

(c) Manufacturers or dealers may have the number awarded to them printed upon or attached to a removable sign or signs to be temporarily but firmly mounted upon or attached to the boat vessel being demonstrated, so long as the display meets the requirements of these regulations. the <u>Rules in this Section</u>. Where a currently or previously-numbered motorboat vessel is being demonstrated with a set of dealer's numbers, the permanent numbers painted on or attached to the bow must shall be covered.

(d) A vessel registered to a governmental entity and bearing the letter "P" shall continue to display the assigned numbers for so long as the vessel belongs to a governmental entity Upon transfer of ownership to a private individual, the new owner shall apply to the Wildlife Resources Commission for a new certificate of vessel number and shall be assigned a new vessel registration number.

History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-19; Eff. February 1, 1976; <u>Amended Eff. March 1, 1997.</u>

.0107 VALIDATION DECAL

In addition to the certificate of vessel number, the Wildlife Resources Commission will shall supply to the owner of each motorboat vessel that is permanently numbered numbered, an official validation decal indicating the last year and month of the period of registration. The owner shall affix such validation decal so as to be clearly legible on the starboard bow of the vessel immediately following and within six inches of the motorboat vessel number. Any validation decal issued for a motorboat vessel numbered on application by a governmental entity as provided by Rule .0104(a)(5) of this Section shall bear contain no expiration date, but shall bear the letter "P" and shall not be subject to renewal so long as the vessel remains the property of a governmental entity. When any such motorboat vessel is transferred to private ownership, the decal shall be removed or obliterated by the transferring agency.

History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 75A-7; 33 C.F.R. 174.15;

Eff. February 1, 1976;

Amended Eff. <u>March 1, 1997;</u> August 31, 1980; January 1, 1980.

.0109 TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF VESSEL NUMBER

(a) Upon acquisition of a vessel not previously numbered or a vessel for which no certificate of vessel number is available, the new owner may transmit with his application for the regular certificate of vessel number a request for a temporary certificate of vessel number. The request must state the date the vessel was acquired by the applicant. For a period not exceeding 60 days following the date of acquisition, the vessel may be operated on the temporary certificate of vessel number pending receipt of the regular certificate.

(b) In order to make temporary certificates of vessel number readily available locally throughout the State, Vessel Registration Agents appointed pursuant to Rule .0104(d) of this Section may issue temporary certificates of vessel number. Vessel Registration Agents shall be furnished a supply of temporary certificates of vessel number and application forms for use in applying for regular certificates of vessel number. Temporary certificates of vessel number shall be prepared in duplicate so as to provide an original (Part 1) and a copy (Part 2). The original shall be given to the qualified vessel owner for his use in operating the vessel and the copy shall be retained by the Vessel Registration Agent.

(c) <u>Vessel Registration Agents shall follow the require-</u> ments and restrictions set forth herein:

- (1) Vessel Registration Agents may charge a reasonable fee to vessel owners for issuance of temporary certificates of vessel number commensurate with the direct cost and time involved in issuing the certificate, provided that notice of the charge for issuing a temporary certificate is prominently posted on the premises and the customer is advised of the fee before the transaction is made.
- (2) No substitute for the printed form of the temporary certificate of vessel number supplied by the Wildlife Resources Commission shall be used by an agent and no agent shall issue any writing purporting to authorize the use of an unregistered vessel.
- (3) When the vessel has been acquired from a source other than the agent, a temporary certificate of vessel number shall not be issued unless and until the owner produces a notarized bill of sale, a certificate of vessel number validated by the previous owner, or other memorandum of transfer which identifies the vessel and which has been dated, signed and acknowledged by the transferor before a notary public or other officer authorized to take acknowledgments.
- (4) All required information on the temporary certificate of vessel number shall be properly entered in the spaces provided, including the date of expiration of the certificate, which shall be the 60th day following the date of acquisition of the vessel by the owner.
- (5) After the owner signs the temporary certificate, the agent shall deliver to the owner Part 1 of the certificate and an application form with which the owner may apply for a regular certificate of vessel number.
- (6) The agent shall keep Part 2 of the temporary certificate as a part of the official records of the agency for a period of at least 90 days. If a bill of sale or other memorandum of transfer has been required to verify ownership, a copy thereof shall

be attached to the agent's copy of the temporary certificate of vessel number.

- (7) No agent shall knowingly issue more than one temporary certificate of vessel number to the same person for the same vessel during any twelve month period.
- (8) An agent may make application for a certificate of vessel number or for a transfer of registration on behalf of a new owner to whom a temporary certificate has been issued, provided the application and fee are submitted to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 10 days of the date of issuance of the temporary certificate.
- (9) Upon termination of a vessel registration agency, all copies (Part 2) of temporary certificates of vessel number previously issued and all unused forms for temporary certificates of vessel number then remaining in possession of the terminated agency shall be delivered to the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(d) A vessel registration agency which issues temporary certificates of vessel number, being a mutual and voluntary undertaking, may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, by either party thereto by giving written notice of termination to the other party.

(e) If the agent who issues a temporary certificate of vessel number does not submit the application for a regular certificate of vessel number on behalf of the new owner, the new owner must submit the application and fee to the Wildlife Resources Commission within 10 days of the date of issuance of the temporary certificate.

(f) In order to be valid, the temporary certificate of vessel number must contain the following:

- (1) <u>full name and address of issuing agent;</u>
- (2) <u>full name and address of owner(s), including zip</u> code;
- (3) previous vessel registration number, if any (if none, so state);
- (4) state of principal use of vessel;
- (5) make of vessel;
- (6) vessel length in feet;
- (7) <u>hull material;</u>
- (8) type of propulsion;
- (9) date of purchase of vessel;
- (10) date of application for regular certificate of vessel number;
- (11) expiration date of temporary certificate;
- (12) signature(s) of owner(s) and agent.

(g) Temporary certificates of vessel number shall be issued by vessel registration agents when certificates of vessel number are presented for renewal at the vessel registration agency.

History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-5; 33 C.F.R. 174.21; <u>Eff. March 1, 1997.</u>

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SECTION .0300 - LOCAL WATER SAFETY REGULATIONS

.0348 PERSON COUNTY

(a) Regulated Area. This Rule applies to the Mayo Electric Generating Plant Reservoir, otherwise known as Mayo Reservoir, which is located in Person County.

(b) Restricted Zones. Except for authorized personnel of the power company, no person shall operate a motorboat or vessel in any restricted zone which is marked to prevent entry by boats.

(c) Mast Height. No person shall place or operate on the regulated area described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule any sailboat or other vessel having a mast or any superstructure extending vertically above water level a distance of 35 feet or more.

(d) Speed Limit. Except as provided in Paragraph (e) of this Rule, no person shall operate a vessel at greater than no-wake speed within 50 yards of any marked <u>bridge</u>, boat launching ramp, pier, boat storage structure, or <u>boat</u> service area on the regulated area described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule.

(e) Skiing. Except to leave or return to the shore or a boat launching ramp, no skiing is permitted within any speed zone described in Paragraph (d) of this Rule. In leaving or returning to the shore or boat ramp, all vessels

pulling skiers must shall be operated on a course perpendicular to the shore line. Upon dropping skiers within any such speed zone, the boat speed shall be reduced to no-wake speed.

(f) Swimming Areas. No person shall operate any vessel or water skis within a marked public swimming area.

(g) Boating Access. No vessel shall be placed on the regulated area described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule from any point other than the boat launching ramp provided on SR 1515.

(h) Placement and Maintenance of Markers. The Board of Commissioners of Person County is designated a suitable agency for placement and maintenance of markers implementing this Rule. Provided the said board exercises its supervisory responsibility, it may delegate the actual placement and maintenance to some other responsible agency, corporation, group or individual. With regard to marking the regulated area described in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, the supplementary standards set forth in Rule .0301(g) of this Section shall apply.

History Note: Authority G.S. 75A-3; 75A-15; Eff. August 1, 1984; <u>Amended Eff. March 2, 1997.</u> This Section contains the agenda for the next meeting of the Rules Review Commission on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 15</u>, <u>1996</u> <u>at 10:00 a.m.</u> Anyone wishing to submit written comment on any rule before the Commission should submit those comments to the RRC staff, the agency, and the individual Commissioners by <u>Monday</u>, <u>August 12</u>, <u>1996</u>, <u>at 5:00 p.m.</u> Specific instructions and addresses may be obtained from the Rules Review Commission at 919-733-2721. Anyone wishing to address the Commission should notify the RRC staff and the agency at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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Accessibility	11 NCAC 20 .0701	Adopt

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	Lumber River Basin	15A NCAC 2B .0310	Amend
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	Permits	15A NCAC 2C .0211	Amend
	Additional Criteria	15A NCAC 2C .0213	Amend
	Abandonment	15A NCAC 2C .0214	Amend
	Variance	15A NCAC 2C .0215	Adopt
	Delegation	15A NCAC 2C .0216	Adopt
	Purpose	15A NCAC 2D .0301	Amend
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	Oxygen Content Standard	15A NCAC 2D .0304	Amend
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	EFT General Requirements	17 NCAC 1C .0504	Amend
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	Purpose	19A NCAC 2D .1101	Adopt
	Definitions	19A NCAC 2D .1102	Adopt
	Certification of Firms	19A NCAC 2D .1103	Adopt
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	Annual Renewal	19A NCAC 2D .1104	Adopt
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	Definition of Program	19A NCAC 6B .0401	Adopt
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	Practice by Nonresident	21 NCAC 54 .1610	Adopt
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	Types	21 NCAC 54 .1901	Amend
	Corporate Name	21 NCAC 54 .2201	Repeal

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Environmental Management

15A NCAC 2B .0101 - General Procedures	RRC Objection	07/18/96
15A NCAC 2B .0103 - Analytical Procedures	RRC Objection	07/18/96
15A NCAC 2B .0109 - Waters Affected by Dredge and Fill Activities	RRC Objection	07/18/96
15A NCAC 2B .0201 - Antidegradation Policy	RRC Objection	07/18/96
15A NCAC 2B .0202 - Definitions	RRC Objection	07/18/96
15A NCAC 2B .0216 - Fresh Surface Water Quality Standards for Ws-iv Waters	RRC Objection	05/1 6/96
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15A NCAC 2B .0231 - Wetland Standards (Rule .0231 was Noticed as Rule .0220)	RRC Objection	07/18/96
15A NCAC 2D .0501 - Compliance with Emission Control Standards	RRC Objection	06/20/96
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15A NCAC 2D .0608 - Program Schedule	RRC Objection	06/20/96
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15A NCAC 2D .0901 - Definitions	RRC Objection	06/20/96
Agency Revised Rule	Obj. Removed	06/20/96
15A NCAC 2D .0926 - Bulk Gasoline Plants	RRC Objection	06/20 <mark>/96</mark>
Agency Revised Rule	Obj. Removed	06/20/96

15A NCAC 2D .0934 - Coating of Miscellaneous Metal Parts and Products	RRC Objection	06/20/96
Agency Revised Rule	Obj. Removed	06/20/96
15A NCAC 2D .1109 - Case-by-Case Maximum Achievable Control Technology	RRC Objection	06/20/96
Agency Revised Rule	Obj. Removed	06/20/96
15A NCAC 2H .0219 - Minimum Design Requirements	RRC Objection	04/18/96
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15A NCAC 2H .0501 - Purpose	RRC Objection	07/18/96
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15A NCAC 13B . 1406 - Operational Requirements for Solid Waste Compost Facilities	RRC Objection	04/18/96
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15A NCAC 13B. 1407 - Classification/Distribution of Solid Waste Compost Products	RRC Objection	04/18/96
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15A NCAC 13B . 1408 - Methods for Testing and Reporting Requirements	RRC Objection	04/18/96
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15A NCAC 18A .3106 - Abatement	RRC Objection	07/18/96
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10 NCAC 41F .0707 - Criminal Histories	RRC Objection	07/18/96
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21 NCAC 32H .0702 - Requests	RRC Objection	04/18/96
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21 NCAC 37H .0102 - Continuing Education Programs of Study	RRC Objection	07/18/96
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GUILFORD

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 95 OSP 1179

STUART KLATTE, Petitioner,)
v.)) RECOMMENDED DECISION)
GUILFORD COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH,)
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND)
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND THE STATE PERSONNEL)
COMMISSION, OFFICE OF STATE PERSONNEL)
Respondent.)

This matter was heard in Raleigh, North Carolina on April 3, 1996 and May 20, 1996, by Administrative Law Judge Dolores Nesnow Smith. The record closed on June 7, 1996.

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ISSUES

- 1. Was the Respondent's local personnel system substantially equivalent to the State Personnel Act?
- 2. Did the Respondent have just cause to dismiss the Petitioner?
- 3. Did the Respondent follow proper procedure in dismissing the Petitioner?

EXHIBITS

Petitioner's Exhibits on Substantial Equivalency: P#1SE, 3-6SE, 8SE, 10SE, 22SE, 23SE (Designated with "SE")

Petitioner's Exhibits on Just Cause: P#1-5, 7-9, 12-26

Respondents' Exhibits on Substantial Equivalency: R#1-5SE

(Designated with "SE")

Respondents' Exhibits on Just Cause: R#1-19

Based upon careful consideration of the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the documents and exhibits received into evidence, and the entire record in this proceeding, the undersigned makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Stuart Klatte, was employed by the Guilford County Area Mental Health Authority, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Program from August 1994 until his dismissal in August of 1995.

Substantial Equivalency

2. N.C. Gen. Stat. 126-11 provides that Counties and Area Mental Health Authorities may establish and maintain their own personnel system if the State Personnel Commission (SPC) approves that system as being substantially equivalent to the State Personnel Act (SPA). That statute further provides that if the local personnel system has been approved, the employees of that system shall then be exempt from the provision of the SPA (except for Article 6).

3. The Guilford County Personnel System as it existed in the early 1980s was approved by the SPC as being substantially equivalent to the SPA.

4. N.C. Admin. Code, Title 25, r. 11 .1403(a) provides that after a substantial change in the composition of the County Board of Commissioners the personnel system must be recertified.

5. In 1991 there was a significant change in the membership of the Board of Commissioners of Guilford County. Subsequent to this change, there was no recertification of the agreement.

6. In 1991, Guilford County changed the disciplinary provisions of its personnel system. Both Iris Robinson of Guilford County Personnel and Mike Gatty of the Office of State Personnel (OSP) expressed concerns over the changes to the disciplinary system.

7. Some changes were then made and the Guilford County System was again certified as being substantially equivalent to the SPA.

8. In 1992, the Guilford Area Mental Health Authority (GAMH) elected to bring itself under the Guilford County Personnel System. This election was approved in a letter from the OSP to GAMH.

9. The SPA authorizes the SPC to promulgate rules and regulations to establish the standards for substantially equivalent systems. (G.S. 126-11(d)).

10. The SPC has promulgated these rules which are codified at 25 NCAC 011 .1405-.1410.

11. Among other things, the rules specifically provide that an employee must receive a statement in writing setting forth in numerical order the specific acts or omissions that are the reason for a disciplinary action.

12. The Guilford System includes the following provision:

<u>Warnings</u>

- (1) An employee subject to discipline for performance (not conduct) deficiencies should ordinarily first be warned by the supervisor or department head in writing as to acts or omissions or manner in which work or performance is deficient and what improvement must be shown in order to avoid further disciplinary action.
- (2) A written warning shall set forth specific acts or omissions that are the reason for the warning. This warning may be included in a performance evaluation.
- 13. The State Personnel rules also provide that an employee must be notified of his or her appeal rights.

14. The Guilford System includes the following provision:

<u>Warnings</u>

(3) An oral warning is not appealable. A written warning may be appealed in writing to the Human Resources Director within five days of receipt by the employee. Upon an appeal, the Human Resources Director will confer with the employee and department director generally within ten work days following receipt of the appeal. The Human Resources Director will then make a written decision as to whether the written warning was supported by information available to the department director.

15. While the Guilford System notes that it makes no provision for the issuance of oral warnings, oral warnings are not appealable.

16. The SPA requires that no career State employee may be discharged except for just cause.

17. The Guilford County Personnel System, while it does not use the words "just cause," does have the following provision:

Disciplinary action may be taken for any appropriate reason, including but not limited to the following: inefficiency, negligence or incompetence in the performance of duties; inadequate or unacceptable performance of duties; reporting to work under the influence of non-prescription drugs or alcohol; discourteous treatment of the public or other employees; misuse or abuse of County property; willful disregard of County policies and procedures; habitual unexcused tardiness or absences; fraud or misrepresentation in securing employment; conduct unbecoming a County employee; willful and material falsification of records; acceptance of gifts in exchange for favors or influence; employment which constitutes a conflict of interest; violation of political activity restrictions; unauthorized possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons while on duty; unauthorized sleeping on duty; inexcusable neglect of duty; and intentional disruption of the workplace.

18. The State rules at 25 NCAC 11 .2404(7) contemplate a series of steps as follows:

Requirement. An impartial grievance procedure which has as its objective the timely and logical resolution of all grievances at the lowest practical point in the organization shall be established, with right of appeal assured <u>at each step</u> up to the county manager or area director for all appeals not alleging discrimination and to the appeals board for all appeals alleging discrimination. To the maximum extent possible grievance procedures <u>shall include steps</u> to resolve discrimination and all other types of employee grievances without recourse to the formal appeals process represented by the county manager or appeals board.

19. The Guilford procedure provides for a written warning. However, it is not clear whether this warning is "by the supervisor" or if the supervisor's warning is a separate warning.

20. The State rules at 25 NCAC 11 .2404 provide that the disciplinary writing be filed with the county personnel director. The Guilford system does not include this requirement.

21. While the State rules contemplate steps (i.e., "...appeal assured at each step") the Guilford System provides for one level of appeal as follows:

Within five days of receipt by the employee of a recommendation, he/she may notify the County Manager in writing of his/her desire to appear and <u>confer</u> with the County Manager in the presence of the department director prior to a decision. Upon such notification, a conference will be held ordinarily within ten work days. At the conference, the Manager may seek input from the Human Resources Department, County Attorney, or others the Manager deems may have information useful to him/her in reaching a final decision. The Manager's decision will thereafter be made in writing and given to the employee and department director. 22. The State rules require the establishment of an Appeals Board, with specific provisions about the composition of the Appeals Board. The Guilford System has no provision for an appeals board.

23. The State rules require an evidentiary hearing conducted by a hearings examiner. The Guilford System has no provisions for an evidentiary hearing.

24. The State rules provide that the appeals board, in addition to its other duties, shall hear <u>all</u> discrimination matters. The Guilford System's discrimination provision states that, in matters of discrimination, the County Manager shall choose two disinterested employees to assist him/her.

JUST CAUSE

25. In August of 1994, Petitioner was employed as Interim Director of the Guilford County Sheltered Workshop (Workshop), a subsidiary of GAMH.

26. The Workshop provides vocational training for its clients and accepts contracts for the completion of various projects for area businesses such as the assembly of mass mailouts.

27. Petitioner's supervisor, Billie Martin Pierce, is the Area Director of GAMH. GAMH has 450 employees, 150 additional hourly employees, and a budget of 33.8 million dollars.

28. After Petitioner was employed, he received both a three month evaluation and a six month evaluation. Petitioner received a good evaluation on both occasions though by the time of the six month evaluation, some problems had begun to arise with Petitioner's job performance.

29. In January of 1995, the Habilitation Technicians at the Petitioner's Workshop wrote to Ida Milan (the project manager of a reorganization) of the GAMH expressing their "serious concerns" about Petitioner's actions. They stated that the Petitioner had changed their responsibilities contrary to their job descriptions. They also stated that he had made them responsible only for quality control "in an effort to turn the Workshop into a plant."

30. The letter further expressed concern with Petitioner's "lack of professionalism and knowledge of working with the population", his "fear-based management style", and his "lying" and "fabricated stories."

31. The letter was signed by 12 Habilitation Technicians. They requested a meeting with Ms. Milan. A copy of the letter was sent to Area Director Pierce.

32. Ms. Milan spoke with the workers and ultimately with Ms. Pierce. Ms. Pierce then discussed the matter with Petitioner.

33. In April of 1995, Ms. Pierce was notified of a concern that the Workshop's Sales and Marketing Specialist, Percy Sears, owned stock in Deep River Industrial Products, Inc., a company which was contracting with the Workshop for work on projects.

34. Mr. Sears was a salesman whose job it was to seek contracts from the community.

35. After Ms. Pierce learned of Mr. Sears' connection with Deep River, she requested an audit of the Workshop.

36. While the audit was being done, Ms. Pierce discussed her concerns with Petitioner, who allegedly was assisting Mr. Sears in obtaining contracts with the Workshop. Petitioner told Ms. Pierce that there had been no contracts with Deep River to date. He provided no information about any pending contracts.

37. Ms. Pierce later learned that there had been a total of \$3,000 in contracts between Deep River and the Workshop. She also learned that a million dollar contract was under negotiation.

38. Ms. Pierce determined that Mr. Sears owned 25 percent of the Deep River stock and that Petitioner knew of it as far back as 1994. Petitioner had not reported this conflict of interest.

39. Reports came to Ms. Pierce's attention that Petitioner would tell different stories to different people, that he would go around the lines of authority and even go directly to clients, that he would search staff offices and mailboxes and tell his Workshop employees that they were the worst program in the State.

40. Ms. Milan and Ms. Pierce began to speak with the employees of both the High Point and Greensboro Workshops. They learned that Petitioner's staff believed that Petitioner told different stories to different people, that he had a management style of intimidation, that he had told his staff "you are the worst program in the state."

41. Additionally, Ms. Milan learned from the Personnel Director that Petitioner had moved an employee out of a position and into another position without informing personnel. Shirley Rossen of Personnel was angry with Ms. Milan for not informing her that this action was taking place. Ms. Milan, however, did not know about it.

42. On August 18, 1995, at a management meeting of the High Point and Greensboro Workshops, Petitioner was discussing his idea to restructure the Workshops and staff into "production and clinical categories." During that meeting, Patty Huggins asked if the Greensboro Habilitation Technicians had been informed of this restructuring. The Greensboro staff did not respond. Petitioner said he needed staff to develop a proposal by the 24th of August so that he could present it to Ms. Pierce. After the meeting, Ms. Huggins learned that Petitioner had forbidden the Greensboro Habilitation Specialists to speak at the meeting.

43. During the subsequent disciplinary proceedings, Ms. Pierce told Petitioner not to discuss his disciplinary actions with other employees. She later learned that he had discussed them. She again told him emphatically in the presence of Ms. Milan, that he must have no further discussions or she would consider it grounds for dismissal.

44. Ms. Pierce learned that despite her warnings, Petitioner was soliciting letters of support from his staff.

45. On one occasion, the Housing Development Coordinator of GAMH met Petitioner on the stairwell after Petitioner had received a disciplinary letter. Petitioner showed him the disciplinary letter and began discussing the staff's complaints about him. This employee reported the meeting to Ms. Pierce.

46. On another occasion, Petitioner told one of the Habilitation Specialists that one of her clients had told him that she was "uncaring." She was very upset until she spoke with the client who stated that she had never said that.

47. Petitioner told another employee that he had been ordered by Ms. Pierce to eliminate six Habilitation Instructor positions. This was untrue and the employee unsuccessfully attempted to have Petitioner admit that at a meeting.

48. During one of their meetings, Petitioner assured Ms. Pierce that he was never late with performance evaluations. She later learned that in fact he was.

49. While Petitioner's job description states that he should operate with minimal supervision, Ms. Pierce had been called upon on numerous occasions to step in and resolve problems which were not being handled by Petitioner.

50. Even though all sections of the GAMH were being reorganized, Petitioner's section was the only one which had required the Assistant Area Director to get involved on multiple occasions.

51. Ms. Pierce testified that at each of the conferences conducted subsequent to a disciplinary letter, Petitioner did not speak. He submitted a prepared text and, although Ms. Pierce attempted to talk to him, he would not respond.

52. Ms. Pierce asked Petitioner about telling Donna Gladden that a client had said she was uncaring. Petitioner did not respond. Ms. Pierce asked Petitioner about reclassifying an employee without informing Personnel. Petitioner did not respond. Ms. Pierce asked Petitioner if he had spoken with the Housing

Development Coordinator in the hallway after she told him not to discuss his discipline. Petitioner did not respond.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE UNDER THE SPA

53. The SPA provides that no State employee may be dismissed except for just cause.

54. Just as there are rules promulgated under the SPA to outline provisions for substantially equivalent personnel systems, there are also rules establishing disciplinary procedures for State employees subject to the SPA.

55. The rules promulgated under the SPA for State employees provide that before a State employee can be dismissed, he or she must receive one or more written warnings. Those warnings must state that they are "written warnings", must include a plan for improvement of performance and must state the consequences if the employee does not improve.

56. The rules further provide that there must be at least one additional warning which includes a statement that failure to improve may result in dismissal.

57. Additionally, the rules provide that before a State employee can be dismissed there must be a predismissal conference.

58. Lastly, that rule provides that the employee must get a written notice of termination outlining with specificity the acts or omissions for which the employee is being dismissed. Additionally, that letter must include appeal rights.

59. Throughout the disciplinary process, Billie Martin Pierce had many meetings and discussions with Petitioner concerning his job performance.

60. On June 22, 1995, Ms. Pierce wrote a disciplinary letter to Petitioner informing him that she was considering a range of disciplinary actions "from probation to demotion to dismissal". That letter specifically enumerated in numerical order the items for which Ms. Pierce was considering disciplining the Petitioner. The letter notified Petitioner that he had five days to request a conference before disciplinary action would be taken and at that conference he would have the opportunity to explain himself.

61. Ms. Pierce informed Petitioner that she would not decide on discipline until the results of the internal audit were given to her.

62. On July 31, 1995, Ms. Pierce conducted a meeting with Petitioner to discuss his job performance problems. Ms. Pierce specifically stated that the meeting would be held "outside the disciplinary process."

63. On August 4, 1995, Ms. Pierce, Petitioner and Petitioner's attorney, met. Ms. Pierce objected to meeting with Petitioner's attorney on several occasions before the meeting, but Petitioner brought his attorney anyway.

64. On August 7, 1995, Ms. Pierce again met with Petitioner to discuss his job performance problems. Ms. Pierce suggested that Petitioner might be better off stepping down to a different job where he would not have to do as much supervising. Petitioner refused and said he wished to stay in his present position.

65. During one of Ms. Pierce's conferences with Petitioner, she read him notes kept by other employees concerning his management. She read the note of Shirley Rossen, Patty Huggins, Donna Gladden, Kelly Owens, Chris Krisopolous and the letter that was sent to Ms. Milan. Ms. Pierce identified the names of those employees and attributed their comments to each of them respectively.

66. On August 11, 1995, Ms. Pierce sent Petitioner a Notice of Disciplinary Probation letter. In that letter, Ms. Pierce made reference to the meetings which had been held over the past months to discuss the job performance problems. She informed Petitioner that he was on disciplinary probation for one year. She further gave detailed and specific descriptions of the employment problems and she included a comprehensive plan for improvement.

67. On August 21, 1995, Ms. Pierce wrote Petitioner another letter referenced as "Consideration of Disciplinary Action" in which she informed him that she was considering taking disciplinary action against Petitioner. That letter stated that the discipline could be from probation to demotion to dismissal.

68. On September 7, 1995, Ms. Pierce sent Petitioner a letter referenced again as "Consideration of Disciplinary Action". In that letter Ms. Pierce stated that she was considering a range of discipline from probation to dismissal, enumerating specifically the problems with Petitioner's job performance. She notified Petitioner that he had 5 days to request a conference.

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69. On September 27, 1995, Ms. Pierce wrote Petitioner a letter of termination. That letter enumerated the problems with Petitioners job performance. Since Ms. Pierce was proceeding under the Guilford County Substantially Equivalent personnel system, she notified Petitioner that the letter completed the Petitioner's appeal process.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Substantial Equivalency

I. The Guilford personnel system does not have a sequence of steps in the disciplinary process. It makes no provision for oral warnings except to state that they are not appealable. It excludes "conduct" from supervisor's warnings, but gives no other provisions for personal conduct discipline.

While the State rules require that there be an appeal up to the County Manager or Area Director <u>at each</u> <u>step</u>, the Guilford system provides, for example, that a written warning may be appealed to the Human Resources Director and no further.

While the State rules require the establishment of an Appeals Board and a provision for an evidentiary hearing, the Guilford System has neither.

2. It is concluded that the disciplinary procedures outlined in the Guilford County Personnel System are not substantially equivalent to the SPA.

Just Cause

3. Petitioner's involvement in the Deep River Contract was extremely unacceptable. Petitioner's management or personality style was destructive. He appears to have intentionally caused great disruption to the workplace.

Petitioner's continued discussions of his disciplinary process were violations of a direct order. His falsehoods, both to his employees and to his supervisor, were unsettling and most dishonorable.

These acts are clearly ones which require discipline. The Deep River incident alone would warrant dismissal. Combined, however, with the fabrications, the damaging approach to his subordinates, the violation of a direct order, and the need for constant intervention by his supervisor, Petitioner's behavior clearly merits dismissal.

4. It is concluded that Respondent had just cause to dismiss Petitioner.

Dismissal Procedure Under the SPA

5. Since Petitioner would have been a state employee had Guilford County not been granted substantially equivalent status, the Petitioner's dismissal must be reviewed in terms of the State Personnel Act and the rules promulgated thereunder.

6. Ms. Pierce was admittedly operating under the Guilford Personnel system. Her actions therefore were not intended to comport to the provisions of the State personnel rules. However, an analysis must be made as to whether the Petitioner received the due process opportunities to which he would have been entitled under the SPA.

7. Petitioner received four written disciplinary letters prior to his dismissal. The number of disciplinary warnings therefore is more than required by the State Personnel rules. It is concluded that this requirement was met.

8. The State Personnel rules require that a warning must inform the employee of the consequences if the employee's performance does not improve. Three of the four letters included a notification that a range of discipline was being considered, from probation to demotion to dismissal. It is concluded that this requirement was met.

9. The State Personnel rules provide that a written warning must have a plan for improvement. The August 11, 1995 disciplinary warning has a lengthy and detailed plan for improvement. It is concluded that this requirement was met.

10. The personnel rules provide that a letter be denoted as a "written warning". None of the letters given to Petitioner used the term "written warning".

It would appear that the protection provided by this requirement is to give employees clear notice that the written notification is not merely a communication of concerns, but is part of the disciplinary process. After reviewing the letters written by Ms. Pierce and the clarity with which they notified Petitioner of their intent, it is clear that Petitioner was completely aware that he was in a disciplinary process which was ongoing and which might lead to his dismissal. It is concluded that this requirement was satisfied.

11. The State Personnel Rules include a requirement that prior to dismissal there be a statement notifying the employee that failure to improve may result in dismissal. Three of the letters included statements informing the Petitioner that Ms. Pierce was considering a range of disciplinary actions from probation to demotion to dismissal. It is concluded that this requirement was met.

12. The State Personnel Rules require that there be a predismissal conference. Ms. Pierce testified that there were numerous conferences with Petitioner concerning his job performance outside the disciplinary process. Additionally, Petitioner exercised his right to a conference after each of the disciplinary letters. There were, in fact, four disciplinary conferences.

The final disciplinary letter prior to the termination letter again told Petitioner that disciplinary actions were being considered including dismissal. A conference was held at which Petitioner would not speak. Ms. Pierce urged Petitioner to discuss the matters with her, but he remained silent. This last meeting occurred after the September 7 letter and before the September 27 termination letter.

This conference was not designated as a predismissal conference. However, given the lengthy and very active disciplinary process, the numerous warnings about potential dismissal, and the acceleration of the number of job performance issues which continued to occur throughout the disciplinary process, it cannot be determined that Petitioner did not understand the gravity of his situation. Additionally, he had every opportunity available to him that a conference designated as "predismissal" would have afforded. It is therefore concluded that the failure to designate the last meeting as a predismissal conference, while such is required under the State system, is harmless error under the circumstances outlined above.

13. Lastly, an employee must receive notice of dismissal in writing with specific reasons for the dismissal and with appeal rights. This was satisfied by the termination letter of September 27, 1995.

The "appeals rights" which were given, were given in the context of the Guilford System, i.e., Ms. Pierce noted that the substantially equivalent personnel system provided that the termination letter completed the disciplinary process. However, the State personnel system would have provided Petitioner with an appeal to the State Personnel Commission.

Petitioner, however, did appeal to the SPC and has been provided that appeal in the hearing at hand. Petitioner has suffered no harm.

Based upon the above Conclusions of Law, the undersigned makes the following:

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the SPC reconsider the certification of the Guilford County disciplinary portion of its personnel system.
- 2. That the Respondent's determination of just cause in dismissing the Petitioner be Affirmed.
- 3. That the procedure followed in Petitioner's dismissal be found to have been in compliance with the SPA.
- 4. That the Respondent's dismissal of Petitioner be Affirmed.

<u>ORDER</u>

It is hereby ordered that the agency serve a copy of the final decision on the Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Drawer 27447, Raleigh, N.C. 27611-7447, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 150B-36(b).

NOTICE

The agency making the final decision in this contested case is required to give each party an opportunity to file exceptions to this recommended decision and to present written arguments to those in the agency who will make the final decision. G.S. 150B-36(a).

The agency is required by G.S. 150B-36(b) to serve a copy of the final decision on all parties and to furnish a copy to the parties' attorney of record and to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The agency that will make the final decision in this contested case is the North Carolina State Personnel Commission.

This the 19th day of July, 1996.

Dolores Nesnow Smith Administrative Law Judge

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CRAVEN

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 96 DOJ 0420

JERRY	GLENN MONETTE,)	
	Petitioner,)	
)	
	v.)	PROPOSAL FOR DECISION
)	
NORTH	CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION)	
AND TR	AINING STANDARDS COMMISSION,)	
	Respondent.)	

The above entitled contested case was commenced by the filing of a request for the appointment of an Administrative Law Judge to preside pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-40(e). A hearing was held before the Honorable Fred G. Morrison, Jr., Senior Administrative Law Judge, on July 22, 1996, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

APPEARANCES

Petitioner: Jerry Glenn Monette, pro se.

Respondent: John J. Aldridge, III, Assistant Attorney General.

ISSUE

Is Petitioner's certification as a justice officer properly subject to revocation on the grounds that he knowingly assisted another in attempting to gain certification by fraud or deceit in that he failed to report a positive urinalysis drug screen for the deputy sheriff applicant?

FINDINGS OF FACT (STIPULATED FACTS)

1. Both parties are properly before this Administrative Law Judge, in that jurisdiction and venue are proper, that both parties received proper notice of hearing required pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-38.

2. The North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission (Respondent) has the authority granted under Chapter 17E of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 12 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, Chapter 10, Subchapter 10B, to certify justice officers as either deputy sheriffs or jailers, and to deny, revoke or suspend such certification.

3. That 12 NCAC 10B .0204(c)(3) provides:

- (c) The Commission may revoke, deny, or suspend the certification of a justice officer when the Commission finds that the applicant for certification or certified justice officer:
 - (3) has knowingly and designedly by any means of false pretense, deception, fraud, misrepresentation or cheating whatsoever, aided another in obtaining or attempting to obtain credit, training, or certification from the Commission or the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. The Rule shall also apply to obtaining or attempting to obtain in-service firearms requalification as required by 12 NCAC 10B .2000 and .2100.
- 4. That 12 NCAC 10B .0410(a) provides:
 - (a) Each agency shall report in writing to the Division all refusals and all positive drug screenings obtained from applicants and lateral transfers pursuant to 12 NCAC 10B .0301(6) or .0406(b)(4) unless the positive result has been explained to the satisfaction of the agency's medical review officer who shall be a licensed physician.

5. On September 24, 1987, the Petitioner was granted probationary certification as a deputy sheriff through the Respondent and issued certification number PRH242021832. On September 24, 1987 the Petitioner was granted general certification as a deputy sheriff through the Respondent and issued general certification number GNH242021832.

6. On December 4, 1995, the Sheriffs' Standards Division received an anonymous letter indicating that an employee with the Craven County Sheriff's Office, Jeffrey P. Bundy, had previously tested positive for controlled substances and that the sheriff of Craven County, Jerry G. Monette, was aware of such positive urinalysis test result.

7. On November 18, 1994, an applicant for the position of deputy sheriff with the Craven County Sheriff's Office submitted to a required urinalysis screen pursuant to 12 NCAC 10B .0301. This urinalysis test result was reported back by Corporate Support Systems to be positive for cocaine and marijuana. Notification of this positive result was personally given to Sheriff Jerry G. Monette on November 23, 1994.

8. The applicant produced a positive result on a drug screen for cannabinoids, (marijuana) and cocaine, administered in accordance with the procedures authorized and mandated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Program. The United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the Respondent's Rules found at 12 NCAC 10B .0301(6), require, and it is so stipulated that the initial screening test of the applicant's urine was conducted using the immunoassay method, and the confirmation test on the Petitioner's urine sample was conducted using the gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) method of testing. The positive result for cannabinoids and cocaine revealed a level above the threshold established for a screen and confirmation test conducted in accordance with the standards established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Program. A review by a medical review officer indicated that the applicant's positive drug screen was proper in form and testing procedures and was not related to a medically indicated cause.

9. Pursuant to 12 NCAC 10B .0410 this applicant's positive urinalysis drug screen was required to be reported to the Sheriffs' Standards Division. Such applicants would be ineligible to hold certification as a justice officer for a minimum of period of five years.

10. Despite the positive urinalysis result the applicant was maintained in a nonsworn position of dispatcher with the Craven County Sheriff's Office throughout the remainder of 1994 and into 1995.

11. On January 23, 1995 Sheriff Jerry Monette attended a seminar conducted by officials with the Sheriff Standards Division for the purpose of ensuring newly elected Sheriffs' in North Carolina were aware of the requirements for certification of deputy sheriffs and jailers. In this seminar, attended by Sheriff Monette, he learned that he as the sheriff had an affirmative obligation to report all positive urinalysis test results for applicants as deputy sheriff and jailer positions. Despite having knowledge of his duty to make notification at this point of the previous positive test result on the applicant, the sheriff failed to do so. The attendees at this conference were notified that these positive test results were maintained so that all applicants would be ineligible to hold certification as a justice officer for a period of five years.

12. On or about October 1995 Sheriff Jerry G. Monette submitted an application package on Jeffrey P. Bundy for certification as a sworn deputy sheriff to the Respondent. In furtherance of this application process Sheriff Jerry G. Monette did not disclose the previous positive drug test result.

13. The failure to make notification to the Sheriffs' Standards Division of the initial positive urinalysis drug screen for cocaine and marijuana on the deputy sheriff applicant by the Petitioner, while knowing it to be required, constitutes a violation of 12 NCAC 10B .0204(c)(3) and 12 NCAC 10B .0410(a).

14. By letter dated November 28, 1996, the Petitioner was notified by the Director of the Sheriffs' Standards Division, Joan G. Neuner, that probable cause had been found to believe that his certification as a deputy sheriff should be revoked for knowingly and designedly aiding another in attempting to obtain certification from the Commission and for failure to report to the division the previous positive drug screen on the deputy sheriff applicant.

ADJUDICATED FACTS

15. Julia A. Lohman, Assistant Director of the Sheriffs' Standards Division, testified that the Petitioner holds certification as a deputy sheriff through the N.C. Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission and has held such certification since 1986. The Commission has no authority to certify the office of Sheriff. If and when the Petitioner were

to leave the elected office of sheriff, he would be entitled to reinstatement of his deputy sheriff certification. In the October to November 1995 time frame, the Sheriffs' Standards Division received an appointment application package on Jeffrey Bundy as a deputy sheriff in Craven County. This package included a Personal History Statement, urinalysis consent form, and a background investigation on Jeffrey Bundy. This package was placed in a pending status to retrieve additional documentation required for certification. In December 1995 the Sheriffs' Standards Division received an anonymous letter stating that Jeffrey Bundy had previously tested positive for drugs in a urinalysis screen around November 1994, when he was an applicant as a deputy sheriff with the Craven County Sheriff's Office.

16. The Sheriffs' Standards Division verified that Jeffrey Bundy had a previous positive drug screen for cocaine and marijuana by contacting the designated urinalysis testing laboratory for Craven County Sheriff's Office. On December 15, 1995, Sheriffs' Standards Division retrieved documentation from Corporate Support Systems, the urinalysis testing company for the Craven County Sheriff's Office which indicated the Petitioner was a deputy sheriff applicant with the Craven County Sheriff's Office in November 1994 and that on November 18, 1994 the Petitioner submitted a urine sample to be tested for the presence of illegal drugs as a part of this application process. On November 19, 1994 the Petitioner's urine tested positive for cocaine and marijuana. The Petitioner was notified of these positive results on November 23, 1994.

17. Ms. Lohman interviewed Sheriff Monette on December 19, 1995 concerning the positive urinalysis results, and Sheriff Monette told her that Jeffrey Bundy was an applicant for employment as a deputy sheriff with his agency in November 1994. Sheriff Monette said that he was not aware of the Commission rules at the time of the positive urinalysis result requiring him to submit the results. However he subsequently became aware of these rules as a result of a seminar he attended in January 1995 conducted by the Sheriffs' Standards Division. Sheriff Monette told Ms. Lohman that he had told Major Sam Bundy, Jeffrey Bundy's father, about the results and helped him locate a rehabilitation center in the early months of 1995. Sheriff Monette indicated that no one but him had seen the positive drug screen results. Sheriff Monette indicated that he had heard that Jeffrey Bundy had resigned from the New Bern Police Department prior to November of 1994 because he was asked to take a urinalysis test. Jeffrey Bundy did not indicate his prior use of cocaine on his Personal History Statement dated October 23, 1995.

18. In January 1995 the Sheriffs' Standards Division conducted seminars across the State to apprise newly elected Sheriffs of the Commission's standards and requirements. During this seminar, attended by the Petitioner, the Sheriffs' Standards Division staff informed the attendees that all applicants for deputy sheriff or jailer positions who test positive for illegal drugs would be prohibited from holding certification through the Commission for a period of five (5) years. Positive drug screens must be communicated to the Sheriffs' Standards Division so that they can maintain a list of these positive drug screens to prevent the applicant's receiving certification through the Commission prior to the expiration of five years from the positive urinalysis result.

19. In February 1996, the results of Ms. Lohman's investigation were presented to the probable cause committee of the Sheriffs' Commission. Sheriff Monette appeared at this probable cause committee and indicated that he accepted full responsibility for not revealing the positive urinalysis drug screen of Jeffrey Bundy.

20. Captain George Brown testified that he personally provided documents to Jeffrey Bundy in November 1994, in furtherance of the process to become a deputy sheriff with the Craven County Sheriff's Office. These documents included a urinalysis consent form. Jeffrey Bundy was subsequently employed as a dispatcher by Sheriff Monette in the Craven County Sheriff's Office. In October 1995 Captain Brown was instructed to forward an application package for certification to the Sheriff's Standards Division on Jeffrey Bundy as a deputy sheriff by the Petitioner. Captain Brown had Jeffrey Bundy complete another Personal History Statement and this document, along with Captain Brown's background investigation, was forwarded to the Sheriff's Standards Division. Captain Brown did not have any knowledge of Jeffrey Bundy's prior positive urinalysis test results. Captain Brown believes that Sheriff Monette is an honorable person and is best suited for the position of sheriff in Craven County. Captain Brown fully supports Sheriff Monette.

21. Major Sam Bundy testified that he is the father of Jeffrey Bundy. Major Bundy testified that he was informed of the positive drug screen on his son by the sheriff in the early months of 1995. Major Bundy assisted Jeffrey Bundy in receiving rehabilitation for his positive drug screen which he believes was for a duration of six weeks. Major Bundy did not have responsibilities for notification of the positive drug screen to the Sheriffs' Standards Division nor for the processing of paperwork for applicants as deputy sheriffs or jailers.

22. Sheriff Monette testified that he has been the sheriff of Craven County since November 1994. Sheriff Monette was informed of the positive drug screen on Jeffrey Bundy three days after he took office. The Sheriff indicated that he did not

know of his requirements to notify the Sheriffs' Standards Division of positive urninalysis screens at this time. Sheriff Monette talked with Jeffrey Bundy about his problem after he saw the positive drug screen and took him to Rocky Mount for rehabilitation. After rehabilitation Sheriff Monette hired Jeffrey Bundy as a non-sworn dispatcher. Sheriff Monette had heard rumors that Jeffrey Bundy had left the New Bern Police Department because of his refusal to take a urinanalysis test. While Jeffrey Bundy was serving as a dispatcher in the early months of 1995, Sheriff Monette was approached by an officer with the New Bern Police Department and an agent with the State Bureau of Investigation concerning Jeffrey Bundy's prior drug use.

23. In October 1995, the Sheriff directed Captain Brown to forward a package for certification on Jeffrey Bundy to the Sheriffs' Standards Division because Jeffrey Bundy's certification with the Criminal Justice Commission was about to expire. In January 1995, Sheriff Monette attended a seminar conducted by the Sheriffs' Standards Division wherein he learned of his obligation to submit positive urinalysis results to the Sheriffs' Standards Division. Sheriff Monette knew that if he divulged the positive urinalysis results on Jeffrey Bundy in October 1995 that Jeffrey Bundy would not have received certification. Sheriff Monette chose not to divulge this information to the Commission because he had promised to help Jeffrey Bundy previously. Sheriff Monette did not review the application documents completed by Jeffrey Bundy when they were submitted in October 1995.

24. Sheriff Monette expressed regrets for not divulging the previous positive urinalysis result and indicated that he was thinking with his heart and not with his head. Sheriff Monette is 37 years of age and has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. He is working on a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. Sheriff Monette entered law enforcement in 1985. He intends to run for Sheriff again in 1998. Sheriff Monette is a member of the Masons, Scottish Rights, York Rights, and is Chairman of the Community Penalties Board in Craven. He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Craven County and works with the Giddeons.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the undersigned makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. All parties were properly before this Administrative Law Judge and that jurisdiction and venue were proper and that both parties received proper Notice of Hearing.

2. The N.C. Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission has the authority granted under Chapter 17E of the North Carolina General Statutes to establish minimum standards for the certification of persons to be employed and retained as justice officers (deputy sheriffs and jailers).

3. The Petitioner knowingly aided Jeffrey Bundy in attempting to obtain certification from the Commission by not revealing Jeffrey Bundy's positive urinalysis drug screen for cocaine and marijuana in November 1994. This omission was material. These actions constitute a violation of 12 NCAC 10B .0204(c)(3).

4. The Petitioner's failure to report to the division the previous positive drug screen obtained from Jeffrey Bundy while an applicant for the position of deputy sheriff with the Craven County Sheriff's Office constitutes a violation of 12 NCAC 10B .0410(a).

5. The Respondent may properly revoke the Petitioner's certification as a justice officer.

PROPOSED DECISION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby proposed that the N.C. Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission revoke the Petitioner's certification as a justice officer for a period of five years, but that the Commission consider in light of the surrounding circumstances, placing the Petitioner on a period of probation for five years.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the agency serve a copy of the Final Decision on the Office of Administrative Hearing, Post Office Drawer 27447, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7447, in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 150B-36(b).

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NOTICE

The agency making the final decision in this contested case is required to give each party an opportunity to file exceptions to the Proposal For Decision, to submit Proposed Findings of Fact and to present oral and written arguments to the agency. The agency is required by N.C.G.S. § 150B-40(e) to serve a copy of the final agency decision on all parties and to furnish a copy of the final agency decision on the parties Attorney of Record and to the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The agency that will make the final decision in this contested case is the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.

This the 26th day of July, 1996.

Fred G. Morrison Jr. Senior Administrative Law Judge

NORTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

T he North Carolina Administrative Code (NCAC) has four major subdivisions of rules. Two of these, titles and chapters, are mandatory. The major subdivision of the NCAC is the title. Each major department in the North Carolina executive branch of government has been assigned a title number. Titles are further broken down into chapters which shall be numerical in order. The other two, subchapters and sections are optional subdivisions to be used by agencies when appropriate.

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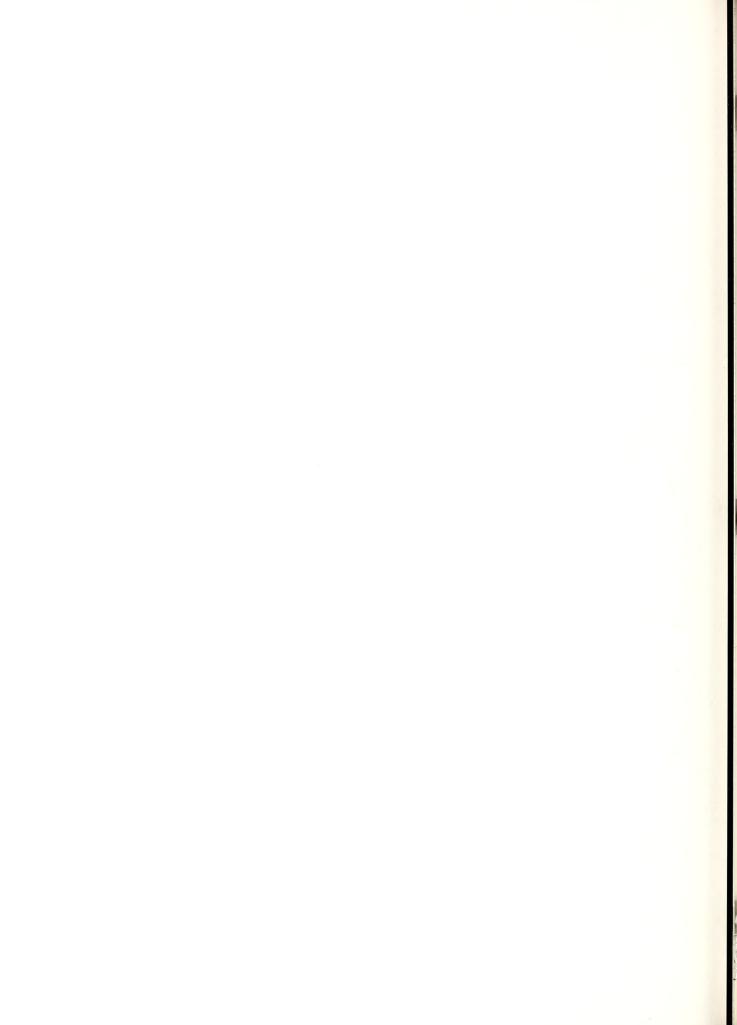
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