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This Publication Schedule is prepared by the Office of Administrative Hearings as a public service and the computation of time periods are not to be deemed binding or controlling. Time is computed according to 26 NCAC 2C .0302 and the Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 6.

GENERAL

The North Carolina Register shall be published twice a month and contains the following information submitted for publication by a state agency:

- (1) temporary rules;
- (2) notices of rule-making proceedings;
- (3) text of proposed rules;
- (4) text of permanent rules approved by the Rules Review Commission;
- (5) notices of receipt of a petition for municipal incorporation, as required by G.S. 120-165;
- (6) Executive Orders of the Governor;
- (7) final decision letters from the U.S. Attorney General concerning changes in laws affecting voting in a jurisdiction subject of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as required by G.S. 120-30.9H;
- (8) orders of the Tax Review Board issued under G.S. 105-241.2; and
- (9) other information the Codifier of Rules determines to be helpful to the public.

COMPUTING TIME: In computing time in the schedule, the day of publication of the North Carolina Register is not included. The last day of the period so computed is included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday, in which event the period runs until the preceding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday.

FILING DEADLINES

ISSUE DATE: The Register is published on the first and fifteen of each month if the first or fifteenth of the month is not a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday for employees mandated by the State Personnel Commission. If the first or fifteenth of any month is a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday for State employees, the North Carolina Register issue for that day will be published on the day of that month after the first or fifteenth that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday for State employees.

LAST DAY FOR FILING: The last day for filing for any issue is 15 days before the issue date excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays for State employees.

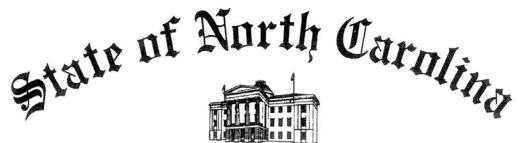
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EARLIEST DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: The hearing date shall be at least 15 days after the date a notice of the hearing is published.

END OF REQUIRED COMMENT PERIOD An agency shall accept comments on the text of a proposed rule for at least 60 days after the text is published or until the date of any public hearings held on the proposed 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.

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



MICHAEL F. EASLEY GOVERNOR

23:12

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 148 PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF DISASTER FOR WILSON AND JOHNSTON COUNTIES

WHEREAS, I have determined that a State of Disaster, as defined in G.S. §166A-6, exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically Wilson and Johnston counties, as a result of tornadoes that caused severe damage and fatalities on November 15, 2008;

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2008, Wilson and Johnston counties proclaimed a local State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §166A-6, the criteria for a Type I disaster are met including the following: (1) receipt of the preliminary damage assessment from the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety; (2) Wilson and Johnston counties declared a local state of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S §166A-8 and forwarded a written copy of the declaration to the Governor; (3) the preliminary damage assessment meets or exceeds the criteria established for the Small Business Disaster Loan Program pursuant to 13 C.F.R. Part 123; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Pursuant to G. S. §166A-6, a State of Disaster is hereby declared for Wilson and Johnston counties.

<u>Section 2.</u> State and local government entities and agencies are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, and/or his designee, is hereby delegated all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A of the General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in North Carolina.

Section 4. Further, Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, as chief coordinating officer for the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in N.C.G. S. §143B-476.

<u>Section 5.</u> I authorize this proclamation: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) unless the circumstances of the state of emergency prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to assure proper implementation of this proclamation.

Section 6. This Type I Disaster Declaration shall expire 30 days after issuance of the state of disaster and Type I disaster proclamation for Wilson and Johnston counties unless renewed by the Governor or the General Assembly. Such renewals may be made in increments of 30 days each, not to exceed a total of 120 days from the date of first issuance. The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations shall be notified prior to the issuance of any renewal of a Type I disaster declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.



Michael F. Easley

Governor

ATTEST:

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Elaine F. Marshall Secretary of State



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

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Voting Section - NWB. 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20530

October 31, 2008

David A. Hoiec, Esq. City Attorney P.O. Box 7207 Greenville, North Carolina 27835-7207

Dear Mr. Holec:

This refers to two annexations (Ordinance Nos. 08-69 and 08-70 (2008)) and their designations to voting districts for the City of Greenville in Pitt County, North Carolina, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on September 22, 2008.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. In addition, as authorized by Section 5, we reserve the right to reexamine this submission if additional information that would otherwise require an objection comes to our attention during the remainder of the sixty-day review period. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act (28 C.F.R. 51.41 and 51.43).

Sincerely,

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Christopher Coates Chief, Voting Section

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SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEVELOP A BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY [PTRP Holdings, LLC, PTRP Holdings II, LLC, PTRP Holdings III, LLC and Piedmont Triad Research Park]

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 130A-310.34, PTRP Holdings, LLC, PTRP Holdings II, LLC, PTRP Holdings III, LLC and Piedmont Triad Research Park ("Prospective Developers") have filed with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR") a Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property ("Property") in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, North Carolina. The Property, which is a former site of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company operations, consists of approximately 53.2 acres and is generally bounded to the north by Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, to the south by 3rd Street, to the east by U.S. Highway 52 and to the west by North Main Street. Environmental contamination exists on the Property in soil and groundwater. Prospective Developers have committed themselves to redevelop the Property with bio-technology research facilities, offices, retail outlets, public open areas, high-density residences, performance/concert halls, hotels, community centers, swimming pools, parking and schools. The Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property includes: (1) a proposed Brownfields Agreement between DENR and Prospective Developers, which in turn includes (a) a map showing the location of the Property, (b) a description of the contaminants involved and their concentrations in the media of the Property, (c) the above-stated description of the intended future use of the Property, and (d) proposed investigation and remediation; and (2) a proposed Notice of Brownfields Property prepared in accordance with G.S. 130A-310.35.

The full Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property may be reviewed at Forsyth County Central Library, 660 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, by contacting Delores Cue at that address, or at (336) 703-3073, (336) 727-2549 (facsimile) or cuedr@forsythlibrary.org; or at NC Brownfields Program, 401 Oberlin Rd., Suite 150, Raleigh, NC 27605 by contacting Shirley Liggins at that address, at shirley.liggins@ncmail.net, or at (919) 508-8411, where DENR will provide auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities who wish to review the documents.

Written public comments may be submitted to DENR within 30 days after the date this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the Property is located, or in the North Carolina Register, whichever is later. Written requests for a public meeting may be submitted to DENR within 21 days after the period for written public comments begins. Thus, if the Prospective Developers, as they plan, publish this Summary in the North Carolina Register after they publish the Summary in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the Property is located, and if they effect publication of this Summary in the North Carolina Register on the date they expect to do so, the periods for submitting written requests for a public meeting regarding this project and for submitting written public comments will commence on December 16, 2008. All such comments and requests should be addressed as follows:

SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEVELOP A BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY The Park Ministries, Inc

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 130A-310.34, The Park Ministries, Inc. has filed with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR") a Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property ("Property") in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. The Property, which is the former site of Charlotte's Merchandise Mart exhibition hall, comprises 34 acres and is located at 2500 Independence Boulevard. Environmental contamination exists on the Property in groundwater and surface water. The Park Ministries, Inc. has committed itself to make no uses other than these of the Property: religious center, office, restaurant, retail and wholesale, conference/exhibition center, trade shows, educational/training programs and charity events. The Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property includes: (1) a proposed Brownfields Agreement between DENR and The Park Ministries, Inc., which in turn includes (a) a map showing the location of the Property, (b) a description of the contaminants involved and their concentrations in the media of the Property, (c) the above-stated description of the intended future use of the Property, and (d) proposed investigation and remediation; and (2) a proposed Notice of Brownfields Property prepared in accordance with G.S. 130A-310.35.

The full Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property may be reviewed at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library, 310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 by contacting Joyce Reimann at that address, at 704-416-0152 or at jreimann@plcmc.org; or at the offices of the N.C. Brownfields Program, 401 Oberlin Rd., Suite 150, Raleigh, NC 27605 (where DENR will provide auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities who wish to review the documents) by contacting Shirley Liggins at that address, at shirley.liggins@ncmail.net or at (919) 508-8411.

Written public comments may be submitted to DENR within 30 days after the date this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the Property is located, or in the North Carolina Register, whichever is later. Written requests for a public meeting may be submitted to DENR within 21 days after the period for written public comments begins. Thus, if The Park Ministries, Inc., as it plans, publishes this Summary in the North Carolina Register after it publishes the Summary in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the Property is located, and if it effects publication of this Summary in the North Carolina Register on the date it expects to do so, the periods for submitting written requests for a public meeting regarding this project and for submitting written public comments will commence on December 16, 2008. All such comments and requests should be addressed as follows:

SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEVELOP A BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY Ingles Markets, Incorporated

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 130A-310.34, Ingles Markets, Incorporated., has filed with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR") a Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property ("Property") in Black Mountain, Buncombe County, North Carolina. The Property consists of 45.5 acres and is located at 3049 U.S. Highway 70W. Blue Ridge Broadcasting Corporation has conducted operations there since 1961. Environmental contamination exists on the Property in the soil and groundwater. Ingles Markets, Incorporated has committed itself to limit use of the Property to a refrigerated distribution center with offices, associated driveways and parking. The Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property includes: (1) a proposed Brownfields Agreement between DENR and Ingles Markets, Incorporated, which in turn includes (a) a map showing the location of the Property, (b) a description of the contaminants involved and their concentrations in the media of the Property, (c) the above-stated description of the intended future use of the Property, and (d) proposed investigation and remediation; and (2) a proposed Notice of Brownfields Property prepared in accordance with G.S. 130A-310.35.

The full Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property may be reviewed at the Black Mountain Public Library, 105 Dougherty Street, Black Mountain, NC 28711 by contacting Denise King at that address or at (828) 250-4756; or at the offices of the N.C. Brownfields Program, 401 Oberlin Rd., Suite 150, Raleigh, NC 27605 by contacting Shirley Liggins at that address (where DENR will provide auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities who wish to review the documents), at shirley.liggins@ncmail.net or at (919) 508-8411.

Written public comments may be submitted to DENR within 30 days after the date this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the brownfields property is located, or in the North Carolina Register, whichever is later. Written requests for a public meeting may be submitted to DENR within 21 days after the period for written public comments begins. Thus, if, *Ingles Markets, Incorporated,* as it plans, publishes this Summary in the North Carolina Register after it publishes the Summary in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the brownfields property is located, and if it effects publication of this Summary in the North Carolina Register on the date it expects to do so, the periods for submitting written requests for a public meeting regarding this project and for submitting written public comments will commence on December 16, 2008. All such comments and requests should be addressed as follows:

SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEVELOP A BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY Dyestuff, LLC

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 130A-310.34, Dyestuff, LLC has filed with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR") a Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property ("Property") in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. The Property is located at 2459 Wilkinson Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28208 and consists of a two-story (plus basement) brick building containing 56,958 square feet on a 3.136 acres parcel. Environmental contamination exists on the Property in soil and groundwater. Dyestuff, LLC has committed itself to redevelop the property for no uses other than commercial office and showroom space. The Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property includes: (1) a proposed Brownfields Agreement between DENR and Dyestuff, LLC which in turn includes (a) a map showing the location of the Property, (b) a description of the contaminants involved and their concentrations in the media of the Property, (c) the above-stated description of the intended future use of the Property, and (d) proposed conditional mitigation measures; and (2) a proposed Notice of Brownfields Property prepared in accordance with G.S. 130A-310.35.

The full Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property may be reviewed at the Charlotte - Mecklenburg Public Library, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library, 310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202 by contacting Joyce Reimann at that address, at 704-416-0152 or at jreimann@Mecklenburg.lib.nc.us; or at the offices of the N.C. Brownfields Program, 401 Oberlin Rd., Suite 150, Raleigh, NC 27605 (where DENR will provide auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities who wish to review the documents) by contacting Shirley Liggins at that address, at shirley.liggins@ncmail.net or at (919) 508-8411.

Written public comments may be submitted to DENR within 30 days after the date this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the Property is located, or in the North Carolina Register, whichever is later. Written requests for a public meeting may be submitted to DENR within 21 days after the period for written public comments begins. Thus, if Dyestuff, LLC, as it plans, publishes this Summary in the North Carolina Register after it publishes the Summary in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the Property is located, and if it effects publication of this Summary in the North Carolina Register on the date it expects to do so, the periods for submitting written requests for a public meeting regarding this project and for submitting written public comments will commence on December 16, 2008. All such comments and requests should be addressed as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for an extension of the public comment period concerning the proposed amendments to modify the exemption of combustion sources from the Air Toxics rules.

This public comment period was initially noticed in Volume 23, Issue 07 of the North Carolina Register, pages 666-672, on October 1, 2008. The Environmental Management Commission received several requests for an extension of the comment period. The comment period is being extended until December 31, 2008.

PURPOSE:

To extend the public comment period to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Air Toxics Rules in 15A NCAC 02Q .0701, .0702, .0706, and .0709 to modify the exemption of combustion sources.

NOTE: The proposed amendments considered in this rule-making action, if adopted, will be effective statewide; if they are later adopted by a local air pollution control agency, then that agency will enforce them in its area of jurisdiction.

COMMENT PROCEDURES:

Any person desiring to comment is requested to submit a written statement for inclusion in the record of proceedings. The hearing record will remain open until December 31, 2008. To be included, the statement must be received by the Division by December 31, 2008.

INFORMATION:

Copies of the proposed rule changes may be downloaded at http://daq.state.nc.us/Rules/Hearing/ Copies of the proposals may also be reviewed at the regional offices of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality, located at the following cities:

Asheville	828/296-4500
Fayetteville	910/433-3300
Mooresville	704/663-1699
Raleigh	919/791-4200
Washington	252/946-6481
Wilmington	910/796-7215
Winston-Salem	336/771-5000

Comments should be sent to and additional information concerning the proposals may be obtained by contacting:

Mr. Michael Abraczinskas Division of Air Quality 1641 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641 (919) 715-3743 Phone (919) 715-7476 Fax Michael.Abraczinskas@ncmail.net

DATE: 11/17/08

B. Keith Overcash, P.E. Director

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RULE-MAKING BY THE NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

CONCERNING AMENDMENT OF HOSPITAL FEE SCHEDULE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§97-26(a) and (b), and 97-80(a), the North Carolina Industrial Commission will hold a public hearing on the amendment of the Hospital Fee Schedule for Workers' Compensation cases (Section 14 Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center, North Carolina Industrial Commission Medical Fee Schedule) for 2009 and following.

The proposed billing methods are to become effective on or about July 17, 2009. The Commission solicits oral and written comments of all interested persons, firms, and organizations wishing to comment concerning any aspect of the proposed billing methods.

SUCH PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Industrial Commission Hearing Room, located on the second floor of the Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC, during which the Commission will hear the oral comments of persons scheduled to speak. Those desiring to make an oral presentation, not to exceed 10 minutes in length, should submit a request on or before Tuesday, December 30, 2008. Speakers at the public hearing are encouraged to prepare a written summary of remarks for the use of the Commission.

WRITTEN COMMENTS, REQUESTS FOR A COPY OF THE BILLING METHODS, AND REQUESTS FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MEREDITH HENDERSON AT 4336 MAIL SERVICE CENTER, RALEIGH, NC 27699-4336, OR MADE BY TELEPHONE CALL TO MS. HENDERSON AT (919) 807-2674. COPIES OF THE BILLING METHODS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED ON THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION'S WEBSITE:

http://www.comp.state.nc.us

WRITTEN COMMENTS SHOULD BE FAXED TO MEREDITH HENDERSON AT (919) 715-0282 OR MAILED TO 4336 MAIL SERVICE CENTER, RALEIGH, NC 27699-4336 NO LATER THAN JANUARY 14, 2009.

The Industrial Commission proposes the following changes to the hospital fee schedule:

- The lower end cap of the DRG band for reimbursement of inpatient hospital bills will be adjusted from 77.07% to 75% of charges for hospitals other than critical access hospitals.
 - Critical access hospitals are defined by federal law and are the smallest hospitals in the State, located in rural areas.
- The reimbursement rate for outpatient hospital bills will be adjusted from 95% of charges to 79% of charges for hospitals other than critical access hospitals. For critical access hospitals, the outpatient reimbursement rate will be reduced from 95% to 87% of charges.
- The reimbursement rate for ambulatory surgical centers will be adjusted from 100% of charges to 79% of charges.

The payment rates proposed by the Commission for hospital outpatient, ambulatory surgical center, and hospital inpatient services are straightforward reductions in the discount levels that are used under the existing payment methodologies. There are no changes to the payment methodologies. The changes in the hospital outpatient rate and the ambulatory surgical center rate are reductions in the percentage discount off charges. The change in the inpatient lower end cap also is a reduction in the percentage discount off charges. All three reductions are based upon a recommendation of a majority of the members of the Hospital Fee Schedule Advisory Committee. The Commission and the Advisory Committee have reviewed data provided by the Workers Compensation Research Institute, the American Insurance Association, Key Risk Management Services, and the North Carolina Hospital Association in evaluating the appropriate levels for reimbursement. Based particularly on the representations of the North Carolina Hospital Association, the Commission is satisfied that the reductions in the percentage discounts off charges proposed will reimburse hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers reasonable fees for their services and that injured workers will continue to be provided the standard of services and care intended by the Workers' Compensation Act.

The related fiscal note certified by the Office of State Budget and Management is posted at http://www.osbm.state.nc.us/files/pdf_files/NCIC11182008.pdf.

This the 20th day of November, 2008.

S/ PAMELA T. YOUNG CHAIR Note from the Codifier: The notices published in this Section of the NC Register include the text of proposed rules. The agency must accept comments on the proposed rule(s) for at least 60 days from the publication date, or until the public hearing, or a later date if specified in the notice by the agency. If the agency adopts a rule that differs substantially from a prior published notice, the agency must publish the text of the proposed different rule and accept comment on the proposed different rule for 60 days.

Statutory reference: G.S. 150B-21.2.

TITLE 02 – DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Pesticide Board intends to adopt the rule cited as 02 NCAC 09L .1807 with changes from the proposed text noticed in the Register, Volume 23, Issue 08, pages 702 - 704.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Reason for Proposed Action: These revisions are required to implement the recommendations of the 2008 Governor's Task Force on Preventing Agricultural Pesticide Exposure and the requirements of Senate Bill 847, "Prevent Agricultural Pesticide Exposure".

Procedure by which a person can object to the agency on a proposed rule: Any person may object to the proposed rule(s) by submitting a written statement of objection(s) to James W. Burnette, Jr., Secretary, NC Pesticide Board, 1090 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1090.

Written comments may be submitted to: James W. Burnette, 1090 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1090, phone (919)733-3556, fax (919)733-9796, email james.burnette@ncagr.gov

Comment period ends: February 13, 2009

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

Fiscal Impact

	State
	Local
	Substantive (>\$3,000,000)
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CHAPTER 09 - FOOD AND DRUG PROTECTION DIVISION

SUBCHAPTER 09L - PESTICIDE SECTION

SECTION .1800 - WORKER PROTECTION STANDARDS FOR AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDES

02 NCAC 09L .1807 SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT APPLICATIONS

(a) Concerning application information requirements contained in 40 CFR Sections 170.122 and 170.222 the following is also required:

- (1) In addition to the requirements of Sections 170.122(c)(3), and 170.222(c)(3), the specific time of day when each pesticide application was completed must be recorded immediately upon completion of the application. Each day of the application shall be recorded as a separate record.
 - (2) After the application information referenced in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule and the other information in Sections 170.122(c) and 170.222(c) has been displayed for the required period of time in Section 170.122(b) and 170.222(b), the agricultural employer shall maintain the information for a period of two years from the specific time of day when each pesticide application was completed. Such information shall be available for inspection and copying by the Board or its agents upon their request.

(b) In addition to information contained in Section 170.224(b), the handler employer must make the agricultural owner aware of the specific time of day when each pesticide application was completed. The agricultural employer shall display the information immediately and shall make it part of the record required to be maintained in Subparagraph (a)(1) and (2) of this <u>Rule.</u>

Authority G.S. 143-466(a).

TITLE 13 – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the NC Department of Labor intends to adopt the rules cited as 13 NCAC 07F .0901-.0927.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Public Hearing:

Date: January 15, 2009 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. **Location:** NC Department of Agriculture (Room 359), 2 W. Edenton St., Raleigh, NC

Reason for Proposed Action: Due to significant changes in construction consensus standards and requests from several industry stakeholders, Federal OSHA has been working since 1998 on an update to 29 CFR Part 1926, Subpart N, designed to protect employees from the hazards associated with hoisting equipment when used to perform construction activities and will affect establishments across a variety of different construction industries with work involving cranes and derricks. To that end, in July 2002, OSHA announced its intent to use the negotiated rulemaking process to revise Subpart N, and established the Cranes and Derricks Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory *Committee (C-DAC). The C-DAC committee began meeting in* August 2003, and completed their task in July 2004. As a result of their meetings, the C-DAC committee submitted a proposed revision to Subpart N to OSHA on July 13, 2004. After years of review, OSHA published a notice of proposed rule in the Federal Register on October 9, 2008. However, due to a number of factors affecting the federal rulemaking process, a final rule is not expected from OSHA for at least one year. As a result, *NCDOL* is taking a proactive approach toward protecting those in North Carolina who operate and work around cranes. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 95-131 sets forth that "[a]ll occupational safety and health standards promulgated under the federal act by the Secretary, and any modifications, revision, amendments or revocations in accordance with authority conferred by the federal act or any other federal act or agency relating to safety and health and adopted by the Secretary, shall be adopted as the rules of the Commissioner of this State unless the Commissioner decides to adopt an alternative State rule as effective as the federal requirement and providing safe and healthful employment in places of employment as required by the federal act and standards and regulations heretofore referred to and as provided by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970." Therefore, NCDOL is proposing to adopt new rules for cranes and derricks that mirror the federal consensus document with some minor exceptions (e.g., organization and grouping to promote ease in reading and understanding by the regulated community in North Carolina).

Procedure by which a person can object to the agency on a proposed rule: Objections to the proposed rules may be submitted, in writing, to Erin T. Gould, Assistant Rulemaking Coordinator, via United States mail at the following address: 1101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1101; or via facsimile at (919) 733-4235. Objections may also be submitted during the public hearings conducted on these rules, which are noticed above. Objections shall include the specific rule citation(s) for the objectionable rule(s), the nature of the objection(s), and the complete name(s) and contact information for the individual(s) submitting the objection. Objections must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2009.

Comments may be submitted to: *Erin T. Gould, 1101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1101, phone (919) 733-7885, fax (919) 733-4235, and email erin.gould@labor.nc.gov*

Comment period ends: February 13, 2009

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

Fiscal Impact:

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CHAPTER 07 – OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

SUBCHAPTER 07F – STANDARDS

SECTION .0900 – CRANES AND DERRICKS STANDARDS

13 NCAC 07F .0901 SCOPE

(a) This Section applies to power-operated equipment used in construction that can hoist, lower and horizontally move a suspended load. Such equipment includes: articulating cranes (such as knuckle-boom cranes); crawler cranes; floating cranes; cranes on barges; locomotive cranes; mobile cranes (such as wheel-mounted, rough-terrain, all-terrain, commercial truckmounted, and boom truck cranes); multi-purpose machines when configured to hoist and lower (by means of a winch or hook) and horizontally move a suspended load; industrial cranes (such as carry-deck cranes); dedicated pile drivers; service/mechanic trucks with a hoisting device; a crane on a monorail; tower cranes (such as fixed jib ("hammerhead boom"), luffing boom and self-erecting); pedestal cranes; portal cranes; overhead and gantry cranes; straddle cranes; side-boom tractors; derricks; and variations of such equipment. However, items listed in Paragraph (c) of this Rule are excluded from the scope of this Section.

(b) Attachments. This Section applies to equipment included in Paragraph (a) of this Rule when used with attachments. Such

attachments, whether crane-attached or suspended include: hooks, magnets, grapples, clamshell buckets, orange peel buckets, concrete buckets, drag lines, personnel platforms, augers or drills and pile driving equipment.

- (c) Exclusions. This Section does not cover:
 - (1) Machinery included in Paragraph (a) of this <u>Rule while it has been converted or adapted</u> <u>for a non-hoisting/lifting use. Such</u> <u>conversions/adaptations include power</u> <u>shovels, excavators and concrete pumps.</u>
 - (2) Power shovels, excavators, wheel loaders, backhoes, loader backhoes, track loaders. This machinery is also excluded when used with chains, slings or other rigging to lift suspended loads.
 - (3) Automotive wreckers and tow trucks when used to clear wrecks and haul vehicles.
 - (4) Service trucks with mobile lifting devices designed specifically for use in the power line and electric service industries, such as digger derricks (radial boom derricks), when used in these industries for auguring holes to set power and utility poles, or handling associated materials to be installed or removed from utility poles.
 - (5) Machinery originally designed as vehiclemounted aerial devices (for lifting personnel) and self-propelled elevating work platforms.
 - (6) Telescopic/hydraulic gantry systems.
 - (7) Stacker cranes.
 - (8) Powered industrial trucks (forklifts).
 - (9) Mechanic's truck with a hoisting device when used in activities related to equipment maintenance and repair.
 - (10) Machinery that hoists by using a come-a-long or chainfall.
 - (11) Dedicated drilling rigs.
 - (12) Gin poles used for the erection of communication towers.
 - (13) Tree trimming and tree removal work.
 - (14) Anchor handling with a vessel or barge using an affixed A-frame.
 - (15) Roustabouts.

(d) All rules of this Section apply to the equipment covered by this Section unless specified otherwise.

(e) The duties of controlling entities under this Section include the duties specified in 13 NCAC 07F .0912(a)(3), 13 NCAC 07F .0912(a)(5) and 13 NCAC 07F .0916(n)(2).

(f) Where provisions of this Section direct an operator, crewmember, or other employee to take certain actions, the employer shall establish, effectively communicate to the relevant persons, and enforce work rules, to ensure compliance with such provisions.

Authority G.S. 95-131.

13 NCAC 07F .0902 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The provisions of Title 29, Part 1926, Subpart N of the Code of Federal Regulations promulgated as of November 15, 2007, and exclusive of subsequent amendments, are incorporated by reference except as follows:

- (1) 29 CFR 1926.550, "Cranes and Derricks," is not incorporated;
 - (2) 29 CFR 1926.552, "Material hoists, personnel hoists, and elevators," is incorporated to the extent that it addresses elevators;
 - (3) 29 CFR 1926.553, "Base-mounted drum hoists," is not incorporated; and
 - (4) 29 CFR 1926.554, "Overhead hoists," is not incorporated.

Authority G.S. 95-131.

13 NCAC 07F .0903 DEFINITIONS

In addition to the definitions set forth in 29 CFR Part 1910 and 29 CFR Part 1926, the following definitions apply throughout this Section:

- (1) Assembly/Disassembly means the assembly and/or disassembly of equipment covered under this Section. With regard to tower cranes, "erecting and climbing" replaces the term "assembly," and "dismantling" replaces the term "disassembly."
 - (2) Assembly/Disassembly Supervisor ("A/D Supervisor") means an individual who meets this Section's requirements for an A/D supervisor, irrespective of the person's formal job title or whether the person is nonmanagement or management personnel.
 - (3) Attachment means any device that expands the range or tasks that can be done by the equipment. Examples include: an auger, drill, magnet, pile-driver, and boom-attached personnel platform.
 - (4) Audible Signal means a signal made by a distinct sound or series of sounds. Examples include sounds made by a bell, horn, or whistle.
 - (5) Bird Caging means the twisting of fiber or wire rope in an isolated area in the opposite direction of the rope lay, thereby causing it to take on the appearance of a bird cage.
 - (6) Blocking (also referred to as "cribbing") means wood or other material used to support equipment or a component and distribute loads to the ground. Typically used to support latticed boom sections during assembly/disassembly and under outrigger floats.
 - (7) Boatswain's Chair means a single-point adjustable suspension scaffold consisting of a seat or sling (which may be incorporated into a full body harness) designed to support one employee in a sitting position.

- (8) Boom (equipment other than tower crane) means an inclined spar, strut, or other long structural member which supports the upper hoisting tackle on a crane or derrick. Typically, the length and vertical angle of the boom can be varied to achieve increased height or height and reach when lifting loads. Booms can usually be grouped into general categories of hydraulically extendible, cantilevered type, latticed section, cable supported type or articulating type.
- (9) Boom (tower cranes) means if the "boom" (i.e., principle horizontal structure) is fixed, it is referred to as a jib; if it is moveable up and down, it is referred to as a boom.
- (10) Boom Angle Indicator means a device which measures the angle of the boom relative to horizontal.
- (11) Boom Hoist Limiting Device means a device that disengages boom hoist power when the boom reaches a predetermined operating angle. It also sets brakes or closes valves to prevent the boom from lowering after power is disengaged. This includes a boom hoist disengaging device, boom hoist shut-off, boom hoist disconnect, boom hoist hydraulic relief, boom hoist kick-outs, automatic boom stop device, or derricking limiter.
- (12) Boom Length Indicator means the length of the permanent part of the boom (such as ruled markings on the boom) or, as in some computerized systems, the length of the boom with extensions/attachments.
- (13) Boom Stop means a device that restricts the boom from moving a certain maximum angle and toppling over backward. This includes boom stops, (belly straps with struts/standoff), telescoping boom stops, attachment boom stops, and backstops.
- (14) Boom Suspension Systems means a system of pendants, running ropes, sheaves, and other hardware which supports the boom tip and controls the boom angle.
- (15) Center of Gravity means the point in an object around which its weight is evenly distributed. If you could put a support under that point, you could balance the object on the support.
- (16) Certified Welder means a welder who meets nationally recognized certification requirements applicable to the task being performed.
- (17) Climbing means the process in which a tower crane is raised to a new working height, either by adding additional tower sections to the top of the crane (top climbing), or by a system in which the entire crane is raised inside the structure (inside climbing).
- (18) Come-A-Long means a mechanical device typically consisting of a chain or cable

attached at each end that is use to facilitate movement of materials through leverage.

- (19) Competent Person means a person who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees, and who has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate them.
- (20) Controlled Load Lowering means lowering a load by means of a mechanical hoist drum device that allows a hoisted load to be lowered with maximum control using the gear train or hydraulic components of the hoist mechanism. Controlled load lowering requires the use of the hoist drive motor, rather than the load hoist brake, to lower the load.
- (21) Controlling Entity means a prime contractor, general contractor, construction manager or any other legal entity which has the overall responsibility for the construction of the projects, including its planning, quality and completion.
- (22) Counterweight means a weight used to supplement the weight of equipment in providing stability for lifting loads by counterbalancing those loads.
- (23) Crane Level Indicator means a device for determining true horizontal.
- (24) Crane, Articulating means a crane whose boom consists of a series of folding, pin connected structural members, typically manipulated to extend or retract by power from hydraulic cylinders.
- (25) Crane, Assist means a crane used to assist in assembling or disassembling a crane.
- (26) Crane, Crawler means equipment that has a type of base mounting which incorporates a continuous belt of sprocket driven track.
- (27) Crane, Floating (or Floating Derrick) means equipment designed by the manufacturer (or employer) for marine use by permanent attachment to a barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation.
- (28) Crane, Land (or Land Derrick) means equipment not originally designed by the manufacturer for marine use by permanent attachment to barges, pontoons, vessels, or other means of flotation.
- (29) Crane, Locomotive means a crane mounted on a base or car equipped for travel on a railroad track.
- (30) Crane, Mobile means a lifting device incorporating a cable suspended latticed boom or hydraulic telescopic boom designed to be moved between operating locations by transport over the road. These are referred to in Europe as a crane mounted on a truck carrier.

- (31) Crane, Overhead and Gantry includes overhead/bridge cranes, semigantry, cantilever gantry, wall cranes, storage bridge cranes, launching gantry cranes, and similar equipment, irrespective of whether it travels on tracks, wheels, or other means.
- (32) Crane, Portal means a type of crane consisting of a rotating upperstructure, hoist machinery, and boom mounted on top of a structural gantry which may be fixed in one location or have travel capability. The gantry legs or columns usually have portal openings in between to allow passage of traffic beneath the gantry.
- (33) Crane, Side-Boom means a track-type or wheel-type tractor having a boom mounted on the side of the tractor, used for lifting, lowering, or transporting a load suspended on the load hook. The boom or hook can be lifted or lowered in a vertical direction only.
- (34) Crane, Tower means a type of lifting structure which utilizes a vertical mast or tower to support a working boom (jib) suspended from the working boom. While the working boom may be fixed horizontally or have luffing capability, it can always rotate about the tower center to swing loads. The tower base may be fixed in one location or ballasted and moveable between locations.
- (35) Critical lift means a crane lifting operation judged to involve an exceptional level of risk due to factors such as load weight, lifting height, procedural complications, or proximity to situational hazards. Critical lifts are often identified by conditions exceeding a specified percentage of the crane's rated capacity (75%), however, any more complex issues may be involved.
- (36) Crossover Points means the locations on a wire rope which is spooled on a drum where one layer of rope climbs up on and crosses over the previous layer. This takes place at each flange of the drum as the rope is spooled on the drum, reaches the flange, and begins to wrap back in the opposite direction.
- (37) Dedicated Channel means a line of communication assigned by the employer who controls the communication system to only one signal person and crane/derrick or to a coordinated group of cranes/derricks/signal person(s).
- (38) Dedicated Pile-Driver means a machine that is designed to function exclusively as a piledriver. These machines typically have the ability to both hoist the material that will be pile-driven and to pile-drive that material.
- (39)Dedicated Spotter (power lines) means a
person who meets the requirements of 13
NCAC 07F .0905 (signal person

qualifications) and whose sole responsibility is to watch the separation between the power line and the equipment, the load line and the load (including rigging and lifting accessories), and ensure through communication with the operator that the applicable minimum approach distance is not breached.

- (40) Directly Under the Load means a part or all of an employee is directly beneath the load.
- (41) Dismantling includes partial dismantling (such as dismantling to shorten a boom or substitute a different component).
- (42) Drum Rotation Indicator means a device on a crane or hoist which indicates in which direction and at what relative speed a particular hoist drum is turning.
- (43) Electrical Contact means when a person, object, or equipment makes contract or comes in close proximity with an energized conductor or equipment that allows the passage of current.
- (44) Employer-Made Equipment means equipment designed and built by an employer for its own use.
- (45) Encroachment means when any part of the crane, load line or load (including rigging and lifting accessories) breaches a minimum clearance distance that this Section requires to be maintained from a power line.
- (46) Equipment Criteria means instructions, recommendations, limitations and specifications.
- (47) Fall Protection Equipment means guardrail systems, safety net systems, personal fall arrest systems, positioning device systems or fall restraint systems.
- (48) Fall Restraint System means a fall protection system that prevents the user from falling any distance. The system is comprised of either a body belt or body harness, along with an anchorage, connectors and other necessary equipment. The other components typically include a lanyard, and may also include a lifeline and other devices.
- (49) Fall Zone means the area (including the area directly beneath the load) in which it is reasonably foreseeable that partially or completely suspended materials could fall in the event of an accident.
- (50) Flange Points means a point of contact between rope and drum flange where the rope changes layers.
- (51) Free Fall (of the load line) means when only the brake is used to regulate the descent of the load line (the drive mechanism is not used to drive the load down faster or retard its lowering).
- (52) Free Surface Effect means uncontrolled transverse movement of liquids in

compartments which reduce a vessel's transverse stability.

- (53) Functional testing means the testing of a crane, typically done with a light load or no load, to verify the proper operation of a crane's primary function, i.e. hoisting, braking, booming, swinging, etc. A functional test is contrasted to testing the crane's structural integrity with heavy loads.
- (54) Hoist means a mechanical device for lifting and lowering loads by winding rope onto or off of a drum.
- (55) Hoisting means the act of raising, lowering or otherwise moving a load in the air with equipment covered by this Section. As used in this Section, "hoisting" can be done by means other than wire rope/hoist drum equipment.
- (56) Insulating Link/Device means an insulating device approved by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory.
- (57) Jib Stop (a.k.a. Jib Backstop) is similar to a boom stop but is for a fixed or luffing jib.
- (58) List means the angle of inclination about the longitudinal axis of a barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation.
- (59) Load means the weight of the object being lifted or lowered, including the weight of the load-attaching equipment such as the load block, ropes, slings, shackles, and any other ancillary attachment.
- (60) Load Moment Indicator (also referred to as Rated Capacity Indicator) means a system which aids the equipment operator by sensing the overturning moment on the equipment, i.e. load X radius. It compares this lifting condition to the equipment's rated capacity, and indicates to the operator the percentage of capacity at which the equipment is working. Lights, bells, or buzzers may be incorporated as a warning of an approaching overload condition.
- (61) Load Moment Limiter (also referred to as <u>Rated Capacity Limiter) means a system</u> which aids the equipment operator by sensing the overturning moment on the equipment, i.e. load X radius. It compares this lifting condition to the equipment's rated capacity, and when the rated capacity is reached, it shuts off power to those equipment functions which can increase the severity of loading on the equipment, e.g., hoisting, telescoping out, or luffing out. Typically, those functions which decrease the severity of loading on the equipment remain operational, e.g., lowering, telescoping in, or luffing in.
- (62) Luffing Jib Limiting Device is similar to a boom hoist limiting device, except that it limits the movement of the luffing jib.

- (63) Marine Hoisted Personnel Transfer Device means a device, such as a "transfer net," that is designed to protect the employees being hoisted during a marine transfer and to facilitate rapid entry into and exit from the device. Such devices do not include boatswain's chairs when hoisted by equipment covered by this Section.
- (64) Marine Worksite means a construction worksite located in, on or above the water.
- (65) Moving Point-To-Point means the times during which an employee is in the process of going to or from a work station.
- (66) Multi-Purpose Machine means a machine that is designed to be configured in various ways, at least one of which allows it to hoist (by means of a winch or hook) and horizontally move a suspended load. For example, a machine that can rotate and can be configured with removable tongs (for use as a forklift) or with a winch pack, jib (with a hook at the end) or jib used in conjunction with a winch. When configured with the tongs, it is not covered by this Section. When configured with a winch pack, jib (with a hook at the end) or jib used in conjunction with a winch, it is covered by this Section.
- (67) Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agency means an independent organization that is widely-recognized as competent to establish standards for and assess the formal activities of testing organizations applying for or continuing their accreditation.
- (68) Nonconductive means that, because of the nature and condition of the materials, used, and the conditions of use (including environmental conditions and condition of the material), the object in question has the property of not becoming energized (that is, it has high dielectric properties offering a high resistance to the passage of current under the conditions of use).
- (69) Operational Aids means devices that assist the operator in the safe operation of the crane by providing information or automatically taking control of a crane function. These include the devices listed in 13 NCAC 07F .0917 ("listed operational aids").
- (70) Operational Controls means levers, switches, pedals and other devices for controlling equipment operation.
- (71) Pendants includes both wire and bar types. Wire type pendants mean a fixed length of wire rope with mechanical fittings at both ends for pinning segments of wire rope together. Bar type pendants mean that instead of wire rope, a bar is used. Pendants are typically used in a latticed boom crane system to easily change the length of the boom suspension

system without completely changing the rope on the drum when the boom length is increased or decreased.

- (72) Personal Fall Arrest System means a system used to arrest an employee in a fall from a working level. It consists of an anchorage, connectors, and a body harness and may include a lanyard, deceleration device, lifeline, or suitable combination of these.
- (73) Power Lines means electrical distribution and electrical transmission lines.
- (74) Procedures include: instructions, diagrams, recommendations, warnings, specifications, protocols, and limitations.
- (75) Proximity Alarm means a device that provides a warning of proximity to a power line that has been approved by a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory.
- (76) Qualified Engineer means an engineer that is licensed as a professional engineer with the N.C. Licensing Board for Engineers, or an equivalent licensing organization.
- (77) Qualified Evaluator (not a third party) means a person employed by the signal person's employer who has demonstrated that he/she is competent in accurately assessing whether individuals meet the Qualification Requirements in this Section for a signal person.
- (78) Qualified Evaluator (third party) means an independent entity that is widely-recognized as having demonstrated its competence to accurately assess whether individuals meet the Qualification Requirements in this Section for a signal person.
- (79) Qualified Person means a person who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training and experience, successfully demonstrated an ability to solve/resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.
- (80) Qualified Rigger means a rigger who meets the criteria for a qualified person.
- (81) Range Control Warning Device means a device that can be set by an equipment operator to warn that the boom or jib tip is at a plane or multiple planes.
- (82) Rated Capacity means the maximum working load permitted by the manufacturer under specified working conditions. Such working conditions typically include a specific combination of factors such as equipment configuration, radii, boom length, and other parameters of use.
- (83) Repetitive Pickup Points means when operating on a short cycle operation, the rope being used on a single layer and being spooled repetitively over a short portion of the drum.

- (84) Rotation Resistant Rope means a type of wire rope construction which reduces the tendency of a rope to rotate about its axis under load. Usually, this consists of an inner system of core strands laid in one direction covered by an outer system of strands laid in the opposite direction.
- (85) Running Wire Rope means a wire rope that moves over sheaves or drums.
- (86) Runway means a firm, level surface designed, prepared and designated as a path of travel for the weight and configuration of the crane being used to lift and travel with the crane suspended platform. An existing surface may be used as long as it meets these criteria.
- (87) Special Hazard Warnings means warnings of site-specific hazards (for example, proximity of power lines).
- (88) Stability (flotation device) means the tendency of a barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation to return to an upright position after having been inclined by an external force.
- (89) Standard Method means the hand signals established in ASME B30.3-2004 and ASME B30.5-2004.
- (90) Standing Wire Rope means a supporting wire rope which maintains a constant distance between the points of attachment to the two components connected by the wire rope.
- (91) Tagline means a rope (usually fiber) attached to a lifted load for purposes of controlling load spinning and pendular motions or used to stabilize a bucket or magnet during material handling operations.
- (92) Tender means an individual responsible for monitoring and communicating with a diver.
- (93) Tilt Up or Tilt Down Operation means raising or lowering a load from the horizontal to vertical or vertical to horizontal.
- (94)Travel Bogie (also referred to as Bogie) means
an assembly of two or more axles arranged to
permit vertical wheel displacement and
equalize the loading on the wheels.
- (95) Trim means the angle of inclination about the transverse axis of a barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation.
- (96) Two Blocking means a condition in which a component that is uppermost on the hoist line such as the load block, hook block, overhaul ball, or similar component, comes in contact with the boom tip, fixed upper block or similar component. This binds the system and continued application of power can cause failure of the hoist rope or other component.
- (97) Unavailable Procedures means procedures that are no longer available from the manufacturer, or have never been available from the manufacturer.

(98) Upperworks (also referred to as Superstructure or Upperstructure) means the revolving frame of equipment on which the engine and operating machinery are mounted along with the operator's cab. The counterweight is typically supported on the rear of the upperstructure and the boom or other front end attachment is mounted on the front.

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13 NCAC 07F .0904 OPERATOR QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

(a) The employer shall ensure that, prior to operating any equipment covered under 13 NCAC 07F .0901, the operator is either qualified or certified to operate the equipment in accordance with one of the Options in Paragraphs (b) through (e) of this Rule, or is operating the equipment during a training period in accordance with Paragraph (f) of this Rule. Exceptions: operator qualification or certification under this Rule is not required for operators of equipment with a rated hoisting/lifting capacity of 2,000 pounds or less (see 13 NCAC 07F .0910), derricks (see 13 NCAC 07F .0922), or sideboom cranes (see 13 NCAC 07F .0926).

(b) Option (1): Certification by an accredited crane/derrick operator testing organization.

- (1) For a testing organization to be considered accredited to certify operators under this Section, it shall:
 - (A) Be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on that agency's determination that industry recognized criteria for written testing materials, practical examinations, test administration, grading, facilities/equipment and personnel have been met.
 - (B) Administer written and practical tests that:
 - (i) Assess the operator applicant regarding, at a minimum, the knowledge and skills listed in Subparagraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this Rule.
 - (ii) Provide different levels of certification based on equipment capacity and type.
 - (C) Have procedures for operators to reapply and be re-tested in the event an operator applicant fails a test or is decertified.
 - (D) Have testing procedures for recertification designed to ensure that the operator continues to meet the technical knowledge and skills requirements in Subparagraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this Rule.

- (E) Have its accreditation reviewed by the national recognized accrediting agency at least every three years.
- (2) A certification issued under this Option is:
 - (A) Portable.
 - (B) Valid for 5 years.
- (c) Option (2): Qualification by an audited employer program. The employer's qualification of its employee shall meet the following requirements:
 - (1) The written and practical tests shall be either:
 - (A) Developed by an accredited crane/derrick operator testing organization (see Paragraph (b) of this Rule), or
 - (B) Approved by an auditor in accordance with the following requirements:
 - (i) The auditor is certified to evaluate such tests by an accredited crane/derrick operator testing organization (see Paragraph (b) of this Rule).
 - (ii) The auditor is not an employee of the employer.
 - The approval shall be based (iii) the auditor's on determination that the written and practical tests meet nationally recognized test development criteria and are valid and reliable in assessing the operator applicants regarding, at a minimum, the knowledge and skills listed in Subparagraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this Rule.
 - (2) Administration of tests.
 - (A) The written and practical tests shall be administered under circumstances approved by the auditor as meeting nationally recognized test administration standards.
 - (B) The auditor shall be certified to evaluate the administration of the written and practical tests by an accredited crane/derrick operator testing organization (see Paragraph (b) of this Rule).
 - (C) The audit shall be conducted in accordance with nationally recognized auditing standards.
 - (3) The employer program shall be audited within <u>3 months of the beginning of the program and</u> <u>every 3 years thereafter.</u>
 - (4) The employer program shall have testing procedures for re-qualification designed to ensure that the operator continues to meet the technical knowledge and skills requirements in

Subparagraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this Rule. The re-qualification procedures shall be audited in accordance with Subparagraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this Rule.

- (5) Deficiencies. If the auditor determines that there is a deficiency in the program, the employer shall ensure that:
 - (A) No operator is qualified until the auditor confirms that the deficiency has been corrected.
 - (B) The program is audited again within <u>180 days of the confirmation that the</u> <u>deficiency was corrected.</u>
 - (C)The auditor files a documented report
of the deficiency to the Deputy
Commissioner for Occupational
Safety and Health or his designee
within 15 days of the auditor's
determination that there is a
deficiency.
 - (D) Records of the audits of the employer's program are maintained by the auditor for three years and are made available by the auditor to the Deputy Commissioner for Occupational Safety and Health or his designee upon request.
- (6) A qualification under this Paragraph is: (A) Not portable.
 - (B) Valid for five years.
- (d) Option (3): Qualification by the U.S. military.
 - (1) For purposes of this Rule, an operator is considered qualified is he/she has a current operator qualification issued by the U.S. military for operation of the equipment.
 - (2)A qualification under this paragraph is:(A)Not portable.(B)Valid for the period of time stipulatedby the issuing entity.
- (e) Option (4): Licensing by a government entity.
 - (1) For purposes of this Rule, a government licensing department/office that issues operator licenses for operating equipment covered by this Section is considered a government accredited crane/derrick operator testing organization if the criteria in Subparagraph (e)(2) of this Rule are met.

(2) Licensing criteria.

- (A) The requirements for obtaining the license include an assessment, by written and practical tests, of the operator applicant regarding, at a minimum, the knowledge and skills listed in Subparagraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this Rule.
 - (B) The testing meets industry recognized criteria for written testing materials, practical examinations, test

administration, grading, facilities/equipment and personnel.

- (C) The government authority that oversees the licensing department/office, has determined that the requirements in Parts (e)(2)(A) and (e)(2)(B) of this Rule have been met.
- (D) The licensing department/office has testing procedures for re-licensing designed to ensure that the operator continues to meet the technical knowledge and skills requirements in Subparagraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this Rule.
- (3) A license issued by a government accredited crane/derrick operator testing organization that meets the requirements of this Option.
 - (A) Meets the operator qualification requirements of this Rule for operation of equipment only with the jurisdiction of the government entity.
 - (B) Is valid for the period of time stipulated by the licensing department/office, but no longer than five years.
- (f) Pre-qualification/certification training period.
 - (1) An employee who is not qualified or certified under this Section is permitted to operate equipment where the requirements of Subparagraph (f)(2) of this Rule are met.
 - (2) An employee who has not passed both the written nor practical tests required under this Section is permitted to operate equipment as part of his/her training where the following requirements are met:
 - (A)The employee ("trainee/apprentice")shall be provided with sufficienttraining prior to operating theequipment to enable the trainee tooperate the equipment safely underlimitations established by this Section(including continuous supervision)and any additional limitationestablished by the employer.
 - (B) The tasks performed by the trainee/apprentice while operating the equipment shall be within the trainee's ability.
 - (C) Supervisor. While operating the equipment, the trainee/apprentice shall be continuously supervised by an individual ("operator's supervisor") who meets the following requirements:
 - (i) The operator's supervisor is an employee or agent of the trainee's/apprentice's employer.

- (ii) The operator's supervisor is either a certified operator under this Section, or has passed the written portion of a certification test under one of the Options in Paragraphs (b) through (e) of this Rule, and is familiar with the proper use of the equipment's controls.
- (iii) While supervising the trainee/apprentice, the operator's supervisor performs no tasks that detract from the supervisor's ability to supervise the trainee/apprentice.
- (iv) For equipment other than tower cranes: the operator's and supervisor the trainee/apprentice shall be in direct line of sight of each other. In addition, they shall communicate verbally or by hand signals. For tower the operator's cranes: supervisor and the trainee/apprentice shall be in direct communication with each other.
- (D) Continuous supervision. The trainee/apprentice shall be supervised by the operator's supervisor at all times, except for short breaks where the following are met:
 - (i) The break lasts no longer than 15 minutes and there is no more than one break per hour.

(ii) Immediately prior to the break the operator's supervisor informs the trainee/apprentice of the specific tasks that the trainee/apprentice is to perform and limitations that he/she is to adhere to during the operator supervisor's break.

(iii) The specific tasks that the trainee/apprentice will perform during the operator supervisor's break are within the trainee's/apprentice's abilities.

(E) The trainee/apprentice shall not operate the equipment in any of the following circumstances: (i) If any part of the equipment, load line or load (including rigging and lifting accessories), if operated up to the equipment's maximum working radius in the work zone (see 13 NCAC 07F .0913(b)(1)(A)), could get within 20 feet of a power line that is up to 350 kV, or within 50 feet of a power line that exceeds 350 kV. (ii) If the equipment is used to hoist personnel. (iii) In multiple-equipment lifts. (iv) If the equipment is used over a shaft, cofferdam, or in a tank farm. (v) For multiple-lift rigging, except where the operator's supervisor determines that trainee's/apprentice's the skills are sufficient for this

<u>high-skill work.</u> (g) Under this Section, a testing entity is permitted to provide training as well as testing services as long as the criteria of the applicable accrediting agency (in the Option selected) for an organization providing both services are met.

(h) Written tests under this Section are permitted to be administered verbally, with answers given verbally, where the operator candidate:

- (1) Passes a written demonstration of literacy relevant to the work.
- (2) Demonstrates the ability to use the type of written manufacturer procedures applicable to the class/type of equipment for which the candidate is seeking certification.

(i) Certification criteria. Qualifications and certifications shall be based, at a minimum, on the following:

(1)A determination through a written test that: (A) The individual knows the information necessary for safe operation of the specific type of equipment the individual will operate, including the following: (i) The controls and operational/performance characteristics. Use of, and the ability to (ii) calculate (manually or with a calculator), load/capacity information on a variety of configurations of the equipment. (iii) Procedures for preventing and responding to power line contact. Technical knowledge similar (iv) to the subject matter criteria

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- (vi) This Section, including applicable incorporated materials.
- (B) The individual is able to read and locate relevant information in the equipment manual and other materials containing information referred to in Part (i)(1)(A) of this Rule.
- (2) A determination through a practical test that the individual has the skills necessary for safe operation of the equipment, including the following:

(v)

- (A) Ability to recognize, from visual and audible observation, the items listed in 13 NCAC 07F .0915(d) (shift inspection).
- (B) Operational and maneuvering skills.
- (C) Application of load chart information.
- (D) Application of safe shut-down and securing procedures.

(j) Definitions.

- (1) "Portable." Any employer of an operator with a certification that is portable under this Section meets the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule with respect to that operator.
- (2) "Not portable." Where an operator has a qualification that is not portable under this Section, the qualification meets the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule only where the operator is employed by (and operating the equipment for) the employer that issued the qualification.

(k) Phase-in. (1)

- As of the effective date of this Rule, until two years after the effective date of this Rule, the following requirements apply:
 - (A) Operators of equipment covered by this Section are required to be competent to operate the equipment safely.
 - (B) Where an employee assigned to operate machinery does not have the required knowledge or ability to

- operate the equipment safely, the employee shall be provided with the necessary training prior to operating the equipment. The employer shall ensure that the operator is evaluated to confirm that he/she understands the information provided in the training.
- (2) The effective date of Paragraphs (a) through (j) of this Rule is two years after the effective date of this Rule.

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13 NCAC 07F .0905 SIGNAL PERSON QUALIFICATION

(a) The employer of the signal person shall ensure that each signal person meets the qualification requirements contained in Paragraph (c) of this Rule prior to giving any signals. This requirement shall be met by using either Option (1) or Option (2).

- (1) Option (1) Third party qualified evaluator. The signal person has documentation from a third party qualified evaluator showing that the signal person meets the qualification requirements contained in Paragraph (c) of this <u>Rule.</u>
- (2) Option (2) Employer's qualified evaluator. <u>The employer has its qualified evaluator assess</u> <u>the individual and determine that the</u> <u>individual meets the contained in Paragraph</u> (c) of this Rule and provides documentation of <u>that determination</u>. An assessment by an <u>employer's qualified evaluator under this</u> <u>Option is not portable</u>.
- (3) The documentation for whichever Option is used shall be available while the signal person is employed by the employer.

(b) If subsequent actions by the signal person indicate that the individual may not meet the qualification requirements contained in Paragraph (c) of this Rule, the employer shall not allow the individual to continue working as a signal person until re-training is provided and a re-assessment is made in accordance with Paragraph (a) of this Rule that confirms that the individual meets the qualification requirements.

(c) Qualification Requirements. Each signal person shall:

- (1) Know and understand the type of signals used. If hand signals are used, the signal person shall know and understand the standard method for hand signals.
- (2) Be competent in the application of the type of signals used.
- (3) Have a basic understanding of equipment operation and limitations, including the crane dynamics involved in swinging and stopping loads and boom deflection from hoisting loads.
- (4) Know and understand the relevant requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0905 and 13 NCAC 07F .0919.

(5) Demonstrate that he/she meets the requirements in 13 NCAC 07F .0905(c)(1) through (c)(4) through a verbal or written test, and through a practical test.

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13 NCAC 07F .0906 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR EMPLOYEE QUALIFICATION

(a) Maintenance, inspection and repair personnel are permitted to operate the equipment only where the following requirements are met:

- (1) The operation is limited to those functions necessary to perform maintenance, inspect or verify the performance of the equipment.
- (2)
 The personnel either:

 (A)
 Operate the equipment under the direct supervision of an operator who meets the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0904 (Operator Qualification and Certification), or
 - (B) Are familiar with the operation, safe limitations, characteristics and hazards associated with the type of equipment.

(b) Maintenance and repair personnel shall meet the definition of a qualified person with respect to the equipment and maintenance/repair tasks performed.

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13 NCAC 07F .0907 TRAINING

(a) The employer shall provide training as follows:

- (1) Overhead power lines. Employees specified in <u>13 NCAC 07F .0913(b)(7) shall be trained in</u> accordance with the requirements of that rule.
 - (2) Signal persons. Employees who will be assigned to work as signal persons shall be trained in accordance with the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0905(c).
 - (3) Operators. (A) Operators shall be trained in accordance with the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0904(i). Retraining shall be provided if necessary for requalification or re-certification or if the operator does not pass a qualification or certification test.
 - (B) Operators shall be trained in the following practices:
 - (i) On friction equipment, whenever moving a boom off a support, first raise the boom a short distance (sufficient to take the load of the boom) to determine if the boom hoist brake needs to be adjusted. On other types of equipment, the same practice

is applicable, except that typically there is no means of adjusting the brake; if the brake does not hold, a repair is necessary.

- (ii) Where available, the manufacturer's emergency procedures for halting unintended equipment movement.
- (4) Competent persons and qualified persons. Competent persons and qualified persons shall be trained regarding the requirements of this Section applicable to their respective roles.
- (5) Crush/pinch points. Employees who work with the equipment shall be instructed to keep clear of holes, and crush/pinch points and the hazards addressed in 13 NCAC 07F .0916(n) (work area control).
- (6) Tag-out. Operators and other employees authorized to start/energize equipment or operate equipment controls (such as maintenance and repair employees), shall be trained in the tag-out procedures in 13 NCAC 07F .0916(g).
- (7) Training administration.
 - (A) The employer shall ensure that employees required to be trained under this Section are evaluated to confirm that they understand the information provided in the training.
 - (B) Refresher training in relevant topics shall be provided when, based on the conduct of the employee or an evaluation of the employee's knowledge, there is an indication that retraining is necessary.
- (b) Training records.
 - (1) The employer shall certify that each employee has been trained by preparing a certification record which includes:
 - (A) The identity of the person trained;
 - (B) The signature of the employer or the qualified person who conducted the training; and
 - (C) The date that training was completed.
 - (2) The most current certification record shall be kept available for review by the Deputy Commissioner of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health or his designee, upon request.
 - (3) An employer may accept training records or certificates for previous training if the employer verifies that all training and knowledge is current and applicable to the new employee's job duties.

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13 NCAC 07F .0908FALL PROTECTION

(a) Application.

- (1) Paragraphs (b), (c)(2), (d) and (e) of this Rule apply to all equipment covered by this Section except tower cranes.
- (2) Paragraphs (c)(1), (f) and (h) of this Rule apply to all equipment covered by this Section.
- (3) Paragraph (g) of this Rule applies only to tower cranes.

(b) Boom walkways.

- (1) Equipment manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section with lattice booms shall be equipped with walkways on the boom(s) if the vertical profile of the boom (from cord centerline to cord centerline) is six or more feet.
- (2) Boom walkway criteria.
 - (A) The walkways shall be at least 12 inches wide.
 - (B) Guardrails, railings and other permanent fall protection attachments along walkways are:
 - (i) Not required.
 - (ii) Prohibited on booms supported by pendant ropes or bars if the guardrails/railings/attachmen ts could be snagged by the ropes or bars.
 - (iii) Prohibited if of the removable type (designed to be installed and removed each time the boom is assembled/disassembled).
 - (iv) Where not prohibited, guardrails or railings may be of any height up to, but not more than, 45 inches.

(c) Steps, handholds, grabrails, guardrails and railings.

- (1) The employer shall maintain originallyequipped steps, handholds, ladders and guardrails/railings/grabrails in good condition.
 - (2) Equipment manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this rule shall be equipped so as to provide safe access and egress between the ground and the operator work station(s), including the forward and rear positions, by the provision of devices such as steps, handholds, ladders, and guardrails/railings/grabrails. These shall meet the following criteria:
 - (A)Steps,laddersandguardrails/railings/grabrailsshallmeet the requirements of SAE J185-2003, except where infeasible.
 - (B) Walking/stepping surfaces, except for <u>crawler</u> treads, shall have slip-<u>resistant</u> features/properties (such as <u>diamond</u> plate metal, strategically

placed grip tape, expanded metal, or slip-resistant paint).

(d) For non-assembly/disassembly work, the employer shall provide and ensure the use of fall protection equipment for employees who are on a walking/working surface with an unprotected side or edge more than six feet above a lower level as follows:

- (1)
 When moving point-to-point:

 (A)
 On non-lattice booms (whether horizontal or not horizontal).
 - (B) On lattice booms that are not horizontal.
 - (2) While at a work station on any part of the equipment (including the boom, of any type), except when the employee is at or near draw-works (when the equipment is running), in the cab, or on the deck.

(e) For assembly/disassembly work, the employer shall provide and ensure the use of fall protection equipment for employees who are on a walking/working surface with an unprotected side or edge more than 15 feet above a lower level, except when the employee is at or near draw-works (when the equipment is running), in the cab, or on the deck.

(f) Anchorage criteria.

- (1) Anchorages for fall arrest and positioning device systems.
 - (A) Personal fall arrest systems and positioning systems shall be anchored to any apparently substantial part of the equipment unless a competent person, from a visual inspection, without an engineering analysis, would conclude that the applicable criteria in 29 CFR 1926.502 would not be met.
 - (B) Attachable anchor devices (portable anchor devices that are attached to the equipment) shall meet the applicable anchorage criteria in 29 CFR 1926.502.
- (2) Anchorages for restraint systems. Restraint systems shall be anchored to any part of the equipment that is capable of withstanding twice the maximum load that an employee may impose on it during reasonably anticipated conditions of use.

(g) Tower cranes.

- (1) For non-erecting/dismantling work, the employer shall provide and ensure the use of fall protection equipment for employees who are on a walking/working surface with an unprotected side or edge more than six feet above a lower level, except when the employee is at or near draw-works (when the equipment is running), in a cab, or on the deck.
 - (2) For erecting/dismantling work, the employer shall provide and ensure the use of fall protection equipment for employees who are on a walking/working surface with an

<u>unprotected side or edge more than 15 feet</u> above a lower level.

(h) Anchoring to the load line. A fall arrest system is permitted to be anchored to the crane/derrick's hook (or other part of the load line) where the following requirements are met:

- (1) A qualified person has determined that the setup and rated capacity of the crane/derrick (including the hook, load line and rigging) meets or exceeds the requirements in 29 CFR 1926.502(d)(15).
- (2) The equipment operator shall be at the work site and informed that the equipment is being used for this purpose.

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13 NCAC 07F .0909 DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND TESTING

The following requirements apply to equipment that has a manufacturer-rated hoisting/lifting capacity of more than 2,000 pounds:

- (1) The following requirements apply to equipment manufactured prior to the effective date of this Rule shall meet the applicable requirements for design, construction, and testing as prescribed in ANSI B30.5-1968, Safety Code for Crawler, Locomotive, and Truck Cranes, "PCSA Standard No. 2," the requirements in Item (2) of this Rule, or the applicable DIN standards that were in effect at the time of manufacture.
- (2) Mobile (including crawler and truck) and locomotive cranes manufactured on or after the effective date of this Rule shall meet the following portions of ANSI/ASME B30.5-2004, Safety Code for Mobile and Locomotive Cranes, as applicable:
 - (a) In section 5-1.1.1 ("Load Ratings <u>Where Stability Governs Lifting</u> <u>Performance"), Paragraphs (a)</u> <u>through (d) (including</u> <u>subparagraphs).</u>
 - (b) In section 5-1.1.2 ("Load Ratings <u>Where Structural Competence</u> <u>Governs Lifting Performance"</u>), <u>Paragraph (b).</u>
 - (c) Section 5-1.2 ("Stability (Backward and Forward)").
 - (d) In section 5-1.3.1 ("Boom Hoist <u>Mechanism"</u>), Paragraphs (a), (b)(1), and (b)(2), except that when using rotation resistant rope, Section 1414 (c)(4)(ii)(A) applies.
 - (e) In section 5-1.3.2 ("Load Hoist <u>Mechanism"</u>), Paragraphs (a)(2) <u>through</u> (a)(4) (including <u>subparagraphs</u>), (b) (including <u>subparagraphs</u>), (c) (first sentence <u>only</u>) and (d).

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		booms (such as hydraulic	
		boom cranes): The analysis	
		methodology (computer	
		modeling) shall demonstrate	(
		that all load cases listed in	
		the SAE J1063-1993 meet	
		the strength margins listed in	
		SAE J1063-1993, Table 2.	
	<u>(ii)</u>	The following applies to	
	- <u>-,</u>	equipment with pendant	
		supported lattice booms: The	(
		analysis methodology	-
		(computer modeling) shall	
		demonstrate that all load	
		cases listed in SAE J987-	(
		2003 meet the strength	<u>+</u>
		margins listed in SAE J987-	
		2003, Table 2.	(
	<u>(iii)</u>	Analysis Verification: The	2
	<u>(III)</u>	physical testing	
		requirements under SAE	
		J1063-1993 and SAE J987-	(
		2003 shall be met unless the	7
		reliability of the analysis	
		methodology (computer	
		modeling) has been	(
		1	7
		demonstrated by a documented history of	(
		certification through strain	7
		gauge measuring or strain	
		gauge measuring in combination with other	
(\mathbf{A})	A 11	physical testing.	1
(4)		covered by this Section shall	
		ng requirements:	
		Capacity and Related	
		ation: The information	
		le in the cab (see 13 NCAC .0916(c)) regarding "rated	7
		y" and related information nclude, at a minimum, the	
		ng information:	
		•	(
	<u>(i)</u>	A complete range of the manufacturer's equipment	1
		rated capacities, as follows:	
		-	
		(A) At all manufacturer's	
		manufacturer's	
		approved operating	1
		<u>radii, boom angles,</u>	
		work areas, boom	
		lengths, and	1
		<u>configurations, jib</u>	
		lengths and angles	,
		(D) $\frac{\text{(or offset).}}{\text{Altermate}}$	(
		(B) Alternate ratings	
		for use and nonuse	
		<u>of</u> option	

	equipment which
	affects rated
	capacities, such as
	outriggers and extra
<i>(</i> ••)	counterweights.
<u>(ii)</u>	A work area chart for which
	capacities are listed in the
	load chart. (Note: an
	example of this type of chart is in ANSI/ASME B 30.5-
	2004, Section 5-1.1.3, Figure
	<u>11).</u>
(iii)	The work area figure and
()	load chart shall clearly
	indicate the areas where no
	load is to be handled.
<u>(iv)</u>	Recommended reeving for
	the hoist lines shall be
	<u>shown.</u>
<u>(v)</u>	Recommended parts of hoist
	reeving, size, and type of
	wire rope for various
(equipment loads.
<u>(vi)</u>	Recommended boom hoist reeving diagram, where
	applicable; size, type, and
	length of rope wire.
(vii)	Tire pressure (where
<u> </u>	applicable).
<u>(vii)</u>	Caution or warnings relative
	to limitations on equipment
	and operating procedures,
	including an indication of
(ix)	the least stable direction. Position of the gantry and
(IX)	requirements for
	intermediate boom
	suspension (where
	applicable).
(x)	Instructions for the boom
	erection and conditions
	under which the boom, or
	boom and jib combinations,
(;)	<u>may be raised or lowered.</u>
<u>(xi)</u>	Whether the hoist holding mechanism is automatically
	or manually controlled,
	whether free fall is available,
	or any combination of these.
<u>(xii)</u>	The maximum telescopic
	travel length of each boom
	telescopic section.
<u>(xiii)</u>	Whether sections are
	telescoped manually or with
<i>.</i>	power.
<u>(xiv)</u>	The sequence and procedure
	for extending and retracting
	the telescopic boom section.

- (xv) Maximum loads permitted during the boom extending operation, and any limiting conditions or cautions. Hydraulic relief valve (xvi) settings specified by the manufacturer. Load Hooks (including latched and (b) unlatched types), ball assemblies and load blocks shall be of sufficient weight to overhaul the line from the highest hook position for boom or boom and jib lengths and the number of parts of the line in use. (c) Hook and ball assemblies and load blocks shall be marked with their rated capacity and weight. Latching Hooks: (d) (i) Hooks shall be equipped with latches, except where the requirements of the Sub-Item (4)(d)(ii) of this Rule are met. Hooks without latches, or (ii) with latches removed or disabled, shall not be used unless: (A) A qualified person has determined that it is safer to hoist and place the load without latches (or with the latches removed/tiedback); Routes for the loads (B) are pre-planned to ensure that no employee is required to work in the fall zone except for employees necessary for the hooking or unhooking of the load; and (C) The latch shall close the throat opening and be designed to retain slings or other lifting devices/accessories in the hook when the rigging apparatus is slack.
 - (e) Posted Warnings. Posted Warnings required by this Section as well as those originally supplied with the

equipment by the manufacturer shall be maintained in legible condition.

- (f) An accessible fire extinguisher shall be on the equipment.
- (g) Cabs. Equipment with cabs shall meet the following requirements:

Cabs shall be designed with (i) a form of adjustable ventilation and method for clearing the windshield for maintaining visibility and air circulation. Examples of means for adjustable ventilation include air conditioner or window that can be opened (for ventilation and air circulation); examples of means for maintaining visibility include heater (for preventing windshield defroster, icing), fan, windshield wiper.

(ii) Cab doors (swinging, sliding) shall be designed to prevent inadvertent opening or closing while traveling or operating the machine. Swinging doors adjacent to the operator shall open outward. Sliding operator doors shall open rearward.

(iii) Windows.

(A) The cab shall have windows in front and on both sides of the operator. vertical Forward visibility shall be sufficient to give the operator a view of the boom point at all times. (B) Windows may have sections designed to be opened or readily removed. Windows with sections designed to be opened shall be designed so that they can be secured to prevent inadvertent closure. (C) Windows shall be of safety glass or

material with similar optical and safety properties

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that introduce no visible distortion or otherwise obscure visibility that interferes with the safe operation of the equipment.

(iv) A clear passageway shall be provided from the operator's station to an exit door on the operator's side.

(v) Areas of the cab roof that serve as a workstation for rigging, maintenance or other equipment-related tasks shall be capable of supporting 250 pounds without permanent distortion.

(h) Belts, gears, shafts, pulleys, sprockets, spindles, drums, fly wheels, chains, and other parts or components that reciprocate, rotate or otherwise move shall be guarded where contact by employees (except for maintenance and repair employees) is possible in the performance of normal duties.

(i) All exhaust pipes, turbochargers, and charge air coolers shall be insulated or guarded where contact by employees (except for maintenance and repair employees) is possible in the performance of normal duties.

- (j) Hydraulic and pneumatic lines shall be protected from damage to the extent feasible.
- (k) The equipment shall be designed so that exhaust fumes are not discharged in the cab and are discharged in a direction away from the operator.

(1) Friction mechanisms. Where friction mechanisms (such as brakes and clutches) are used to control the boom hoist or load line hoist, they shall be:

- (i) Of a size and thermal capacity sufficient to control loads with the minimum recommended reeving.
- (ii) Adjustable to permit compensation for lining wear to maintain proper operation.
- (m) Hydraulic load hoists. Hydraulic drums shall have an integrally mounted holding device or internal static brake to prevent load hoist movement in the event of hydraulic failure.

(5) The employer's obligations under Items (1) through (3) and Sub-Items (4)(g) through (4)(m) of this Rule are met where the equipment has not changed (except in accordance with 13 NCAC 07F .0911) and it can refer to documentation from the manufacturer showing that the equipment has been designed, constructed and tested in accordance with those paragraphs.

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13 NCAC 07F .0910 EQUIPMENT WITH A RATED HOISTING /LIFTING CAPACITY OF 2,000 POUNDS OR LESS

For equipment with a maximum manufacturer-rated hoisting/lifting capacity of 2,000 pounds or less:

- The following Rules of this Section apply: (1).0901 (Scope); .0903 (Definitions); .0908 (Fall Protection); .0911 (Equipment Modifications); .0912(a) (Ground conditions); .0913 (Power line safety); .0914 (Wire rope); .0916(e) (Authority to Stop Operation); .0916(v) (Free fall/Controlled Load Lowering); .0916(cc) (Multiple Crane Lifts); .0919 (Signals); .0921 (Tower Cranes); .0922 (Derricks); .0923 (Floating Cranes & Land Cranes on Barges); .0924 (Overhead & Gantry Cranes). Note: Under Sub-Item (2)(a) of this Rule, 13 NCAC 07F .0912(b), concerning the selection of manufacturer or employer procedures during assembly/disassembly, also applies.
 - (2) Assembly/disassembly.
 - (a) 13 NCAC 07F .0912(b), concerning the selection of manufacturer or employer procedures during assembly/disassembly, applies.
 - (b) Components and Configuration.
 - (i) The selection of components and configuration of the equipment that affect the capacity or safe operation of the equipment shall be in accordance with:

(A) Manufacturer instructions, recommendations, limitations, and specifications. Where these are unavailable, а qualified engineer familiar with the type of equipment involved shall approve, in writing, the selection and configuration of components; or

- (B)Approvedmodificationsthatmeettherequirementsof 13NCAC07F.0911(EquipmentModifications).
- (ii) Post assembly inspection. <u>Upon completion of</u> assembly, the equipment shall be inspected to ensure compliance with Sub-Item (2)(b)(i) of this Rule (see 13 NCAC 07F .0915(c) for post-assembly inspection requirements).
- (c) Manufacturer prohibitions. The employer shall comply with applicable manufacturer prohibitions.
- (3) Operation-Procedures
 - (a) The employer shall comply with all manufacturer procedures applicable to the operational functions of the equipment, including its use with attachments.
 - (b) Unavailable operation procedures.
 - (i) Where the manufacturer procedures are unavailable, the employer shall develop and ensure compliance with all procedures necessary for the safe operation of the equipment and attachments.
 - (ii) Procedures for the operational controls shall be developed by a qualified person.
 - (iii) Procedures related to the capacity of the equipment shall be developed and signed by a qualified engineer familiar with the equipment.
 - (c) Accessibility.
 - (i) The load chart shall be available to the operator at the control station.
 - (ii) Procedures applicable to the operation of the equipment, recommended operating speeds, special hazard warnings, instructions and operators manual, shall be readily available for use by the operator.
 - (iii) Where rated capacities are available at the control station only in electronic form: in the event of a

failure which makes the load capacities inaccessible, the operator shall immediately cease operations of follow safe shut-down procedures until the rated capacities (in electronic or other form) are available.

- (4) Safety devices and operational aids. (a) Originally-equipped safety devices and operational aids shall be
 - and operational aids shall be maintained in accordance with manufacturer procedures.
 - (b) Anti-two blocking. Equipment covered by this Section manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section shall have either an anti-two block device that meets the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0917(d)(3), or shall be designed so that, in the event of a two-block situation, no damage will occur and there will be no load failure (such as where the power unit will stall in the event of a two-block).
- (5) Operator qualifications. The employer shall ensure that, prior to operating the equipment, the operator is trained on the safe operation of the type of equipment the operator will be using.
- (6) Signal person qualifications. The employer shall ensure that signal persons are trained in the proper use of signals applicable to the use of the equipment.
- (7)Keeping clear of the load.13 NCAC 07F.0916(t)applies, except for Part (t)(3)(C)(qualified rigger).
- (8) Inspections. The equipment shall be inspected in accordance with manufacturer procedures.
- (9) Hoisting personnel. Hoisting personnel using equipment covered by this section is prohibited.
- (10) Design. The equipment shall be designed by a qualified engineer.

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13 NCAC 07F .0911 EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS (a) Modifications or additions which affect the capacity or safe operation of the equipment are prohibited except where the requirements of Subparagraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), or (a)(3) of this Rule are met.

- (1) Manufacturer review and approval.
 - (A)The manufacturer approves the
modifications/additions in writing.(B)The load charts, procedures,
 - B) The load charts, procedures, instruction manuals and instruction plates/tags/decals are modified as

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		modification/addition.								
<u>(C)</u>		The	origir	nal s	safety	fact	or	of	the	
	equipment is not reduced.									
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(2) Manufacturer refusal to review request. The manufacturer is provided a detailed description of the proposed modification/addition, is asked to approve the modification/addition, but it declines to review the technical merits of the proposal or fails, within 30 days, to acknowledge the request or initiate the review, and all of the following are met:

- (A) A qualified engineer who is a qualified person with respect to the equipment involved:
 - (i) Approves the modification/addition and specifies the equipment configurations to which that approval applies, and
 - (ii) Modifies load charts, procedures, instruction manuals and instruction plates/tags/decals as necessary to accord with the modification/addition.
- (B) The original safety factor of the equipment is not reduced.
- (3) Unavailable manufacturer. The manufacturer is unavailable and the requirements of Parts (a)(2)(A) and (a)(2)(B) of this Rule are met.

(b) Modifications or additions which affect the capacity or safe operation of the equipment are prohibited where the manufacturer, after a review of the technical safety merits of the proposed modification/addition, rejects the proposal and explains the reasons for the rejection in a written response. If the manufacturer rejects the proposal but does not explain the reasons for the rejection in writing, the employer may treat this as a manufacturer refusal to review the request under Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.

(c) The provisions in Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Rule do not apply to modifications made or approved by the U.S. military.

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13 NCAC 07F .0912ASSEMBLY ANDDISSASSEMBLY OF EQUIPMENT(a) Ground Conditions.

(1) Definitions.

- (A)
 "Ground Conditions" means the ability of the ground to support the equipment (including slope, compaction and firmness).

 (B)
 "Supporting Materials" means
 - blocking, mats, cribbing, marsh buggies (in marshes/wetlands), or similar supporting materials or devices.

- (2) The equipment shall not be assembled or used unless ground conditions are firm, drained (except for marshes/wetlands), and graded to a sufficient extent so that, in conjunction (if necessary) with the use of supporting materials, the equipment manufacturer's specifications for adequate support and degree of level of the equipment are met.
- (3) The controlling entity shall:
 - (A) Ensure that the ground preparations necessary to meet the requirements in Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule are provided.
 - (B) Inform the user of the equipment and the operator of the location of hazards beneath the equipment to set-up area (such as voids, tanks, utilities) that are identified in documents (such as site drawings, as-built drawings, and soil analyses) if they are available to the controlling entity.
- (4) If there is no controlling entity for the project, the requirements in Part (a)(3)(A) of this Rule shall be met by the employer that has authority at the site to make or arrange for ground preparations needed to meet Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.
- (5) If the A/D supervisor or the operator determines that ground conditions do not meet the requirements in Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule, that person's employer shall have a discussion with the controlling entity regarding the ground preparations that are needed so that, with the use of suitable supporting materials/devices (if necessary), the requirements in Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule can be met.
- (b) When assembling and disassembling equipment (or attachments), the employer shall comply with either:
 - (1) Manufacturer procedures applicable to assembly and disassembly; or
 - (2) Employer procedures for assembly and disassembly.
 - (A) When using employer procedures instead of manufacturer procedures for assembling or disassembling, the employer shall ensure that the procedures are designed to:
 - (i) Prevent unintended dangerous movement, and to prevent collapse, of all parts of the equipment.
 - (ii) Provide adequate support and stability of all parts of the equipment during the assembly/disassembly process.
 - (iii) Position employees involved in the assembly/disassembly

operation	so	that	their				
exposure	to	unint	ended				
movement	or	collap	se of				
part or all of the equipment							
is minimized.							

(B) Qualified person. Employer procedures shall be developed by a qualified person.

(c) Supervision – Competent-Qualified Person.

- (1) Assembly/disassembly shall be supervised by a person who meets the criteria for both a competent person and a qualified person, or by a competent person who is assisted by one or more qualified persons ("A/D supervisor").
 - (2) Where the assembly/disassembly is being performed by only one person, that person shall meet the criteria for both a competent person and a qualified person. For purposes of this Section, that person is considered the A/D supervisor.

(d) Knowledge or Procedures. The A/D supervisor shall understand the applicable assembly/disassembly procedures.

(e) Review of Procedures. The A/D supervisor shall review the applicable assembly/disassembly procedures immediately prior to the commencement of assembly/disassembly unless the A/D supervisor has applied them to the same type and configuration of equipment (including accessories, if any) so that they are already known and understood.

(f) Crew Instructions.

(1) Before commencing assembly/disassembly operations, the A/D supervisor shall determine that the crew members understand the following:

(A) Their tasks;

- (B) The hazards associated with their tasks; and
- (C) The hazardous positions/locations that they need to avoid.
- (2) During assembly/disassembly operations, before a crew member takes on a different task, or when adding new personnel during the operations, the requirements in Parts (f)(1)(A) through (f)(1)(C) of this Rule shall be met with respect to the crew member's understanding regarding that task.

(g) Protecting Assembly/Disassembly Crew Members Out of Operator View.

- (1) Before a crew member goes to a location that is out of view of the operator and is either in, on or under the equipment, or near the equipment (or load) where the crew member could be injured by movement of the equipment (or load), the crew member shall inform the operator that he or she is going to that location.
- (2) Where the operator knows that a crew member went to a location covered by Subparagraph (g)(1) of this Rule, the operator shall not move

any part of the equipment (or load) until the operator:

- (A) Gives a warning that is understood by the crew member as a signal that the equipment (or load) is about to be moved and allows time for the crew member to get to a safe position; or
- (B) Is informed in accordance with a prearranged system of communication that the crew member is in a safe position.
- (h) Working Under the Boom, Jib or Other Components.
 - (1) When pins (or similar devices) are being removed, employees shall not be under the boom, jib or other components, except where the requirements of Subparagraph (h)(2) of this Rule are met.
 - (2) Exception. Where the employer demonstrates that site constraints require one or more employees to be under the boom, jib or other components when pins (or similar devices) are being removed, the A/D supervisor shall implement procedures that minimize the risk of unintended dangerous movement and minimize the duration and extent of exposure under the boom.

(i) Capacity Limits. During all phases of assembly/disassembly, rated capacity limits for loads imposed on the equipment, equipment components (including rigging), lifting lugs and equipment accessories shall not be exceeded for the equipment being assembled/disassembled.

(j) Addressing Specific Hazards. The A/D supervisor supervising the assembly/disassembly operation shall address the hazards associated with the operation with methods to protect the employees from them, as follows:

- (1) Site and Ground Bearing Conditions. Site and ground bearing conditions shall be adequate for safe assembly/disassembly operations and to support the equipment during assembly/disassembly (see Paragraph (a) of this Rule for ground condition requirements).
 - (2) Blocking Material. The size, amount, condition and method of stacking blocking shall be sufficient to sustain the loads and maintain stability.
 - (3) Proper Location of Blocking. When used to support lattice booms or components, blocking shall be appropriately placed to:
 - (A) Protect the structural integrity of the equipment; and
 - (B) Prevent dangerous movement and collapse.
- (4) Verifying Assist Crane Loads. When using an assist crane, the loads that will be imposed on the assist crane at each phase of assembly/disassembly shall be verified in accordance with 13 NCAC 07F .0916(m)(3) (Rated Capacity) before assembly/disassembly

begins in order to prevent exceeding rated capacity limits for the assist crane.

- (5) Boom and Jib Pick Points. The point(s) of attachment of rigging to a boom (or boom sections or jib or jib sections) shall be suitable for preventing structural damage and facilitating safe handling of these components.
 (6) Center of Gravity.
 - (A) The center of gravity of the load shall be identified if that is necessary for the method of use for maintaining stability.
 - (B) Where there is insufficient information to accurately identify the center of gravity, measures designed to prevent unintended dangerous movement resulting from an inaccurate identification of the center of gravity shall be used.
- (7) Stability Upon Pin Removal. The boom sections, boom suspension systems (such as gantry A-frames and jib struts) or components shall be rigged or supported to maintain stability upon the removal of the pins.
- (8) Snagging. Suspension ropes and pendants shall not be allowed to catch on the boom or jib connection pins or cotter pins (including keepers and locking pins).
- (9) Struck by Counterweights. The potential for unexpected movement from adequately supported counterweights and from hoisting counterweights.
- (10) Boom Hoist Brake Failure. Where reliance is placed on the boom hoist brake to prevent boom movement during assembly/disassembly, the brake shall be tested to determine if it is sufficient to prevent boom movement. If it is not sufficient, a boom hoist pawl, other locking device/back-up braking device, or another method of preventing dangerous movement of the boom (such as blocking or using an assist crane) from a boom hoist brake failure shall be used.
- (11) Loss of Backward Stability. Backward stability shall be considered before swinging the upperworks, travel, and when attaching or removing equipment components.
- (12) Wind Speed and Weather. Wind speed and weather shall be considered so that the safe assembly/disassembly of the equipment is not compromised.

(k) Cantilevered Boom Sections. Manufacturer limitations on the maximum amount of boom supported only by a cantilevering shall not be exceeded. Where these are unavailable, a qualified engineer familiar with the type of equipment involved shall determine this limitation in writing, which shall not be exceeded. (l) Weight of Components. The weight of the components shall be readily available.

(m) Components and Configuration.

- (1) The selection of components and configuration of the equipment that affect the capacity or safe operation of the equipment shall be in accordance with:
 - (A)
 Manufacturer instructions, limitation, and specifications. Where these are unavailable, a qualified engineer familiar with the type of equipment involved shall approve, in writing, the selection and configuration of components; or
 - (B) Approved modifications that meet the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0911 (Equipment Modifications).
- (2) Post-Assembly Inspection. Upon completion of assembly, the equipment shall be inspected to ensure compliance with Subparagraph (m)(1) of this Rule (see section 13 NCAC 07F .0915(c) for post-assembly inspection requirements).

(n) Manufacturer Prohibitions. The employer shall comply with applicable manufacturer prohibitions.

(o) Shipping Pins. Reusable shipping pins, straps, links, and similar equipment shall be removed and stowed in accordance with manufacturer instructions. Once they are removed, they must either be stowed or otherwise stored during pile driving operations.

(p) Pile Driving. Equipment used for pile driving shall not have a jib attached during pile driving operations.

(q) Outriggers. When the load to be handled and the operation radius require the use of outriggers, or at any time when outriggers are used, the following requirements shall be met:

- (1) The outriggers shall be either fully extended or, if manufacturer procedures permit, deployed as specified in the load chart.
- (2) The outriggers shall be set to remove the equipment weight from the wheels, except for locomotive cranes (see Subparagraph (q)(6) of this Rule for use of outriggers on locomotive cranes).
- (3) When outrigger floats are used, they shall be attached to the outriggers.
- (4) Each outrigger shall be visible to the operator or to a signal person during extension and setting.
- (5) Outrigger blocking shall:
 - (A) Meet the requirements in Subparagraphs (j)(2) and (j)(3) of this Rule.
 - (B) Be placed only under the outrigger float/pad of the outrigger jack or, where the outrigger is designed without a jack, under the outer bearing surface of the extended outrigger beam.
- (6) For locomotive cranes, when using outriggers to handle loads, the manufacturer's procedures shall be followed. When lifting loads without using outriggers, the manufacturer's

procedures shall be met regarding truck wedges or screws.

- (r) Dismantling (including dismantling for changing the length of booms and jibs).
 - (1) None of the pins in the pendants are to be removed (partly or completely) when the pendants are in tension.
 - (2) None of the pins (top and bottom) on boom sections located between the pendant attachment points and the crane/derrick body are to be removed (partly or completely) when the pendants are in tension.
 - (3) None of the pins (top and bottom) on boom sections located between the uppermost boom section and the crane/derrick body are to be removed (partly or completely) when the boom is being supported by the uppermost boom section resting on the ground (or other support).
 - (4) None of the top pins on boom sections located on the cantilevered portion of the boom being removed (the portion being removed ahead of the pendant attachment points) are to be removed (partly or completely) until the cantilevered section to be removed is fully supported.

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13 NCAC 07F .0913 POWER LINE SAFETY

(a) Assembly and Disassembly of Equipment.

- (1) Before assembling or disassembling equipment, the employer shall determine if any part of the equipment, load line or load (including rigging and lifting accessories) could get, in the direction or area of assembly, closer than 20 feet of a power line that is up to 350 kV or closer than 50 feet of a power line that exceeds 350 kV during the assembly/disassembly process. If so, the employer shall meet the requirements in Option (1), Option (2), or Option (3), as follows:
 - (A) Option (1) Deenergize and ground. Confirm from the utility owner/operator that the power line has been deenergized and visibly grounded at the worksite.
 - (B) Option (2) Clearance. Ensure that no part of the equipment, load line or load (including rigging and lifting accessories), gets closer than 20 feet of a power line that is up to 350 kV or closer than 50 feet of a power line that exceeds 350 kV by implementing the measures specified in Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.
 (C) Option (3) – Table A clearance.

- (i) Determine the line's voltage and the minimum approach distance permitted under Table A of this Rule.
- Determine if any part of the (ii) equipment, load line or load (including rigging and lifting accessories), could get closer than the minimum approach distance of the power line permitted under Table A of this Rule. If so, then the employer shall follow the requirements in Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule to ensure that no part of the equipment, load line, or load (including rigging and lifting accessories), gets closer to the line than the minimum approach distance.
- (2) Preventing encroachment/electrocution. Where encroachment precautions are required under Option (2), or Option (3), the following requirements shall be met:
 - (A) Conduct a planning meeting with the <u>A/D</u> supervisor, operator, assembly/disassembly crew and the other workers who will be in the assembly/disassembly area to review the location of the power line(s) and the steps that will be implemented to prevent encroachment/electrocution.
 - (B) If tag lines are used, they shall be non-conductive.
 - (C) At least one of the following additional measures shall be in place:
 - (i) Use a dedicated spotter who is in continuous contact with the equipment operator. The dedicated spotter shall:

(I) Be equipped with a visual aid to assist in identifying the minimum clearance distance. Examples of a visual aid include: a clearly visible line painted on the ground; a clearly visible line on stanchions; a set of clearly visible line-of-sight landmarks (such as a fence post behind the dedicated and spotter а building corner

		ahead of the
		dedicated spotter.)
	<u>(II)</u>	Be positioned to
		effectively gauge
		the clearance
	(111)	distance.
	(III)	Where necessary,
		use equipment that
		enables the
		dedicated spotter to
		<u>communicate</u> <u>directly with the</u>
		operator, in
		accordance with 13
		NCAC 07F
		.0919(m) (radio,
		telephone, or other
		electronic
		transmission of
		signals).
	(IV)	Give timely
		information to the
		operator so that the
		required clearance (t
		distance can be
		maintained.
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		event encroachment.
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		d with flags or
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partially or fully assembled, is allowed closer than the minimum approach distance under Table A of a power line unless the employer has confirmed that the utility owner/operator has deenergized and (at the worksite) visibly grounded the power line.

- Voltage information. Where Option (3) is (5) used, the utility owner/operator of power lines shall provide the requested voltage information within two working days of the employer's request.
- (6) Power lines presumed energized. The employer shall assume that all power lines are energized unless the utility owner/operator confirms that the power line has been and continues to be deenergized and visibly grounded at the worksite.
- Posting of electrocution warnings. There shall (7)be at least one electrocution hazard warning conspicuously posted in the cab so that it is in view of the operator and (except for overhead gantry and tower cranes) at least two on the outside of the equipment.
- b) Operation of Equipment.
 - Hazard assessments and precautions inside the (1)work zone. Before beginning equipment operations, the employer shall: (A)
 - Identify the work zone. Define a work zone by (i)
 - boundaries demarcating (such as with flags, or a device such as a range limit device or range control warning device) and prohibit the operator from operating the equipment past those boundaries, or
 - Define the work zone as the (ii) area 360 degrees around the equipment, up to the equipment's maximum working radius.
 - Determine if any part of the (B) load line or load equipment, (including rigging and lifting accessories), if operated up to the equipment's maximum working radius in the work zone, could get closer than 20 feet of a power line that is up to 350 kV or closer than 50 feet of a power line that exceeds 350 kV. If so, the employer shall meet the requirements in Option (1), Option (2), or Option (3) as follows: Option (1) - Deenergize and (i) ground. Confirm from the
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under Option (2), or Option (3), the following requirements shall be met:

- (A) Conduct a planning meeting with the operator and the other workers who will be in the area of the equipment or load to review the location of the power line(s), and the steps that will be implemented to prevent encroachment/electrocution.
- (B) If tag lines are used, they shall be non-conductive.
- C) Erect and maintain an elevated warning line, barricade, or line of signs, in view of the operator, equipped with flags or similar highvisibility markings, at 20 feet from a power line that is up to 350 kV or 50 feet from a power line that exceeds 350 kV (if using Option (2)) or at the minimum approach distance under Table A of this Rule (if using Option (3)).
- (D) Implement at least one of the following measures:
 - (i) A proximity alarm set to give the operator sufficient warning to prevent encroachment.

(ii) A dedicated spotter who is in continuous contact with the operator. Where this measure is selected, the dedicated spotter shall:

> Be equipped with a (I) visual aid to assist in identifying the minimum clearance distance. Examples of a visual aid include: a clearly visible line painted on the ground; a clearly visible line on stanchions; a set of clearly visible line-of-sight landmarks (such as a fence post behind the dedicated and spotter a building corner of the ahead dedicated spotter). (II) Be positioned to effectively gauge clearance the distance. Where necessary, (III) use equipment that

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- For equipment (iii) with articulating or extensible booms: The uppermost part of the equipment, with the boom in the fully extended position, at true vertical, would be more than 20 feet below the plane of a power line that is up to 350 kV, 50 feet below the plane of a power line that exceeds 350 kV or more than the Table A minimum clearance distance below the plane of the power line.
- (iv) The employer demonstrates that compliance with Part (b)(4)(A) of this Rule is infeasible and meets the requirements of Paragraph (c) of this Rule.
- (5) Power lines presumed energized. The employer shall assume that all power lines are energized unless the utility owner/operator confirms that the power line has been and continues to be deenergized and visibly grounded at the worksite.
- (6) When working near transmitter/communication towers where the equipment is close enough for an electrical charge to be induced in the equipment or materials being handled, the transmitter shall be deenergized or the following precautions shall be taken when necessary to dissipate induced voltages:
 - (A) The equipment shall be provided with an electrical ground.
 - (B) Non-conductive rigging or an insulating link/device shall be used.
- (7) Training.

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- (A) Operators and crew assigned to work with the equipment shall be trained on the following:
 - The procedures to be followed in the event of electrical contact with a power line. Such training shall include: Information (I) regarding the danger of electrocution from operator the simultaneously touching the

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			equipment and the		electro	cution w	hen used to comply with this
			ground.		Section		meet the manufacturer's
		<u>(II)</u>	The importance to		proced		se and conditions of use.
			the operator's safety	(c) Operation of			e the Table A Zone.
			of remaining inside	(1)			ations in which any part of the
			the cab except				line or load (including rigging
			where there is an imminent danger of				essories) is closer than the ach distance under Table A of
			fire, explosion, or				wer line is prohibited, except
			other emergency				bloyer demonstrates that the
			that necessitates				ements are met:
			leaving the cab.		<u>(A)</u>	The en	nployer determines that it is
		<u>(III)</u>	The safest means of				ble to do the work without
			evacuating from				ng the minimum approach
			equipment that may be energized.		(B)		e under Table A of this Rule. Apployer determines that, after
		(IV)	The danger of the		<u>(D)</u>		ation with the utility
		<u>(1 v)</u>	potentially				operator, it is infeasible to
			energized zone				gize and ground the power line
			around the				tate the power line.
			equipment.		<u>(C)</u>		im clearance distance.
		<u>(V)</u>	The need for crew			<u>(i)</u>	The power line
			in the area to avoid				owner/operator or qualified
			approaching or touching the				engineer who is a qualified person with respect to
			equipment.				electrical power
		<u>(VI)</u>	Safe clearance				transmission and distribution
			distance from				determines the minimum
		_	power lines.				clearance distance that shall
<u>(i</u>	ii)		lines are presumed to				be maintained to prevent
			ergized unless the owner/operator				electrical contact in light of the on-site conditions. The
			ns that the power line				factors that shall be
			en and continues to be				considered in making this
			gized, and visibly				determination include:
		-	ed at the worksite.				conditions affecting
<u>(i</u>	iii)		lines are presumed to				atmospheric conductivity;
			insulated unless the owner/operator or a				time necessary to bring the equipment, load line and
			red engineer who is a				load (including rigging and
			ed person with respect				lifting accessories) to a
		to	electrical power				complete stop; wind
			ssion and distribution				conditions; degree of sway
			ns that a power line is				in the power line; lighting
(• ``	insulate					conditions, and other
<u>(1</u>	iv)	<u>The</u> insulati	limitations of an ng link/device,				conditions affecting the ability to prevent electrical
			ity alarm, and range				<u>contact.</u>
		-	(and similar) device,			(ii)	Subpart (c)(1)(C)(i) of this
		if used.					Rule does not apply to work
			orking as dedicated				covered by 29 CFR 1926,
	-		be trained to enable				Subpart V; instead, for such
			ely perform their task, ng on the applicable				work, the minimum clearance distances specified
		-	this Rule.				in 29 CFR 1926.950, Table
Devices	_		designed by the				V-1 apply. Employers
	arer for	r use as:	a safety device (see				covered by 29 CFR 1926,
			operational aid, or a				Subpart V are permitted to
means to	o prev	ent pov	ver line contact or				work closer than the

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		es in 29 CFR	
		50, Table V-1 where	
		e requirements of this	
		and 29 CFR	
		52(c)(2)(iii) or (iv)	
	are met		
<u>(D)</u>		meeting with the	
		ower line operator (or	
		er who is a qualified	
		espect to electrical	
	-	sion and distribution)	
		mine the procedures	
		followed to prevent	
		ct and electrocution.	
		hese procedures shall	
	include:		
		ower line is equipped	
		a device that	
		tically reenergizes	
		cuit in the event of a	
	-	line contact, the	
		tic reclosing feature	
		circuit interrupting	
		shall be made	
	-	tive before work	
	begins.		
		cated spotter who is in	
		ous contact with the	
	-	r. The dedicated	
	spotter		
	(1)	Be equipped with a visual aid to assist	
		in identifying the	
		<u>minimum clearance</u>	
		distance. Examples	
		of a visual aid	
		include: a clearly	
		visible line painted	
		on the ground; a	
		<u>clearly visible line</u>	
		on stanchions; a set	
		of clearly visible	
		line-of-sight	
		landmarks (such as	
		<u>a fence post behind</u>	
		the dedicated	
		spotter and a	
		building corner	
		ahead of the	
		dedicated spotter).	
	(II)	Be positioned to	
	<u></u>	effectively gauge	
		the clearance	
		distance.	
	(III)	Where necessary,	
	<u></u> /	use equipment that	
		enables the	

		directly with the
		operator.
	(IV)	Give timely
		information to the
		operator so that the
		required clearance
		distance can be
		maintained.
<u>(iii)</u>	An ele	vated warning line, or
	<u>barrica</u>	de (not attached to the
		in view of the
	operato	or (either directly or n video equipment),
	<u>throug</u> l	n video equipment),
	<u>equipp</u>	ed with flags or
	<u>similar</u>	<u>high-visibility</u>
		gs, to prevent
	<u>electric</u>	cal contact. However,
		ovision does not apply
	to wor	k covered by 29 CFR
	<u>1926, S</u>	Subpart V.
(iv)	Insulat	ing link/device.
	(I)	An insulating
		link/device installed
		<u>at a point between</u> the end of the load
		the end of the load
		line (or below) and
		the load.
	(II)	For work covered
		<u>by 29 CFR 1926,</u>
		<u>Subpart V, the</u>
		requirement in
		<u>Subsubpart</u>
		(c)(1)(D)(iv)(I) of
		this Rule applies only when working
		only when working
		inside the 29 CFR
		<u>1926.950 Table V-1</u>
		clearance distances.
<u>(v)</u>		onductive rigging if
		ging may be within
		ble A distance during
$\langle \cdot \rangle$	the ope	
<u>(vi)</u>		equipment is equipped
	with	
	automa	tically limits range of
		nent, it shall be used
		to prevent any part of
	lood (i	uipment, load line or ncluding rigging and
		accessories) from
		ing the minimum
		ch distance
		shed under Part
		C) of this Rule.
(vii)		g line is used, it shall
(11)		the non-conductive
	type.	are non conductive
(viii)		ides forming a
<u>, ,</u> ,		ter at least 10 feet
	perme	<u></u>

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away from the equipment to prevent unauthorized personnel from entering the work area. In areas where obstacles prevent the barricade from being at least 10 feet away, the barricade shall be as far from the equipment as feasible.

- (ix) Workers other than the operator shall be prohibited from touching the load line above the insulating link/device and crane.
- (x)Only personnel essential to
the operation shall be
permitted to be in the area of
the crane and load.
- (xi) The equipment shall be properly grounded.
- (xii) Insulating line hose or cover-up shall be installed by the utility owner/operator except where such devices are unavailable for the line voltages involved.
- (E) The procedures developed to comply with Part (c)(1)(D) of this Rule are documented and immediately available on-site.
- (F)The equipment user and utility
owner/operator meet with the
operator and the other workers who
will be in the area of the equipment or
load to review the procedures that
will be implemented to prevent
breaching the minimum approach
distance established in Part (c)(1)(C)
of this Rule and prevent
electrocution.
- (G) The procedures developed to comply with Part (c)(1)(D) of this Rule are implemented.
- (H) The utility owner/operator and all employers of employees involved in the work shall identify one person who will direct the implementation of the procedures. The person identified in accordance with this paragraph shall direct the implementation of the procedures and shall have the authority to stop work at any time to ensure safety.
- (I) If a problem occurs implementing the procedures being used to comply with Part (c)(1)(D) of this Rule, or indicating that those procedures are inadequate to prevent electrocution, the employer shall safely stop

operations and either develop new procedures to comply with Part (c)(1)(D) of this Rule or have the utility owner/operator deenergize and visibly ground or relocate the power line before resuming work.

- (J) Devices originally designed by the manufacturer for use as: a safety device (see 13 NCAC 07F .0918), operational aid, or a means to prevent power line contact or electrocution, when used to comply with this Section, shall meet the manufacturer's procedures for use and conditions of use.
- (d) Equipment While Traveling.
 - (1) This Paragraph establishes procedures and criteria that must be met for equipment traveling under a power line on the construction site with no load.
 - (2) The employer shall ensure that:
 - (A) The boom/mast and boom/mast support system are lowered sufficiently to meet the requirements of this Paragraph.
 - (B) The clearances specified in Table B of this Rule are maintained.
 - (C)The effects of speed and terrain on
equipment movement (including
movement of the boom/mast) are
considered so that those effects do not
cause the minimum clearance
distances specified in Table B of this
Rule to be breached
 - (D) Dedicated spotter. If any part of the equipment while traveling will get closer than 20 feet of the power line, the employer shall ensure that a dedicated spotter who is in continuous contact with the operator is used. The dedicated spotter shall:
 - (i) Be positions to effectively gauge the clearance distance.
 - (ii) Where necessary, use equipment that enables the dedicated spotter to communicate directly with the operator.
 - (iii) Give timely information to the operator so that the required clearance distance can be maintained.
 - (E) Additional precautions for traveling in poor visibility. When traveling at night, or in conditions of poor visibility, in addition to the measures specified in Parts (d)(2)(A) through (d)(2)(D) of this Rule, the employer shall ensure that:

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(i)	The	power	lines	are
	illumi	inated or a	nother n	neans
	of ide	ntifying t	he location	on of
	the lir	nes shall b	e used.	

(ii) A safe path of travel is identified and used.

<u>Table A – Minimum Clearance Distances</u> <u>Voltage</u> (nominal, kV, alternating current)	Minimum clearance distance (feet)
<u>Up to 50</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Over 50 to 200</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Over 200 to 350</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Over 350 to 500</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Over 500 to 750</u>	<u>35</u>
<u>Over 750 to 1,000</u>	<u>45</u>
<u>Over 1,000</u>	(as established by a qualified engineer or by the owner or operator of the power line who is a qualified person with respect to electrical power transmission and distribution)
Note: The value that follows "to" is up to and	
includes the value. For example, over 50 to 200 means up to and including 200 kV.	

Table B – Minimum Clearance Distances While Traveling

With No Load and Boom/Mast Lowered				
Voltage	While Traveling Minimum Clearance Distance			
(nominal, kV, alternating current)	<u>(feet)</u>			
<u>Up to 0.75</u>	4 (while traveling/boom lowered)			
<u>Over .75 to 50</u>	6 (while traveling/boom lowered			
<u>Over 50 to 345</u>	<u>10 (while traveling/boom lowered)</u>			
<u>Over 345 to 750</u>	16 (while traveling/boom lowered)			
<u>Over 750 to 1,000</u>	20 (while traveling/boom lowered)			
<u>Over 1,000</u>	(as established by the power line owner/operator or qualified			
	engineer who is a qualified person with respect to electrical			
power transmission and distribution.				

Authority G.S. 95-131.

13 NCAC 07F .0914 WIRE ROPE

(a) Selection and Installation Criteria.

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(1)	Selection of replacement wire rope shall be in					
	accordance with the requirements of this	Rule				
	and the recommendations of the wire	rope				
	manufacturer, the equipment manufacturer, or					
	a qualified person.					
(2)	Boom hoist reeving.					
	(A) Fiber core ropes shall not be use	d for				
	boom hoist reeving, except	for				
	derricks.					
	(B) Rotation resistant ropes shall be	used				
	for boom hoist reeving only where					
	the requirements of Subparagraph					
	(a)(3) of this Rule are met.					
(3)	Rotation resistant ropes.					
<u></u>	(A) Definitions.					
	(i) Type I rotation resistant	wire				
	rope ("Type I"). Ty					
		e is				
istation resistant rope is						

stranded rope constructed to

have little or no tendency to rotate or, if guided, transmits little or no torque. It has at least 15 outer strands and comprises an assembly of at least three layers of strands laid helically over a center in two operations. The direction of lay of the outer strands is opposite to that of the underlying layer. Type II rotation resistant wire rope ("Type II"). Type II rotation resistant rope is

II rotation resistant rope is
stranded rope constructed to
have resistance to rotation.
It has at least 10 outer
strands and comprises an
assembly of two or more
layers of strands laid
helically over a center in two
or three operations. The

<u>(ii)</u>

direction of lay of the outer strands is opposite to that of the underlying layer.

- (iii) Type III rotation resistant wire rope ("Type III"). Type III rotation resistant rope is stranded rope constructed to have limited resistance to rotation. It has no more than nine outer strands, and comprises an assembly of two layers of strands laid helically over a center in two operations. The direction of lay of the outer strands is opposite to that of the underlying layer.
- (B) Requirements.
 - (i) Types II and III with an operation design factor of less than five shall not be used for duty cycle or repetitive lifts.
 - (ii) Rotation resistant ropes (including Types I, II and III) shall have an operating design factor of no less than 3.5.
 - (iii) Type I shall have an operating design factor of no less than five, except where the wire rope manufacturer and the equipment manufacturer approves the design factor, in writing.
 - (iv) Types II and III shall have an operating design factor of no less than five, except where the requirements of Subparagraph (a)(3)(C) of this Rule are met.
- (C) When Types II and III with an operation design factor of less than five are used (for non-duty cycle, non-repetitive lifts), the following requirements shall be met for each lifting operation:
 - (i) A qualified person shall inspect the rope in accordance with Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule. The rope shall be used only if the qualified person determines that there are no deficiencies constituting a hazard. In making this determination, more than one broken wire in any one

rope lay shall be considered a hazard.

- (ii) Operations shall be conducted in such a manner and at such speeds as to minimize dynamic effects.
- (iii) Each lift made under these provisions shall be recorded in the monthly and annual inspection documents. Such prior uses shall be considered by the qualified person in determining whether to use the rope again.
- (D) Additional requirements for rotation resistant ropes for boom hoist reeving.
 - (i) Rotation resistant ropes shall not be used for boom hoist reeving, except where the requirements of Subpart (a)(3)(D)(ii) of this Rule are met.
 - (ii) Rotation resistant ropes may be used as boom hoist reeving when load hoists are used as boom hoists for attachments such as luffing attachments or boom and mast attachment systems. Under these conditions, the following requirements shall be met:
 - (I) The drum shall provide a first layer rope pitch diameter of not less than 18 times the nominal diameter of the rope used. (II) The requirements in 13 NCAC 07F .0916(v)(1) (irrespective of the date of manufacture of the equipment), and 13 NCAC 07F .0916(v)(2). The requirements (III) of ANSI/ASME B30.5-2004. Section 5-1.3.2(a), (a)(2)through (a)(4), (b) through (d), except that the minimum pitch diameter for

sheaves used in

multiple rope		accorda	nce with	the wir	e rope manufacturer's
reeving is 18 times		instruct	ions.		
the nominal	(b) Inspection of				
diameter of the rope	(1)		spection.		
used instead of the		(A)	-	netent ne	erson shall complete a
value of 16		(11)			ection prior to
specified in Section					of crane operations
					ift. The inspection
<u>5-1.3.2(d).</u>					
All sheaves used in					observation of wire
the boom hoist					and standing) that are
reeving system					y to be in use during
shall have a rope					apparent deficiencies,
pitch diameter of					se listed in Part
not less than 18					is Rule. Untwisting
times the nominal					ire rope or booming
diameter of the rope			down is	s not ree	quired as part of this
used.			inspecti	on.	
The operating		<u>(B)</u>	Appare	nt deficie	encies.
design factor for the			(i)	Catego	ry I. Apparent
boom hoist reeving					ncies in this category
system shall be not					the following:
less than 5.					Distortion of the
The operating				<u>x-</u> /	wire rope structure
design factor for					such as kinking,
these ropes shall be					crushing,
the total minimum					unstranding,
breaking force of					birdcaging, signs of
all parts of rope in					<u>core failure or steel</u>
the system divided					<u>core protrusion</u>
by the load imposed					between the outer
on the rope system				(**	strands.
when supporting				<u>(II)</u>	Corrosion.
the static weights of				<u>(III)</u>	Electric arc (from a
the structure and					source other than
the load within the					power lines) or heat
equipment's rated					<u>damage.</u>
<u>capacity.</u>				(IV)	Improperly applied
When provided, a					end connections.
power-controlled				<u>(V)</u>	Corroded, cracked,
lowering system					bent, or worn end
shall be capable of					connections (such
handling rated					as from severe
capacities and					service).
speeds as specified			(ii)	Catego	ry II. Apparent
by the			·· ·		ncies in this category
manufacturer.				are:	<u> </u>
in conjunction with				<u>(I)</u>	Visibly broken
be attached to the				<u>(1)</u>	wires in running
he rope only, except					wire ropes: six
specifically designed					randomly
a wedge socket is					distributed broken
i a wedge socket is					
					wires in one rope
one in the manner					lay or three broken
turer of the wire rope					wires in one strand
					<u>in one rope lay,</u>
ope, seizings shall be					where a rope lay is
e point to be cut. The					the length along the
seizings shall be in					rope in which one

d broken one rope ree broken one strand

rope lay, rope lay is h along the which one rope strand makes a

		All sheaves used III
	<u>tl</u>	he boom hoist
	<u>r</u> e	eeving system
	<u>S</u>	<u>hall have a rope</u>
	р	itch diameter of
		ot less than 18
		imes the nominal
		iameter of the rope
		sed.
		The operating
		lesign factor for the
		oom hoist reeving
		_
		ystem shall be not
		ess than 5.
	<u>(VI) T</u>	<u>The operating</u>
		esign factor for
		hese ropes shall be
		he total minimum
		reaking force of
		ll parts of rope in
		he system divided
		y the load imposed
	<u>0</u>	n the rope system
	<u>w</u>	when supporting
	<u>tl</u>	he static weights of
	<u>t1</u>	he structure and
	<u>tl</u>	he load within the
	<u>e</u>	quipment's rated
		apacity.
		Vhen provided, a
		ower-controlled
		owering system
		hall be capable of
		andling rated
		apacities and
		peeds as specified
		y the
		nanufacturer.
(4)	Wire rope clips used in	
<u></u> ,	wedge sockets shall be	
	unloaded dead end of the	
	that the use of devices spo	
	for dead-ending rope in a	
	permitted.	a mouge booket is
(5)	Socketing shall be done	in the manner
(5)	specified by the manufactur	
	or fitting	er of the whe tope

(IV)

or fitting. Prior to cutting a wire rope, (6) placed on each side of the poi length and number of seizi

		complete revolution	(i)	If a deficiency in Category I
		around the rope;	(1)	is identified, an immediate
	<u>(II</u>			determination shall be made
	<u>(11</u>	•		
		wires in rotation		by the competent person as
		resistant ropes: two		to whether the deficiency
		randomly		constitutes a safety hazard.
		distributed broken		If the deficiency is
		wires in six rope		determined to constitute a
		diameters or four		safety hazard, operations
		<u>randomly</u>		involving use of the wire
		distributed broken		rope in question shall be
		wires in 30 rope		prohibited until:
		diameters;		(I) The wire rope is
	(II			replaced, or
		wires in pendants or		(II) If the deficiency
		standing wire		(other than power
		ropes: more than		line contact) is
		two broken wires in		localized, the
		one rope lay located		problem is
		in rope beyond end		corrected by
		connections and/or		-
				removing the
		more than one		damaged section of
		<u>broken wire at an</u>		the wire rope; the
		end connection; and		undamaged portion
	<u>(IV</u>			may continue to be
		reduction of more		used. Joining
		than five percent		lengths of wire rope
		from nominal		by splicing is
		<u>diameter.</u>		prohibited. Repair
		tegory III. Apparent		of wire rope that
		ficiencies in this category		contacted an
	inc	clude the following:		energized power
	<u>(I)</u>	In rotation resistant		line is also
		wire rope, core		prohibited.
		protrusion or other	(ii)	If a deficiency in Category II
		distortion indicating		is identified, the employer
		core failure.		shall comply with Option A
	(II) Electrical contact		or Option B, as follows:
	<u>.</u>	with a power line.		(I) Option A.
	(II	I) A broken strand.		Consider the
(C)		Review Items. The		deficiency to
<u>, - /</u>		person shall give particular		constitute a safety
	attention to			hazard where it
		tation resistant wire rope		meets the wire rope
		use.		manufacturer's
		ire rope being used for		established criterion
		om hoists and luffing		for removal from
		ists, particularly at reverse		service or meets a
		nds.		different criterion
		ire rope at flange points, possover points and		<u>that the wire rope</u> manufacturer has
		-		
		petitive pickup points on		approved in writing
		<u>ims.</u>		for that specific
		ire rope adjacent to end		wire rope. If the
		nnections.		deficiency is
		ire rope at and on		considered a safety
æ :		ualizer sheaves.		hazard, operations
(D)	Removal fr	om service.		involving use of the
				<u>wire rope in</u>

	question shall be	in accordance with
	prohibited until the	all of the
	wire rope is	requirements and
	replaced, or the	restrictions in
	damage is removed	Subsubpart
	in accordance with	$\overline{(b)(1)(D)(i)(II)}$ of
	all of the	this Rule.
	requirements and	(IV) A qualified person
	restrictions in	<u>sets a time limit,</u>
	Subsubpart	not to exceed 30
	$\overline{(b)(1)(D)(i)(II)}$ of	days from the date
	this Rule.	the deficiency is
	(II) Option B. Institute	<u>first</u> identified, by
	the alternative	which the wire rope
	measures specified	shall be replaced, or
	in Subpart	the damage
	$\frac{\text{In Subpart}}{(b)(1)(D)(iii) \text{ of this}}$	removed in
	Rule.	accordance with all
(:::)		
<u>(iii)</u>	Alternative measures for a	of the requirements
	Category II deficiency. The	and restrictions in
	wire rope may continue to be	Subsubpart
	used if the employer ensures	$\frac{(b)(1)(D)(i)(II) of}{1 + C + C}$
	that the following measures	this Rule.
	are implemented:	(V) The workers who
	(I) A qualified person	will conduct the
	assesses the	shift inspections are
	deficiency in light	informed of this
	of the load and	deficiency and the
	other conditions of	<u>measures</u> taken
	use and determines	<u>under this</u>
	it is safe to continue	<u>Paragraph.</u>
	to use the wire rope	(VI) The qualified
	as long as the	person's findings
	<u>conditions</u>	and procedures in
	established under	<u>Subsubparts</u>
	this paragraph are	<u>(b)(1)(D)(iii)(I)</u>
	<u>met.</u>	through
	(II) A qualified person	<u>(b)(1)(D)(iii)(IV) of</u>
	establishes the	this Rule are
	parameters for the	documented.
	use of the	(iv) If a deficiency in Category
	equipment with the	III is identified, operations
	deficiency,	involving use of the wire
	including a reduced	rope in question shall be
	maximum rated	prohibited until:
	capacity.	(I) The wire rope is
	(III) A qualified person	replaced, or
	establishes a	(II) If the deficiency
	specific number of	(other than power
	broken wires,	line contact) is
	broken strands, or	localized, the
	diameter reduction	problem is
	that, when reached,	corrected by
	will require the	severing the wire
	equipment to be	rope in two; the
	taken out of service	<u>undamaged</u> portion
	until the wire rope	may continue to be
	is replaced or the	used. Joining
	damage is removed	lengths of wire rope
	damage is temoved	icinguis of whice tope

		by splicing is	
		prohibited. Repair	
		of wire rope that	
		contacted an	
		<u>energized power</u> line is also	
		prohibited.	
		(v) Where a wire rope is	
		required to be removed from	
		service under this Section,	
		either the equipment (as a	
		whole) or the hoist with that	
		wire rope shall be tagged-	
		out, in accordance with 13	
		<u>NCAC 07F .0916(g)(1).</u>	
		<u>until the wire rope is</u>	
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	<u>(11)</u>	conducted in accordance with	
		Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule	
		(shift inspection).	
	<u>(B)</u>	Wire ropes on equipment shall not be	
		used until an inspection under this	
		paragraph demonstrates that no	
		corrective action under Part (b)(1)(D)	
		of this Rule is required.	
	<u>(C)</u>	The inspection shall be documented according to 13 NCAC 07F	
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	(\mathbf{II})	travel is limited.
	<u>(IV)</u>	Wire rope subject to reverse bends.
	(V)	Wire rope passing
	<u>(v)</u>	<u>over sheaves.</u>
	(VI)	Wire rope at or near
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- <u>monitored, the employer</u> <u>shall ensure that the</u> <u>deficiency is checked in the</u> <u>monthly inspections.</u>
- (D) The inspection shall be documented <u>according to 13 NCAC 07F</u> <u>.0915(f)(7) (annual/comprehensive</u> <u>inspection documentation).</u>
- (4) Rope lubricants that are of the type that hinder inspection shall not be used.

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13 NCAC 07F .0915 INSPECTIONS

(a) Modified equipment.

- (1) Equipment that has had modifications or additions which affect the safe operation of the equipment (such as modifications or additions involving a safety device or operator aid, critical part of a control system, power plant, braking system, load-sustaining structural components, load hook, or in-use operating mechanism) or capacity shall be inspected by a qualified person after such modifications/additions have been completed, prior to initial use. The inspection shall meet the following requirements:
 - (A) The inspection shall ensure that the modifications or additions have been done in accordance with the approval obtained pursuant to 13 NCAC 07F .0911 (Equipment Modifications).
 - (B) The inspection shall include functional testing.
- (2) Equipment shall not be used until an inspection under this paragraph demonstrates that the requirements of Part (a)(1)(A) of this Rule have been met.
- (b) Repaired/adjusted equipment.
 - (1) Equipment that has had a repair or adjustment that relates to safe operation (such as: a repair or adjustment to a safety device or operator aid, or to a critical part of a control system, power plant, braking system, load-sustaining structural components, load hook, or in-use operating mechanism), shall be inspected by a qualified person after such a repair or adjustment has been completed, prior to initial use. The inspection shall meet the following requirements:
 - (A) The qualified person shall determine <u>if the repair/adjustment meets</u> <u>manufacturer equipment criteria</u> (where applicable and available).
 - (B) Where manufacturer equipment criteria are unavailable or inapplicable, the qualified person shall:

- (i) Determine if a qualified engineer is needed to develop criteria for the repair/adjustment. If a qualified engineer is not needed, the employer shall ensure that the criteria are developed by the qualified person. If a qualified engineer is needed, the employer shall ensure that they are developed by a qualified engineer.
- (ii) Determine if the repair/adjustment meets the criteria developed in accordance with Subpart (b)(1)(B)(i) of this Rule.
- (iii) The inspection shall include functional testing
- (iv) Equipment shall not be used until an inspection under this paragraph demonstrates that the repair/adjustment meets the requirements of Part (b)(1)(A) of this Rule (or, where applicable, Part (b)(1)(B) of this Rule).
- (c) Post-assembly.
 - (1) Upon completion of assembly, the equipment shall be inspected by a qualified person to ensure that it is configured in accordance with manufacturer equipment criteria.
 - (2) Where manufacturer equipment criteria are unavailable, a qualified person shall:
 - (A) Determine if a qualified engineer familiar with the type of equipment involved is needed to develop criteria for the equipment configuration. If a qualified engineer is not needed, the employer shall ensure that the criteria are developed by the qualified person. If a qualified engineer is needed, the employer shall ensure that they are developed by a qualified engineer.
 - (B) Determine if the equipment meets the criteria developed in accordance with Part (c)(2)(A) of this Rule.
 - (3) Equipment shall not be used until an inspection under this paragraph demonstrates that the equipment is configured in accordance with the applicable criteria.

(d) Each shift.

(1) A competent person shall complete a visual inspection prior to commencement of crane operations during each shift. The inspection shall consist of observation for apparent deficiencies. Disassembly is not required as part of this inspection unless the results of the visual inspection or trial operation indicate that further investigation necessitating disassembly is needed. Determinations made in conducting the inspection shall be reassessed in light of observations made during operation. At a minimum the inspection shall include the following:

- (A) Control mechanisms for maladjustments interfering with proper operation.
- (B) Control and drive mechanisms for apparent wear of components and contamination by lubricants, water or other foreign matter.
- (C) Air, hydraulic, and other pressurized lines for deterioration or leakage, particularly those which flex in normal operation.
- (D) Hydraulic system for proper fluid level.
- (E) Hooks and latches for deformation, cracks, wear, or damage such as from chemicals or heat.
- (F) Wire rope reeving for compliance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- (G) Wire rope, in accordance with 13 NCAC 07F .0914(b)(1).
- (H) Electrical apparatus for malfunctioning, signs of apparent deterioration, dirt or moisture accumulation.
- (I) Tires (when in use) for proper inflation and condition.
- (J) Ground conditions around the equipment for proper support, including ground settling under and around outriggers and supporting foundations, ground water accumulation, or similar conditions.
- (K) The equipment for level position, both shift and after each move and setup.
- (L) Operator cab windows for cracks, breaks, or other deficiencies that would hamper the operator's view.
- (M) Rails, rail stops, rail clamps and supporting surfaces when the equipment has rail traveling.
- (N) Safety devices and operational aids for proper operation.
- (2) If any deficiency in Parts (d)(1)(A) through (d)(1)(N) of the Rule (or in additional inspection items required to be checked for specific types of equipment in accordance with other Rules of this Section) is identified, an immediate determination shall be made by the competent person as to whether the deficiency constitutes a safety hazard. If the deficiency is

determined to constitute a safety hazard, the equipment shall be removed from service until it has been corrected.

(3) If any deficiency in Part (d)(1)(N) of this Rule (safety devices/operational aids) is identified, the action specified in 13 NCAC 07F .0917 and .0918 shall be taken prior to using the equipment.

(e) Monthly.

- (1) Each month the equipment is in service it shall be inspected in accordance with Paragraph (d) of this Rule (each shift).
 - (2) Equipment shall not be used until an inspection under this paragraph demonstrates that no corrective action under Subparagraphs (d)(2) and (d)(3) of this Rule is required.

(3) Documentation.

- (A) The following information shall be documented by the employer that conducts the inspection:
 - (i) The items checked and the results of the inspection.
 - (ii) The name and signature of the person who conducted the inspection and the date.
- (B) This document shall be retained for a minimum of three months.
- (f) Annual/comprehensive.
 - (1) At least every 12 months the equipment shall be inspected by a qualified person in accordance with Paragraph (d) of this Rule (each shift), except that the corrective action set forth in this paragraph shall apply.
 - (2) In addition, at least every 12 months, the equipment shall be inspected by a qualified person for the following:
 - (A) Equipment structure (including the boom and, if equipped, the jib):
 - (i) Structural members: deformed, cracked, or <u>corroded.</u>
 - (ii) Bolts, rivets and other fasteners: loose, failed or corroded.
 - (iii) Welds for cracks.
 - (B) Sheaves and drums for cracks, damage, or wear.
 - (C) Parts such as pins, bearings, shafts, gears, rollers and locking devices for distortion, cracks or wear.
 - (D) Brake and clutch system parts, linings, pawls and ratchets for wear.
 - (E) Safety devices and operational aids for proper operation.
 - (F) Gasoline, diesel, electric, or other power plants for safety-related problems (such as leaking exhaust and emergency shut-down feature), condition and proper operation.

(G)	Chains and cl	nain drive sprockets for
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	(ii) Leak	
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	for wear or cra	acks.

(O) Slider pads for wear or cracks.

- (P) Electrical components and wiring for cracked or split insulation and loose or corroded terminations.
- (Q) Warning labels and decals originally supplied with the equipment by the manufacturer or otherwise required under this Section: missing or unreadable.
- (R) Originally equipped operator seat: missing.
- (S) Operator seat: unusable.
- (T) Originally equipped steps, ladders, handrails, guards: missing.
- (U) Steps, ladders, handrails, guards: in unusable/unsafe condition.
- (3) This inspection shall include functional testing to determine that the equipment as configured in the inspection is functioning properly.
- (4) If any deficiency is identified, an immediate determination shall be made by the qualified person as to whether the deficiency constitutes a safety hazard or, though not yet a safety hazard, needs to be monitored in the monthly inspections.
- (5) If the qualified person determines that a deficiency is a safety hazard, the equipment shall be removed from service until it has been corrected.
- (6) If the qualified person determines that, though not presently a safety hazard, the deficiency needs to be monitored, the employer shall ensure that the deficiency is checked in the monthly inspections.
- (7) Documentation of annual/comprehensive inspection. The following information shall be documented and maintained by the employer that conducts the inspection:
 - (A) The items checked and the results of the inspection.
 - (B) The name and signature of the person who conducted the inspection and the date.
 - (C) This document shall be retained for a minimum of 12 months.

(g) Severe Service. Where the severity of use/conditions is such that there is a reasonable probability of damage or wear (such as loading that may have exceeded rated capacity, shock loading that may have exceeded rated capacity, prolonged exposure to a corrosive atmosphere), the employer shall stop using the equipment and a qualified person shall:

- (1) Inspect the equipment for structural damage.
- (2) In light of the use/conditions, determine whether any items/conditions listed in Paragraph (f) of this Rule need to be inspected; if so, the qualified person shall inspect those items/conditions.
- (3) If a deficiency is found, the employer shall follow the requirements in Subparagraphs (f)(4) through (f)(6) of this Rule.

(h) Equipment not in regular use. Equipment that has been idle for three months or more shall be inspected by a qualified person in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph (e) of this Rule (Monthly) before initial use.

(i) Any part of a manufacturer's procedures regarding inspections that relate to safe operation (such as to a safety device or operator aid, critical part of a control system, power plant, braking system, load-sustaining structural components, load hook, or in-use operating mechanism) that is more comprehensive or has a more frequent schedule than the requirements of this Rule shall be followed. Additional documentation requirements by the manufacturer are not required.

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13 NCAC 07F .0916 OPERATION OF EQUIPMENT

(a) The employer shall comply with all manufacturer procedures applicable to the operational functions of equipment, including its use with attachments.

(b) Unavailable operation procedures.

- (1) Where the manufacturer procedures are unavailable, the employer shall develop and ensure compliance with all procedures necessary for the safe operation of the equipment and attachments.
- (2) Procedures for the operational controls shall be developed by a qualified person.
- (3) Procedures related to the capacity of the equipment shall be developed and signed by a qualified engineer familiar with the equipment.

(c) Accessibility of procedures.

- (1) The procedures applicable to the operation of the equipment, including rated capacities (load charts), recommended operating speeds, special hazard warnings, instructions, and operator's manual, shall be readily available in the cab at all times for use by the operator.
- (2) Where rated capacities are available in the cab only in electronic form: in the event of a failure which makes the rated capacities inaccessible, the operator shall immediately cease operations or follow safe shut-down procedures until the rated capacities (in electronic or other form) are available.

(d) The operator shall not engage in any practice that diverts his/her attention while actually engaged in operating the crane, such as the use of cell phones (other than when used for signal communications) or other attention-diverting activities.

(e) Authority to Stop Operation. Whenever there is a concern as to safety, the operator shall have the authority to stop and refuse to handle loads until safety has been ensured.

(f) Leaving the equipment unattended. The operator shall not leave the controls while the load is suspended.

(g) Tag-out.

(1) Tagging out of service equipment/functions. Where the employer has taken the equipment out of service, a tag shall be placed in the cab stating that the equipment is out of service and is not to be used. Where the employer has taken a function(s) out of service, a tag shall be placed in a conspicuous position stating that the function is out of service and not to be used.

- (2) Response to tag-out or maintenance/do not operate signs.
 - (A) If there is a warning (tag-out or maintenance/do not operate) sign on the equipment or starting control, the operator shall not activate the switch or start the equipment until the sign has been removed by a person authorized to remove it, or until the operator has verified that:
 - (i) No one is servicing, working on, or otherwise in a dangerous position on the machine.
 - (ii) The equipment has been repaired and is working properly.
 - (B) If there is a warning (tag-out or maintenance/do not operate) sign on any other switch or control, the operator shall not activate that switch or control until the sign has been removed by a person authorized to remove it, or until the operator has verified that the requirements in Subparts (g)(2)(A)(i) and (g)(2)(A)(ii) of this Rule have been met.

(h) Before starting the engine, the operator shall verify that all controls are in the proper starting position and that all personnel are in the clear.

(i) Storm Warning. When a local storm warning has been issued, the competent person shall determine whether it is necessary to implement manufacturer recommendations for securing the equipment.

(j) The operator shall be familiar with the equipment and its proper operation. If adjustments or repairs are necessary, the operator shall promptly inform the person designated by the employer to receive such information and, where there are successive shifts, to the next operator.

(k) If the competent person determines that there is a slack rope condition requiring re-spooling of the rope, it shall be verified (before starting to lift) that the rope is seated on the drum and in the sheaves as the slack is removed.

(1) The competent person shall consider the effect of meteorological conditions such as wind, rain, ice, or snow on equipment stability and rated capacity.

(m) Compliance with rated capacity.

- (1) The equipment shall not be operated in excess of its rated capacity.
 - (2) The operator shall not be required to operate the equipment in a manner that would violate Subparagraph (m)(1) of this Rule.
 - (3) Load weight. The operator shall verify that the load is within the rated capacity of the

equipment by at least one of the following methods:

- (A) The weight of the load shall be determined from a reliable source (such as the load's manufacturer), by a reliable calculation method (such as calculating a steel beam from measured dimensions and a known per foot weight), or by other equally reliable means. In addition, when requested by the operator, this information shall be provided to the operator prior to the lift; or
- (B) The operator shall begin hoisting the load to determine, using a load weighing device, load moment indicator, rated capacity indicator, or rated capacity limiter, if it exceeds 75 percent of the maximum rated capacity at the longest radius that will be used during the lift operation. If it does, then the lift is considered to be a critical lift and the operator shall not proceed with the lift until he/she verifies the weight of the load in accordance with Part (m)(3)(A) of this Rule.

(n) Work Area Control.

(1) Swing radius hazards. (A) The requirem

- The requirements in Part (n)(1)(B) of this Rule apply where there are accessible areas in which the equipment's rotating superstructure (whether permanently or temporarily mounted) poses a reasonable foreseeable risk of:
 - (i) Striking and injuring an employee; or
 - (ii) Pinching/crushing an employee against another part of the equipment or another object.
- (B) To prevent employees from entering these hazard areas, the employer shall:
 - (i) Instruct employees assigned to work on or near the equipment ("authorized personnel") in how to recognize struck-by and pinch/crush hazard areas posed by the rotating superstructure.
 - (ii) Erect and maintain control lines, warning lines, railing or similar barriers to mark the boundaries of the hazard areas. Exception: where it is neither feasible to erect

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		such barriers on the ground
		nor on the equipment, the
		hazard areas shall be clearly
		marked by a combination of
		warning signs (such as
		<u>"Danger – Swing/Crush</u>
		Zone") and high visibility
		markings on the equipment
		that identify the hazard
		areas. In addition, the
		employer shall train the
		employees to understand
		what these markings signify.
<u>(C)</u>	Protecti	ng employees in the hazard
	area.	
	(i)	Before an employee goes to
		a location in the hazard area
		that is out of view of the
		operator, the employee (or
		someone instructed by the
		employee) shall ensure that
		the operator is informed that
		he/she is going to that
		location.
	(ii)	Where the operator knows
	(11)	that an employee went to a
		location covered by
		Subparagraph (n)(1)(C)(i) of
		this Rule, the operator shall
		not rotate the superstructure
		until the operator:
		(I) Gives a warning
		that is understood
		by the employee as
		<u>a signal that the</u>
		superstructure is
		about to be rotated
		and allows time for
		the employee to get
		to a safe position,
		$(\mathbf{H}) \qquad \frac{\mathbf{O}\mathbf{f}}{\mathbf{I}\mathbf{a}} \qquad \text{informed} \qquad \text{in}$
		(II) Is informed in accordance with a
		pre-arranged
		system of
		communication that
		<u>the employee is in a</u> safe position.
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(2) Multiple equipment coordination. Where any part of a crane/derrick is within the working radius of another crane/derrick, the controlling entity shall institute a system to coordinate operations. If there is no controlling entity, the employers shall institute such a system.

(o) The boom or other parts of the equipment shall not contact any obstruction.

(p) The equipment shall not be used to drag or pull loads sideways.

(q) On wheel-mounted equipment, no loads shall be lifted over the front area, except as permitted by the manufacturer.

(r) The operator shall test the brakes each time a load that is 90% or more of the maximum line pull is handled by lifting the load a few inches and applying the brakes. In duty cycle and repetitive lifts where each lift is 90% or more of the maximum line pull, this requirement applies to the first lift but not to successive lifts.

(s) Neither the load nor the boom shall be lowered below the point where less than two full wraps of rope remain on their respective drums.

(t) Keeping Clear of the Load.

- (1) Hoisting routes that minimize the exposure of employees to hoisted loads shall be used.
- (2) While the operator is not moving a suspended load, no employee shall be within the fall zone, except for employees:
 - (A) Engaged in hooking, unhooking or guiding a load, or
 - (B) Engaged in the initial attachment of the load to a component structure, or
 - (C) Operating a concrete hopper or concrete bucket.
- (3) When employees are engaged in hooking, unhooking, or guiding the load, or in the initial connection of a load to a component or structure and are within the fall zone, the following criteria shall be met:
 - (A) The materials being hoisted shall be rigged to prevent unintentional displacement.
 - (B) Hooks with self-closing latches or their equivalent shall be used. Exception: "J" hooks are permitted to be used for setting wooden trusses.
 - (C) The materials shall be rigged by a qualified rigger.
- (4) Receiving a load. Only employees needed to receive a load shall be permitted to be within the fall zone when a load is being landed.
 (5) During a tilt-up or tilt-down operation:
 - During a tilt-up or tilt-down operation:

 (A)
 No employee shall be directly under the load.
 - (B) Only employees' essential to the operation shall be in the fall zone (but not directly under the load).

(u) Traveling with a load.

- (1) Traveling with a load is prohibited if the practice is prohibited by the manufacturer.
- (2) When traveling with a load, the employer shall ensure that:
 - (A) A competent person supervises the operation, determines if it is necessary to reduce rated capacity, and makes determinations regarding load position, boom location, ground support, travel route, overhead obstructions, and speed of movement necessary to ensure safety.

- (B) The determinations of the competent person required in Part (u)(2)(A) of this Rule are implemented.
- (C) For equipment with tires, tire pressure specified by the manufacturer is maintained.
- (v) Free Fall and Controlled Load Lowering.
 - (1) Boom free fall prohibitions.
 - (A) The use of equipment in which the boom is designed to free fall (live boom) is prohibited in each of the following circumstances.
 - (i) An employee is in the fall zone of the boom or load.
 - (ii) An employee is being hoisted.
 - (iii) The load or boom is directly over a power line, or over any part of the area extending the 13 NCAC 07F .0913, Table A clearance distance to each side of the power line.
 - (iv) The load is over a shaft.
 - (v) The load is over a cofferdam, except where there are no employees in the fall zone.
 - (vi) Lifting operations are taking place in a refinery or tank farm.
 - (B) The use of equipment in which the boom is designed to free fall (live boom) is permitted only where none of the circumstances listed in Part (v)(1)(A) of this Rule are present and:
 - (i) The equipment was manufactured prior to October 31, 1984, or
 - (ii) The equipment is a floating crane/derrick or a land crane/derrick on a vessel/flotation device.
 - (2) Preventing boom free fall. Where the use of equipment with a boom that is designed to free fall (live boom) is prohibited (see Part (v)(1)(A) of this Rule), the boom hoist shall have a secondary mechanism or device designed to prevent the boom from falling in the event the primary system used to hold or regulate the boom hoist fails as follows:
 (A) Friction drums shall have:
 - (i) A friction clutch and, in addition, a braking device, to allow for controlled boom lowering.
 - (ii) A secondary braking or locking device, which is manually or automatically

engaged, to back-up the primary brake while the boom is held (such as a secondary friction brake or a ratchet and pawl device).

- (B) Hydraulic drums shall have an integrally mounted holding device or internal static brake to prevent boom hoist movement in the event of hydraulic failure.
- (C) Neither clutches nor hydraulic motors shall be considered brake or locking devices for purposes of this Section.
- (D) Hydraulic boom cylinders shall have an integrally mounted holding device.
- (3) Preventing uncontrolled retraction. Hydraulic telescoping booms shall have an integrally mounted holding device to prevent boom from retracting in the event of hydraulic failure.
- (4) Load line free fall. In each of the following circumstances, controlled load lowering is required and free fall of the load line hoist is prohibited.
 - (A) An employee is directly under the load.
 - (B) An employee is being hoisted.
 - (C) The load is directly over a power line, or over any part of the area extending the 13 NCAC 07F .0913, Table A clearance distance to each side of the power line.
 - (D) The load is over a shaft or cofferdam.

(w) Rotational speed of the equipment shall be such that the load does not swing out beyond the radius at which it can be controlled.

(x) A tag or restrain line shall be used if necessary to prevent rotation of the load that would be hazardous.

(y) The brakes shall be adjusted in accordance with manufacturer procedures to prevent unintended movement.

(z) The operator shall obey a stop (or emergency stop) signal, irrespective of who gives it.

(aa) Swinging locomotive cranes. A locomotive crane shall not be swung into a position where it is reasonably foreseeable that railway cars on an adjacent track could strike it, until it is determined that cars are not being moved on the adjacent track and that proper flag protection has been established.

(bb) Counterweight/ballast.

- (1) The following applies to equipment other than tower cranes:
 - (A) Equipment shall not be operated without the counterweight or ballast in place as specified by the manufacturer.
 - (B) The maximum counterweight or ballast specified by the manufacturer for the equipment shall not be exceeded.

(2) Counterweight/ballast requirements for tower cranes are specified in 13 NCAC 07F .0921(b)(8).

(cc) Multiple-Crane / Derrick Lifts – Supplemental Requirements.

- (1) Plan Development. Before beginning a crane/derrick operation in which more than one crane/derrick will be supporting the load, the operation shall be planned. The planning shall meet the following requirements:
 - (A) The plan shall be developed by a qualified person.
 - (B) The plan shall be designed to ensure that the requirements of this Section are met.
 - (C) Where the qualified person determines the engineering expertise is needed for the planning, the employer shall ensure that it is provided.
- (2) Plan Implementation.
 - (A) The multiple-crane / derrick lift shall be supervised by a person who meets the criteria for both a competent person and a qualified person, or by a competent person who is assisted by one or more qualified persons.
 - (B) The supervisor shall review the plan with all employees who will be involved with the operation.
- (3) The provisions of 13 NCAC 07F .0919(k) regarding communication with multiple cranes/derricks shall apply.

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13 NCAC 07F .0917 OPERATIONAL AIDS

(a) The devices listed in this section ("listed operational aids") are required on all equipment covered by this Section, unless otherwise specified.

(b) Operations shall not begin unless the listed operational aids are in proper working order, except where the employer meets the specified temporary alternative measures. More protective alternative measures specified by the crane/derrick manufacturer, if any, shall be followed.

(c) If a listed operational aid stops working properly during operations, the operator shall safely stop operations until the temporary alternative measures are implemented or the device is again working properly. If a replacement part is no longer available, the use of a substitute device that performs the same type of function is permitted and is not considered a modification under 13 NCAC 07F .0911.

(d) Category I operational aids and alternative measures. Operational aids listed in this Paragraph that are not working properly shall be repaired no later than seven days after the deficiency occurs. Exception: If the employer documents that it has ordered the necessary parts within seven days of the occurrence of the deficiency, the repair shall be completed within seven days of receipt of the parts.

- (1) Boom hoist limiting device.
 - (A) For equipment manufactured after December 16, 1969, a boom hoist limiting device is required. Temporary alternative measures (use at least one):
 - Use a boom angle indicator. (i) Clearly mark the boom hoist (ii) cable (so that it can easily be seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time to stop the hoist to keep the boom within the minimum allowable radius. In addition, install mirrors or remote video cameras and displays if necessary for the operator to see the mark.
 - (iii) Clearly mark the boom hoist cable (so that it can easily be seen by a spotter) at a point that will give the spotter sufficient time to signal the operator and have the operator stop the hoist to keep the boom within the minimum allowable radius.
 - (B) If the equipment was manufactured on or before December 16, 1969, and was not originally equipped with a boom hoist limiting device, at least one of the measures in Subparts (d)(1)(A)(i) through (d)(1)(A)(iii) of this Rule shall be used, on a permanent basis.
- (2) Luffing jib limiting device. Equipment with a luffing jib shall have a luffing jib limiting device. Temporary alternative measures are the same as in Part (d)(1)(A) of this Rule, except to limit the movement of the luffing jib.
 (3) Anti two-blocking device.
- Anti two-blocking device. Telescopic boom (A) cranes manufactured after February 28, 1992, shall be equipped with a device which automatically prevents damage from contact between the load block, overhaul bail, or similar component, and the boom tip (or upper block or similar component). The device(s) shall prevent such damage at all points where two-blocking could occur. Temporary alternative measures: Clearly mark the cable (so that it can easily be seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time to stop the hoist to prevent two-blocking, and

use a spotter when extending the boom.

(B) Lattice boom cranes.

(i) Lattice boom cranes manufactured after February 28, 1992, shall be equipped with a device that either automatically prevents damage and load failure from contact between the load block, overhaul ball, or similar component, and the boom tip (or fixed upper block or similar component), or warns the operator in time for the operator to prevent two-blocking. The device(s) shall prevent such damage/failure or provide adequate warning for all points where two-blocking could occur. Lattice boom cranes, and (ii) derricks, manufactured more than one year after the

- derricks, manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section shall be equipped with a device which automatically prevents damage and load failure from contact between the load block, overhaul ball, or similar component, and the boom tip (or fixed upper block or similar component). The device(s) shall prevent such damage/failure at all points where two-blocking could occur.
- Exception. (iii) The requirements in Subparts (d)(3)(B)(i) and (d)(3)(B)(ii) of this Rule do not apply to such lattice boom equipment when used for dragline, clamshell (grapple), magnet, drop ball, container handling, concrete bucket, marine operations that do not involve hoisting personnel, and pile driving work. Temporary (iv) alternative
- (iv) Temporary alternative measures. Clearly mark the cable (so that it can easily be seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time to stop the hoist to prevent twoblocking, or use a spotter.

(e) Category II operational aids and alternative measures. Operation aids listed in this paragraph that are not working properly shall be repaired no later than 30 days after the deficiency occurs. Exception: If the employer documents that it has ordered the necessary parts within seven days of the occurrence of the deficiency, and the part is not received in time to complete the repair in 30 days, the repair shall be completed within seven days of receipt of the parts.

- (1) Boom angle or radius indicator. The equipment shall have a boom angle or radius indicator readable from the operator's station. Temporary alternative measures: Radii or boom angle shall be determined by measuring the radii or boom angle with a measuring device.
- (2) Jib angle indicator if the equipment has a luffing jib. Temporary alternative measures: Radii or jib angle shall be determined by ascertaining the main boom angle and then measuring the radii or jib angle with a measuring device.
- (3) Boom length indicator if the equipment has a telescopic boom, except where the rated capacity is independent of the boom length. Temporary alternative measures: One of the following methods shall be used:
 - (A) Mark the boom with measured marks to calculate boom length; or
 - (B) Calculate boom length from boom angle and radius measurements; or
 - (C) Measure the boom with a measuring <u>device.</u>
- Load weighing and similar devices. (4) Equipment (other than derricks) manufactured after March 29, 2003 with a rated capacity over 6,000 pounds shall have at least one of the following: load weighing device, load moment (or rated capacity) indicator, or load moment (or rated capacity) limiter. Temporary alternative measures: The weight of the load shall be determined from a reliable source (such as the load's manufacturer), by a reliable calculation method (such as calculating a steel beam from measured dimensions and a known per foot weight), or by other equally reliable means. This information shall be provided to the operator prior to the lift.
- (5) The following devices are required on equipment manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section:
 - (A)Outrigger position (horizontal beam
extension) sensor/monitor if the
equipment has outriggers.
Temporary alternative measures: the
operator shall verify that the position
of the outriggers is correct (in
accordance with manufacturer
procedures) before beginning

operations requiring outrigger deployment.

(B) Hoist drum rotation indicator if the drum is not visible from the operator's station. Temporary alternative measures. Mark the drum. In addition, install mirrors or remote video cameras and displays if necessary for the operator to see the mark.

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13 NCAC 07F .0918 SAFETY DEVICES

(a) Safety Devices. The following safety devices are required on all equipment covered by this Section, unless otherwise specified:

- (1)
 Crane level indicator.

 (A)
 The equipment shall have a crane

 level indicator that is either built into

 the equipment or is available on the

 equipment.
 - (B) If a built-in crane level indicator is not working properly, the indicator shall be tagged-out or removed.
 - (C) This requirement does not apply to portal cranes, derricks, floating cranes/derricks and land cranes/derricks on barges, pontoons, vessels or other means of flotation.
- (2) Boom stops, except for derricks and hydraulic booms.
- (3) Jib stops (if a jib is attached), except for derricks.
- (4) Equipment with foot pedal brakes shall have locks, except for portal cranes and floating cranes.
- (5) Hydraulic outrigger jacks shall have an integral holding device/check valve.
- (6) Equipment on rails shall have rail clamps and rail stops, except for portal cranes.

(b) Proper operation required. Operations shall not begin unless the devices listed in this section are in proper working order. If a device stops working properly during operations, the operator shall safely stop operations. Operations shall not resume until the device is again working properly. Alternative measures are not permitted to be used.

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13 NCAC 07F .0919 SIGNALS

(a) A signal person shall be provided in each of the following situations:

- (1) The point of operation, meaning the load travel or the area near or at load placement, is not in full view of the operator.
 - (2) When the equipment is traveling, the view in the direction of travel is obstructed.

(3) Due to site specific safety concerns, either the operator or the person handling the load determines that it is necessary.

(b) Types of signals. Signals to operators shall be by hand, voice, audible, or new signals.

(c) Hand signals.

- (1) When using hand signals, the standard method as established in ASME B30.5-2004, Section 5.3.3.4 shall be used. Exception: where use of the standard method for hand signals is infeasible, or where an operation or use of an attachment is not covered in the standard method, non-standard hand signals may be used in accordance with Subparagraph (c)(2) of this Rule.
- (2) Non-standard hand signals. When using nonstandard hand signals, the signal person, operator, and lift supervisor (when there is one) shall contact each other prior to the operation and agree on the non-standard hand signals that will be used.

(d) New signals. Signals other than hand, voice or audible signals may be used where the employer demonstrates that:

- (1) The new signals provide at least equally effective communications as voice, audible, or Standard Method hand signals, or
- (2) There is a national consensus standard for the <u>new signals.</u>
- (e) Use and Suitability.
 - (1) Prior to beginning operations, the operator, signal person, and lift supervisor (if there is one), shall contact each other and agree on the voice signals that will be used. Once the voice signals are agreed upon, these employees need not meet again to discuss voice signals unless another employee is substituted, there is confusion about the voice signals, or a voice signal is to be changed.
 - (2) Each voice signal shall contain the following three elements, given in the following order: function (such as hoist, boom, etc.), direction; distance and/or speed; function, stop command.
 - (3) The operator, signal person and lift supervisor (if there is one), shall be able to effectively communicate in the language used.
 - (4) The signals used (hand, voice, audible, or new), and means of transmitting the signals to the operator (such as direct line of sight, video, radio, etc.) shall be appropriate for the site conditions.

(f) During operations requiring signals, the ability to transmit signals between the operator and signal person shall be maintained. If that ability is interrupted at any time, the operator shall safely stop operations requiring signals until it is reestablished and a proper signal is given and understood.

(g) If the operator becomes aware of a safety problem and needs to communicate with the signal person, the operator shall safely

stop operations. Operations shall not resume until the operator and signal person agree that the problem has been resolved.

(h) Only one person gives signals to a crane/derrick at a time, except in circumstances covered by Paragraph (i) of this Rule.

(i) Anyone who becomes aware of a safety problem shall alert the operator or signal person by giving the stop or emergency stop signal. (NOTE: 13 NCAC 07F .0916(z) requires the operator to obey a stop or emergency stop signal).

(j) All directions given to the operator by the signal person shall be given from the operator's direction perspective.

(k) Communication with multiple cranes/derricks. Where a signal person(s) is in communication with more than one crane/derrick, a system for identifying the crane/derrick that each signal is for shall be used, as follows:

- (1) For each signal, prior to giving the function/direction, the signal person shall identify the crane/derrick the signal is for, or
 - (2) An equally effective method of identifying which crane/derrick the signal is for shall be used.

(1) Hand signal chart. Hand signal charts shall be either posted on the equipment or readily available at the site.

(m) Radio, Telephone or Other Electronic Transmission of Signals.

- (1) The device(s) used to transmit signals shall be tested on site before beginning operations to ensure that the signal transmission is clear and reliable.
 - (2) Signal transmission shall be through a dedicated channel. Exception: Multiple cranes/derricks and one or more signal persons may share a dedicated channel for the purpose of coordinating operations.
 - (3) The operator's reception of signals shall be made by a hands-free system.

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13 NCAC 07F .0920 HOISTING PERSONNEL

The requirements of this Rule are supplemental to the other requirements in this Section and apply when one or more employees are hoisted.

- (1) The use of equipment to hoist employees is prohibited except where the employer demonstrates that the erection, use, and dismantling of conventional means of reaching the worksite, such as a personnel hoist, ladder, stairway, aerial lift, elevating work platform, or scaffold, would be more dangerous, or is not possible because of the project's structural design or worksite conditions.
- (2) Use of personnel platform.
 - (a) When using equipment to hoist employees, the employees shall be in a personnel platform that meets the requirements of Paragraph (5) of this <u>Rule.</u>
 (b) Exceptions: A personnel platform is
 - (b) Exceptions: A personnel platform is not required for hoisting employees:

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- (i) Into and out of drill shafts that are up to and including eight feet in diameter (see Item (13) of this Rule for requirements for hoisting these employees).
- (ii) In pile driving operations (see Item (14) of this Rule for requirements for hoisting these employees).
- (iii) Solely for transfer to or from a marine worksite in a marine hoisted personnel transfer device (see Item (15) of this Rule for requirements for hoisting these employees).
- (iv) In storage tank (steel or concrete), shaft and chimney operations (see Item (16) of this Rule for requirements for hoisting these employees).

(3) Equipment set-up.

- (a) The equipment shall be uniformly level, within one percent of level grade, and located on footing that a qualified person has determined to be sufficiently firm and stable.
 - (b) Equipment with outriggers shall have them all extended and locked. The amount of extension shall be the same for all outriggers and in accordance with manufacturer procedures and load charts.

(4) Equipment criteria.

- (a) Capacity: use of suspended personnel platforms. The total load (with the platform loaded, including the hook, load line and rigging) shall not exceed 50 percent of the rated capacity for the radius and configuration of the equipment, except during proof testing.
- (b) Capacity: use of boom-attached personnel platforms. The total weight of the loaded personnel platform shall not exceed 50 percent of the rated capacity for the radius and configuration of the equipment (except during proof testing).
- (c) Capacity: hoisting personnel without <u>a personnel platform. When hoisting</u> <u>personnel without a personnel</u> <u>platform pursuant to Sub-Item (2)(b)</u> <u>of this Rule, the total load (including</u> <u>the hook, load line, rigging and any</u> <u>other equipment that imposes a load)</u> <u>shall not exceed 50 percent of the</u>

rated capacity for the radius and configuration of the equipment, except during proof testing.

- (d) When the occupied personnel platform is in a stationary working position, the load and boom hoist brakes, swing brakes, and operator actuated secondary braking and locking features (such as pawls or dogs) or automatic secondary brakes shall be engaged.
- (e) Devices.
 - Equipment (except (i) for derricks) with a variable angle boom shall be equipped with: (A) A boom angle indicator, readily visible to the operator. (B) A boom hoist limiting device. Equipment with a luffing jib (ii) shall be equipped with: (A) A jib angle indicator, readily visible to the operator. **(B)** A jib hoist limiting device. Equipment with telescoping (iii) booms shall be equipped with a device to indicate the boom's extended length clearly to the operator, or shall have measuring marks on the boom. Anti-two-block. A device (iv) which automatically prevents damage and load failure from contact between the load block, overhaul ball, or similar component, and the boom tip (or fixed upper block or similar component) shall be used. The device(s) shall prevent damage/failure at all points where twoblocking could occur. Exception: This device is not required when hoisting personnel in pile driving operations. Instead, Sub-Item (14)(b) of this Rule specifies how to prevent two-blocking during such operations. Controlled load lowering. (v)

shall have a system, other the load line hoist brake, which regulates the lowering rate of speed of the hoist mechanism. This system or device shall be used when hoisting personnel. (NOTE: free fall of the load line hoist is prohibited (see 13 NCAC 07F .0916(v)(4)); the use of equipment in which the boom hoist mechanism can free fall is also prohibited (see 13 NCAC 07F .0916(v)(1)(A)). Proper operation required. Personnel hoisting operations shall not begin unless the devices listed in this section are in proper working order. If a device stops working properly during such operations, the operator shall safely stop operations. Personnel hoisting operations shall not resume until the device is again working properly. Alternative measures are not

(f) Direct attachment of a personnel platform to a luffing jib is prohibited.

(5) Personnel platform criteria.

(vi)

- (a) The personnel platform and attachments/suspension system shall be designed for hoisting personnel by a qualified engineer or a qualified person competent in structural design.
 - (b) The system used to connect the personnel platform to the equipment shall allow the platform to remain within 10 degrees of level, regardless of boom angle.
 - (c) The suspension system shall be designed to minimize tipping of the platform due to movement of employees occupying the platform.
 - (d) The personnel platform itself (excluding the guardrail system and personal fall arrest system anchorages), shall be capable of supporting, without failure, its own weight and at least five times the maximum intended load.
 - (e) All welding of the personnel platform and its components shall be performed by a certified welder familiar with the weld grades, types

and material specified in the platform design.

- (f) The personnel platform shall be equipped with a guardrail system which meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1926, Subpart M, and shall be enclosed at least from the toeboard to mid-rail with either solid construction material of expanded metal having openings no greater than ½ inch (1.27 cm). Points to which personal fall arrest systems are attached shall meet the anchorage requirements in 29 CFR 1926, Subpart M.
- (g) A grab rail shall be installed inside the entire perimeter of the personnel platform except for access gates/doors.
- (h) Access gates/doors. If installed, access gates/doors of all types (including swinging, sliding, folding, or other types) shall:
 - (i) Not swing outward.
 - (ii) Be equipped with a device that prevents accidental opening.
- (i) Headroom shall be sufficient to all employees to stand upright in the platform.
- (j) In addition to the use of hard hats, employees shall be protected by overhead protection on the personnel platform when employees are exposed to falling objects. The platform overhead protection shall not obscure the view of the operator or platform occupants (such as wire mesh that has up to ½ inch openings), unless full protection is necessary.
- (k) All edges exposed to employee contact shall be smooth enough to prevent injury.
- (1) The weight of the platform and its rated capacity shall be conspicuously posted on the platform with a plate or other permanent marking.
- (6)Personnel platform loading.(a)The personnel platform shall not be
 - loaded in excess of its rated capacity.

 (b) Use.

 (i)
 Personnel platforms shall be used only for employees, their tools, and the materials necessary to do their work.

 Platforms shall not be used to hoist materials or tools when not beigting personnel
 - when not hoisting personnel.(ii)Exception: materials and
tools to be used during the

			lift, if secured and distribute
			in accordance with Sub-Item
			(6)(c) of this Rule, may be in
			the platform for trial lifts.
	(c)		s and tools shall be:
		<u>(i)</u>	Secured to prevent
		<i></i>	displacement.
		<u>(ii)</u>	Evenly distributed within the
			confines of the platform
	(4)	The num	while it is suspended.
	<u>(d)</u>		nber of employees occupying rsonnel platform shall not
			the maximum number the
			was designed to hold or the
		-	required to perform the work,
			er is less.
(7)	Attachm	nent and r	
	<u>(a)</u>		nd other detachable devices.
		<u>(i)</u>	Hooks used in connection
			between the hoist line and
			the personnel platform
			(including hooks on
			overhaul ball assemblies,
			lower load blacks, bridle
			legs, or other attachment assemblies or components)
			shall be:
			(A) Of a type that can
			be closed and
			locked, eliminating
			the throat opening.
			(B) Closed and locked
			when attached.
		(ii)	Shackles used in place of
			hooks shall be of the alloy
			anchor type, with either:
			(A) A bolt, nut and
			<u>retaining pin, in</u>
			$\frac{\text{place; or}}{\text{(B)}}$
			(B) Of the screw type, with the screw pin
			secured from
			accidental removal.
		(iii)	Where other detachable
		<u>.</u>	devices are used, they shall
			be of the type that can be
			closed and locked to the
			same extent as the devices
			addressed in Sub-Items
			(7)(a)(i) and $(7)(a)(ii)$ of this
			Rule. Such devices shall be
			closed and locked when
	(\mathbf{b})	Rona D.	<u>attached.</u> ridle. When a rope bridle is
	<u>(b)</u>		o suspend the personnel
			, each bridle leg shall be
			ed to a master link or shackle
			mer that ensures that the load

is evenly divided among the bridle legs.

- (c)Rigging hardware (including wire
rope, shackles, rings, master links,
and other rigging hardware) and
hooks shall be capable of supporting,
without failure, at least five times the
maximum intended load applied or
transmitted to that component.
Where rotation resistant rope is used,
the slings shall be capable of
supporting without failure at least ten
times the maximum intended load.
- (d) Eyes in wire rope slings shall be fabricated with thimbles.
- (e) Bridles and associated rigging for suspending the personnel platform shall be used only for the platform and the necessary employees, their tools and materials necessary to do their work, and shall not be used for any other purpose when not hoisting personnel.
- (8) Trial lift and inspection.
 - (a) A trial lift with the unoccupied personnel platform loaded at least to the anticipated lift weight shall be made from ground level, or any other location where employees will enter the platform, to each location at which the platform is to be hoisted and positioned. Where there is more than one location to be reached from a single set-up position, either individual trial lifts for each location, or a single trial lift for all locations, shall be performed.
 - (b) The trial lift shall be performed immediately prior to each shift in which personnel will be hoisted. In addition, the trial lift shall be repeated prior to hoisting employees in each of the following circumstances:
 - (i) The equipment is moved and set up on a new location or returned to a previously used location.
 - (ii) The lift route is changed, unless the competent person determines that the new route presents no new factors affecting safety.
 - (c) The competent person shall determine <u>that:</u> (i) Safety devices and
 - operational aids required by this Section are activated and functioning properly. Other safety devices and

operational aids shall meet the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0917 and 13 NCAC 07F .0918.

- (ii) Nothing interferes with the equipment or the personnel platform in the course of the trial lift.
- (iii) The lift will not exceed 50 percent of the equipment's rated capacity at any time during the lift.
- (iv) The load radius to be used during the lift has been accurately determined.
- (d) Immediately after the trial lift, the competent person shall:
 - (i) Conduct a visual inspection of the equipment, base support or ground, and personnel platform, to determine whether the trial lift has exposed any defect or problem or produced any adverse effect.
 - (ii) Confirm that, upon completion of the trial lift process, the test weight has been removed.
- (e) Immediately prior to each lift:
 - (i) The platform shall be hoisted a few inches and inspected by a competent person to ensure that it is secure and properly balanced.
 - (ii) The following conditions shall be determined by a competent person to exist before the lift of personnel proceeds:
 - (A) Hoist ropes shall be free of deficiencies in accordance with 13 NCAC 07F .0914(b)(1).
 - (B) Multiple part lines shall not be twisted around each other.
 - (C) The primary attachment shall be centered over the platform.
 - (D) If the load rope is slack, the hoisting system shall be inspected to ensure that all ropes are properly seated on

- drums and in sheaves.
- (f) Any condition found during the trial lift and subsequent inspection(s) that fails to meet a requirement of this Section or otherwise creates a safety hazard shall be corrected before hoisting personnel.
- (9) Proof Testing.
 - (a) At each jobsite, prior to hoisting employees on the personnel platform, and after any repair or modification, the platform and rigging shall be proof tested to 125 percent of the platform's rated capacity. The proof test may be done concurrently with the trial lift.
 - (b) The platform shall be lowered by controlled load lowering, braked and held in a suspended position for a minimum of five minutes with the test load evenly distributed on the platform.
 - (c) After proof testing, a competent person shall inspect the platform and rigging to determine if the test has been passed. If any deficiencies are found that pose a safety hazard, the platform and rigging shall not be used to hoist personnel unless the deficiencies are corrected, the test is repeated, and a competent person determines that the test has been passed.
 - (d) Personnel hoisting shall not be conducted until the competent person determines that the platform and rigging have successfully passed the proof test.
- (10) Work practices.
 - (a) Hoisting of the personnel platform shall be performed in a slow, controlled, cautious manner, with no sudden movements of the equipment or the platform.
 - (b)
 Platform occupants shall:

 (i)
 Keep all parts of the body inside the platform during raising, lowering, and horizontal movement. This provision does not apply to an occupant of the platform when necessary to position the platform or while performing the duties of a signal person.
 - (ii) Not stand, sit on, or work from the top or intermediate rail or toeboard, or use any

other means/device to raise their working height.

- (iii) Not pull the platform out of plumb in relation to the hoisting equipment.
- (c) Before employees exit or enter a hoisted personnel platform that is not landed, the platform shall be secured to the structure where the work is to be performed, unless securing to the structure would create a greater hazard.
- (d) If the platform is tied to the structure, the operator shall not move the platform until the operator receives confirmation that it is freely suspended.
- (e) Tag lines shall be used when necessary to control the platform.
- (f) Platforms without controls. Where the platform is not equipped with controls, the equipment operator shall remain at the equipment controls at all times while the platform is occupied.
- (g)Platforms with controls. Where the
platform is equipped with controls,
the following shall be met at all times
while the platform is occupied:

(i) The occupant using the controls in the platform shall be a qualified person with respect to their use, including the safe limitations of the equipment and hazards associated with its operation.

- (ii) The equipment operator shall be at the equipment controls, or in the personnel platform, or on site and in view of the equipment.
- (iii) The platform operating manual shall be in the platform or on the equipment.
- (h) Environmental conditions.
 - (i) Wind. When wind speed (sustained or gusts) exceeds 20 mph at the personnel platform, a qualified person shall determine if, in light of the wind conditions, it is not safe to lift personnel. If it is not, the lifting operation shall not begin (or, if already in progress, shall be terminated).

(ii) Other weather and environmental conditions. A qualified personal shall determine if, in light of indications of dangerous weather conditions, or other impending or existing danger, it is not safe to lift personnel. If it is not, the lifting operation shall not begin (or, if already in progress, shall be terminated). (i) Employees being hoisted shall remain in direct communication with the signal person (where used), or the operator. Fall protection. (i) Except (i) over water, employees occupying the personnel platform shall be provided and use a personal fall arrest system. The system shall be attached to a structural member within the personnel platform. The fall arrest system, (ii) including the attachment point (anchorage) used to comply with Sub-Item (10)(j)(i) of this Rule, shall meet the requirements in 29 CFR 1926.502. NOTE: When working over or near water, the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.106 apply. (k) Other load lines. (i) No lifts shall be made on any other of the equipment's load lines while personnel are being hoisted, except in pile driving operations. Factory-produced (ii) boommounted personnel platforms that incorporate a winch as original equipment: loads are permitted to be hoisted by such a winch while employees occupy the personnel platform only where the load on the winch line does not exceed 500 pounds and does not exceed the rated capacity of the winch and platform. Traveling - equipment other than (1) derricks.

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(i)	Hoistir	ng of employees while
<u>(1)</u>		
		lipment is traveling is
		ited, except for:
	<u>(A)</u>	Equipment that
		travels on fixed
		<u>rails, or</u>
	(B)	Where the
		<u>employer</u>
		demonstrates that
		there is no less
		hazardous way to
		perform the work.
	(C)	
	<u>(C)</u>	This exception does
		not apply to rubber-
<i></i>	** **	tired equipment.
<u>(ii)</u>		employees are
		l while the equipment
		veling, the following
	criteria	shall be met:
	(A)	Crane travel shall
		be restricted to a
		fixed track or
		runway.
	(B)	Where a runway is
	<u>(D)</u>	used, it shall be a
		firm, level surface
		designed, prepared
		and designated as a
		path of travel for
		the weight and
		configuration of the
		equipment being
		used to lift and
		travel with the
		personnel platform.
		An existing surface
		may be used as
		long as it meets
		these criteria.
	<u>(C)</u>	Travel shall be
	<u>(C)</u>	
		limited to boom
		<u>length.</u> The beam shall be
	<u>(D)</u>	The boom shall be
		parallel to the
		direction of travel,
		except where it is
		safer to do
		otherwise.
	(E)	A complete trial run
		shall be performed
		to test the route of
		travel before
		employees are
		allowed to occupy
		the platform. This
		performed at the
		same time as the
		trial lift required by

Item (8) of this Rule which tests the lift route.

- (m) Traveling derricks. Derricks are prohibited from traveling while personnel are hoisted.
- (11) Pre-lift meeting. A pre-lift meeting shall be:
 - (a) Held to review the applicable requirements of this Rule and the procedures that will be followed.
 - (b) Attended by the equipment operator, signal person (if used for the lift), employees to be hoisted, and the person responsible for the task to be performed.
 - (c) Held prior to the trial lift at each new work location, and shall be repeated for any employees newly assigned to the operation.
- (12) Hoisting personnel near power lines. Hoisting personnel within 20 feet of a power line that is up to 350 kV, and hoisting personnel within 50 feet of a power line that exceeds 350 kV, is prohibited, except for work covered by 29 CFR 1926, Subpart V (Power Transmission and Distribution). If the operating voltage of the power line exceeds 1,000 kV, then the minimum clearance distance shall be established by a qualified engineer or by the owner or operator of the power line who is a qualified person with respect to electrical power transmission and distribution.
- (13) Hoisting personnel in drill shafts. When hoisting employees into and out of drill shafts that are up to and including 8 feet in diameter, the following requirements shall be met:
 - (a) The employee shall be in either a personnel platform or on a boatswain's chair.
 - (b) If using a personnel platform, Paragraphs (1) through (12) of this Rule apply.
 - (c) If using a boatswain's chair: (i) The following Items of this Rule apply: (1), (3), (4)(a), (1)
 - (4)(c), (4)(d), 5(a), (5)(b), (5)(c), (6)(a), (6)(b)(i), (6)(c)(i), (7), (8), (10)(a), (10)(f), (10)(h), (10)(i), (10)(k)(i), (11) and (12). Where the terms "personnel platform" or "platform" are used in these Paragraphs, substitute them with "boatswain's chair." A signal person shall be
 - (ii) A signal person shall be stationed at the shaft opening.

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- (iii) The employee shall be hoisted in a slow, controlled descent and ascent.
- (iv) The employee shall use personal fall protection equipment, including a full body harness, attached independent of the crane/derrick.
- (v) The fall protection equipment shall meet the applicable requirements in 29 CFR 1926.502.

(vi) The boatswain's chair itself (excluding the personal fall arrest system anchorages), shall be capable of supporting, without failure, its own weight and at least five times the maximum intended load.

- (vii) No more than one person shall be hoisted at a time.
- (14) Hoisting personnel for pile driving operations. <u>When hoisting an employee in pile driving</u> <u>operations, the following requirements shall be</u> <u>met:</u>
 - (a) The employee shall be in a personnel platform or boatswain's chair.
 - (b) For lattice boom cranes, clearly mark the cable (so that it can easily be seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time to stop the hoist to prevent twoblocking, or use a spotter. For telescopic boom cranes, clearly mark the cable (so that it can be easily seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time to stop the hoist to prevent twoblocking, and use a spotter.
 - (c)If using a personnel platform, Items(2) through (12) of this Rule apply.(d)If using a boatswain's chair:

(i) The following Items of this Rule apply: (1), (3), (4)(a), (4)(c), (4)(d), 5(a), (5)(b),(5)(c), (6)(a), (6)(b)(i),(6)(c)(i), (7), (8), (9), (10)(a), (10)(f), (10)(h), (10)(i), (10)(k)(i), (11) and (12). Where the terms "personnel platform" or "platform" are used in these Paragraphs, substitute them with "boatswain's chair." (ii) The employee shall be hoisted in a slow, controlled

descent and ascent.

- (iii)The employee shall use
personal fall protection
equipment, including a full
body harness, independently
attached to the lower load
block or overhall ball.(iv)The fall protection
- equipment shall meet the applicable requirements in 29 CFR 1926.502.
- (15) Hoisting personnel for marine transfer. When hoisting employees solely for transfer to or from a marine worksite, the following requirements shall be met:
 - (a) The employee shall be in either a personnel platform or a marine hoisted personnel transfer device.
 - (b) If using a personnel platform, <u>Paragraphs (1) through (12) of this</u> <u>Rule apply.</u>
 - (c) If using a marine hoisted personnel transfer device: (i) The following Items of this
 - The following Items of this

 Rule apply: (1), (3)(b),

 (4)(a), (4)(c), (4)(d), (5)(a)

 through (5)(e), (5)(l), (6)(a),

 (7), (8), (9), (10)(a), (10)(h),

 (10)(i), (10)(j)(ii), (10)(k)(i),

 (10)(l), (11) and (12).

 Where the terms "personnel

 platform" or "platform" are

 used in these paragraphs,

 substitute them with "marine

 hoisted personnel transfer

 device."
 - (ii) The transfer device shall be used only for transferring employees.
 - (iii) The number of employees occupying the transfer device shall not exceed the maximum number it was designed to hold.
 - (iv) Each employee shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard personal flotation device approved for industrial use.
- (16) Hoisting personnel for storage tank (steel or concrete), shaft and chimney operations. When hoisting an employee in storage tank (steel or concrete), shaft and chimney operations, the following requirements shall be met:
 - (a) The employee shall be in a personnel platform except where use of a personnel platform is infeasible; in such a case, a boatswain's chair shall be used.

- (b) If using a personnel platform, Items (1) through (12) of this Rule apply.
- (c) If using a boatswain's chair:
 - (i)
 The following Items of this Rule apply: (1), (3), (4)(a), (4)(c), (4)(d), (5)(a), (5)(b), (5)(c), (6)(a), (6)(b)(i), (6)(c)(i), (7), (8), (10)(a), (10)(f), (10)(h), (10)(i), (10)(k)(i), (11) and (12).

 Where the terms "personnel platform" or "platform" are used in these paragraphs, substitute them with "boatswain's chair."
 - (ii) The employees shall be hoisted in a slow, controlled descent and ascent.
 - (iii) The employee shall use personal fall protection equipment, including a full body harness, attached independent of the crane/derrick.
 - (iv) The fall protection equipment shall meet the applicable requirements in 29 CFR 1926.502.
 - (v) The boatswain's chair itself (excluding the personal fall arrest system anchorages), shall be capable of supporting, without failure, its own weight and at least five times the maximum intended load.
 - (vi)No more than one personshall be hoisted at a time.

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13 NCAC 07F .0921 TOWER CRANES

(a) This Rule contains supplemental requirements for tower cranes; all rules of this Section apply to tower cranes unless specified otherwise.

(b) Erecting, climbing and dismantling.

- (1) 13 NCAC 07F .0912 (assembly and disassembly of equipment) applies to tower cranes (except as otherwise specified), except that the term "assembly/disassembly" is replaced by "erecting, climbing and dismantling," and the term "disassembly" is replaced by "dismantling."
- (2) Dangerous areas (self-erecting tower cranes). In addition to the requirement in 13 NCAC 07F .0912(g), for self-erecting tower cranes, the following applies: Employees shall not be in or under the tower, jib, or rotating portion of the crane during erecting, climbing and

dismantling operations until the crane is secured in a locked position and the competent person in charge indicates it is safe to enter this area, unless the manufacturer's instructions direct otherwise and only the necessary personnel are permitted in this area.

- (3) Foundations and structural supports. Tower crane foundations and structural supports shall be designed by the manufacturer or a qualified engineer.
- (4) Addressing specific hazards. The requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0912(j)(1) through (j)(9) apply. In addition, the A/D supervisor shall address the following:
 - (A) Foundations and structural supports. The A/D supervisor shall verify that tower crane foundations and structural supports are installed in accordance with their design.
 - (B) Loss of backward stability. <u>Backward stability shall be</u> <u>considered before swinging self-</u> <u>erecting cranes or cranes on traveling</u> <u>or static undercarriages.</u>
 - (C) Wind speed. Wind shall not exceed the speed recommended by the manufacturer or, where manufacturer does not specify this information, the speed determined by a qualified person.
- (5) Plumb tolerance. Towers shall be erected plumb to the manufacturer's tolerance and verified by a qualified engineer. Where the manufacturer does not specify plumb tolerance, the crane tower shall be plumb to a tolerance of at least 1:500 (approximately 1 inch in 40 feet).
- (6) Multiple tower crane jobsites. On jobsites where more than one fixed jib (hammerhead) tower crane is installed, the cranes shall be located so that no crane may come in contact with the structure of another crane. Cranes are permitted to pass over one another.
- (7) Climbing procedures. Prior to, and during, all climbing procedures (including inside climbing and top climbing), the employer shall:
 - (A) Comply with all manufacturer prohibitions.
 - (B) Have a qualified engineer verify that the host structure is strong enough to sustain the forces imposed through the braces, brace anchorages and supporting floors.
 - (C) Ensure that no part of the climbing procedure takes place when wind exceeds the speed recommended by the manufacturer or, where the manufacturer does not specify this

information, the speed determined by a qualified person.

 (8) Counterweight/ballast.

 (A)
 Equipment shall not be erected, dismantled or operated without the amount and position of counterweight and/or ballast in place as specified by the manufacturer or a qualified engineer familiar with the equipment.

 (B)
 The maximum counterweight and/or ballast specified by the manufacturer or qualified engineer familiar with the equipment shall not be exceeded.

(c) Signs. The size and location of signs installed on tower cranes shall be in accordance with manufacturer specifications. Where these are unavailable, a qualified engineer familiar with the type of equipment involved shall approve in writing the size and location of any signs.

(d) Safety devices.

- (1) 13 NCAC 07F .0918 does not apply to tower cranes.
- (2) The following safety devices are required on all tower cranes unless otherwise specified:
 - (A) Boom stops on luffing boom type tower cranes.
 - (B) Jib stops on luffing boom type tower cranes if equipped with a jib attachment.
 - (C) Travel rail end stops at both ends of travel rail.
 - (D) Travel rail clamps on all travel bogies.
 - (E) Integrally mounted check valves on all load supporting hydraulic cylinders.
 - (F) Hydraulic system pressure limiting device.
 - (G) The following brakes, which shall automatically set in the event of pressure loss or power failure, are required:
 - (i) A hoist brake on all hoists.
 - (ii) Swing brake.
 - (iii) Trolley brake.
 - (iv) Rail travel brake.
 - (H) Deadman control or forced neutral return control (hand) levers.
 - (I) Emergency stop switch at the operator's station.
 - (J)
 Trolley end stops shall be provided at both ends of travel of the trolley.
- (3) Proper operation required. Operations shall not begin unless the devices listed in this section are in proper working order. If a device stops working properly during operations, the operator shall safely stop operations. Operations shall not resume until the device is again working properly.

Alternative measures are not permitted to be used.

- (e) Operational aids.
 - (1) 13 NCAC 07F .0917 does not apply to tower cranes.
 - (2) The devices listed in this section ("operational aids") are required on all tower cranes covered by this Section, unless otherwise specified.
 - (3) Operations shall not begin unless the operational aids are in proper working order, except where the employer meets the specified temporary alternative measures. More protective alternative measures specified by the tower crane manufacturer, if any, shall be followed.
 - (4) If an operational aid stops working properly during operations, the operator shall safely stop operations until the temporary alternative measures are implemented or the device is again working properly. If a replacement part is no longer available, the use of a substitute device that performs the same type of function is permitted and is not considered a modification under 13 NCAC 07F .0911.
 - (5) Category I operational aids and alternative measures. Operational aids listed in this paragraph that are not working properly shall be repaired no later than seven days after the deficiency occurs. Exception: if the employer documents that it has ordered the necessary parts within seven days of the occurrence of the deficiency, the repair shall be completed with seven days of receipt of the parts.
 - (A) Trolley travel limiting device. The travel of the trolley shall be restricted at both ends of the jib by a trolley travel limiting device to prevent the trolley from running into the trolley end stops. Temporary alternative measures:
 - (i) Option A. The trolley rope shall be marked (so it can be seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time to stop the trolley prior to the end stops.
 - (ii) Option B. A spotter shall be used when operations are conducted within 10 feet of the outer or inner trolley end stops.
 - (B) Boom hoist limiting device. The range of the boom shall be limited at the minimum and maximum radius. Temporary alternative measures: Clearly mark the cable (so it can be seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time

to stop the boom hoist within the minimum and maximum boom radius, or use a spotter.

- (C) Anti two-blocking device. The tower crane shall be equipped with a device which automatically prevents damage from contact between the load block, overhaul ball, or similar component, and the boom tip (or fixed upper block or similar component). The device(s) shall prevent such damage at all points where two-blocking could occur. Temporary alternative measures. Clearly mark the cable (so it can be seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time to stop the hoist to prevent two-blocking, or use a spotter.
- (D) Hoist drum lower limiting device. Tower cranes manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section shall be equipped with a device that prevents the last two wraps of hoist cable from being spooled off the drum. Temporary alternative measures: Mark the cable (so it can be seen by the operator) at a point that will give the operator sufficient time to stop the hoist prior to the last two wraps of hoist cable being spooled off the drum, or use a spotter.
- (E) Load moment limiting device. The tower crane shall have a device that prevents moment overloading. Temporary alternative measures: A radius indicating device shall be used (if the tower crane is not equipped with a radius indicating device, the radius shall be measured to ensure the load is within the rated capacity of the crane). In addition, the weight of the load shall be determined from a reliable source (such as the load's manufacturer), by a reliable calculation method (such as calculating a steel beam from measured dimensions and a known per foot weight), or by other equally reliable means. This information shall be provided to the operator prior to the lift. (F)
- (F) Hoist line pull limiting device. The capacity of the hoist shall be limited to prevent overloading, including each individual gear ratio if equipped with a multiple speed hoist transmission. Temporary alternative

measures: The operator shall ensure that the weight of the load does not exceed the capacity of the hoist (including for each individual gear ratio if equipped with a multiple speed hoist transmission).

- (G) Rail travel limiting device. The travel distance in each direction shall be limited to prevent the travel bogies from running into the end stops or buffers. Temporary alternative measures: A spotter shall be used when operations are conducted within 10 feet of either end of the travel rail end stops.
- (H)Boom hoist drum positive locking
device. The boom hoist drum shall
be equipped with a device to
positively lock the boom hoist drum.
Temporary alternative measures: The
device shall be manually set when
required if an electric, hydraulic or
automatic type is not functioning.
- (6) Category II operational aids and alternative measures. Operational aids listed in this paragraph that are not working properly shall be repaired no later than 30 days after the deficiency occurs. Exception: If the employer documents that it has ordered the necessary parts within seven days of the occurrence of the deficiency, and the part is not received in time to complete the repair in 30 days, the repair shall be completed within seven days of receipt of the parts.
 - (A) Boom angle or hook radius indicator. Luffing boom tower cranes (i) shall have a boom angle indicator readable from the operator's station. (ii) Hammerhead tower cranes manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section shall have a hook radius indicator readable from the operator's station. Temporary alternative (iii) Hook radii or measures: boom angle shall be determined by measuring the hook radii or boom angle with a measuring device. Trolley travel deceleration device. (B) The trolley speed shall be automatically reduced prior to the trolley reaching the end limit in both directions. Temporary alternative measure: The operator shall reduce

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the trolley speed when approaching the trolley end limits.

- (C)Boom hoist deceleration device. The
boom speed shall be automatically
reduced prior to the boom reaching
the minimum or maximum radius
limit. Temporary alternative
measure: The operator shall reduce
the boom speed when approaching
the boom maximum or minimum end
limits.
- (D) Load hoist deceleration device. The load speed shall be automatically reduced prior to the hoist reaching the upper limit. Temporary alternative measure: The operator shall reduce the hoist speed when approaching the upper limit.
- (E) Wind speed indicator. A device shall be provided to display the wind speed and shall be mounted above the upper rotating structure on tower cranes. On self erecting cranes, it shall be mounted at or above the jib level. Temporary alternative measures: Use of wind speed information from a properly functioning indicating device on another tower crane on the same site, or a qualified person estimates the wind speed.
- Load indicating device. (F) Cranes manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section shall have a device that displays the magnitude of the load on the hook. Displays that are part of load moment limiting devices that display the load on the hook meet this requirement. Temporary alternative measures: The weight of the load shall be determined from a reliable source (such as the load's manufacturer), by a reliable calculation method (such as calculating a steel beam from measured dimensions and a known per foot weight), or by other equally reliable means. This information shall be provided to the operator prior to the lift.
- (f) Inspections.
 - (1) 13 NCAC 07F .0915 (Inspections) applies to tower cranes, except that the term "assembly" is replaced by "erection."
 - (2) Post-erection inspections. In addition to the requirements in 13 NCAC 07F .0915(c), the following requirements shall be met:
 - (A) A load test using certified weights, or scaled weights using a certified scale with a current certificate of

calibration, shall be conducted after each erection.

- (B) The load test shall be conducted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Where these instructions are unavailable, a qualified engineer familiar with the type of equipment involved shall develop written load test procedures.
- (3) Monthly. The following additional items shall be included:
 - (A) Tower (mast) bolts and other structural bolts (for loose or dislodged condition) from the base of the tower crane up or, if the crane is tied to or braced by the structure, those above the upper-most brace support.
 - (B) The upper-most tie-in, braces, floor supports and floor wedges where the tower crane is supported by the structure, for loose or dislodged components.

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13 NCAC 07F .0922 DERRICKS

(a) This Rule contains supplemental requirements for derricks, whether temporary or permanently mounted; all rules of this Section apply to derricks unless specified otherwise. A derrick is powered equipment consisting of a mast or equivalent member that is held at or near the end by guys or braces, with or without a boom, and its hoisting mechanism. The mast/equivalent member and/or the load is moved by the hoisting mechanism (typically base-mounted) and operating ropes. Derricks include: A-frame, basket, breast, Chicago boom, gin pole (except gin poles used for erection of communication towers), guy, shearleg, stiffleg, and variations of such equipment.

(b) Operation – procedures.

- (1) The following paragraphs of 13 NCAC 07F .0916 (Operation of Equipment) apply: Paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (f) through (m), (o) through (s), (u), (w) through (bb).
- (2) Load chart contents. Load charts shall contain at least the following information:
 - (A) Rated capacity at corresponding ranges of boom angle or operating radii.
 - (B) Specific lengths of components to which the rated capacities apply.
 - (C) Required parts for hoist reeving.
 - (D) Size and construction of rope shall be included on the load chart or in the operating manual.
- (3) Load chart location.
 - (A) Permanent installations. For permanently installed derricks with fixed lengths of boom, guy, and mast, a load chart shall be posted where it is

visible to personnel responsible for the operation of the equipment.

(B) Non-permanent installations. For derricks that are not permanently installed, the load chart shall be readily available at the job site to personnel responsible for the operation of the equipment.

(c) Construction.

- (1) General requirements.
 - (A) Derricks shall be constructed to meet all stresses imposed on members and components when installed and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's/builder's procedures and within its rated capacity.
 - (B) Welding of load sustaining members shall conform to recommended practices in ANSI/AWS D14.3-1994 or D1.1-2002.

(2) Guy derricks.

- (A) The minimum number of guys shall be six, with equal spacing, except where a qualified person or derrick manufacturer approves variations from these requirements and revises the rated capacity to compensate for such variations.
 - (B) Guy derricks shall not be used unless the employer has the following guy information:
 - (i) The number of guys.
 - (ii) The spacing around the mast.
 - (iii) The size, grade, and construction of rope to be used for each guy.
 - (C) For guy derricks manufactured after December 18, 1970, in addition to the information required in Subparagraph (c)(2) of this Rule, the employer shall have the following guy information:
 - (i) The amount of initial sag or tension
 - (ii) The amount of tension in guy line rope at anchor.
 - (D) The mast base shall permit the mast to rotate freely with allowance for slight tilting of the mast caused by guy slack.
 - (E) The mast cap shall: (i) Permit the mast to rotate <u>freely.</u> (ii) Withstend tilting and
 - (ii) Withstand tilting and cramping caused by the guy loads.
 - (iii) Be secured to the mast to prevent disengagement during erection.

- (iv) Be provided with means for attaching guy ropes.
- (3)
 Stiffleg derricks.

 (A)
 The mast shall be supported in the vertical position by at least two stifflegs; one end of each shall be connected to the top of the mast and the other end securely anchored.
 - (B) The stifflegs shall be capable of withstanding the loads imposed at any point of operation within the load chart range.
 - (C) The mast base shall:
 - (i) Permit the mast to rotate freely (when necessary).
 - (ii) Permit deflection of the mast without binding.
 - (D) The mast shall be prevented from lifting out of its socket when the mast is in tension.
 - (E) The stiffleg connecting member at the top of the mast shall:
 - (i) Permit the mast to rate freely (when necessary).
 - (ii) Withstand the loads imposed by the action of the stifflegs.
 - (iii) Be secured so as to oppose separating forces.
- (4) Gin pole derricks.
 - (A) Guy lines shall be sized and spaced so as to make the gin pole stable in both boomed and vertical positions. Exception: Where the size and/or spacing of guy lines do not result in the gin pole being stable in both boomed and vertical positions, the employer shall ensure that the derrick is not used in an unstable position.
 - (B) The base of the gin pole shall permit movement of the pole (when necessary).
 - (C) The gin pole shall be anchored at the base against horizontal forces (when such forces are present).
- (5) Chicago boom derricks. The fittings for stepping the boom and for attaching the topping lift shall be arranged to:
 - (A) Permit the derrick to swing at all permitted operating radii and mounting heights between fittings.
 - (B) Accommodate attachment to the upright member of the host structure.
 - (C) Withstand the forces applied when configured and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's/builder's procedures and within its rated capacity.
 - (D) Prevent the boom or topping lift from lifting out under tensile forces.

(d) Anchoring and guying.

- (1) Load anchoring data developed by the manufacturer or a qualified person shall be used.
- (2) Guy derricks.
 - (A) The mast base shall be anchored.
 - (B) The guys shall be secured to the ground or other firm anchorage.
 - (C) The anchorage and guying shall be designed to withstand maximum horizontal and vertical forces encountered when operating within rated capacity with the particular guy slope and spacing specified for the application.
- (3) Stiffleg derricks.
 - (A) The mast base and stifflegs shall be anchored.
 - (B) The mast base and stifflegs shall be designed to withstand maximum horizontal and vertical forces encountered when operating within rated capacity with the particular stiffleg spacing and slope specified for the application.

(e) Swingers and hoists.

(1) The boom, swinger mechanisms and hoists shall be suitable for the derrick work intended and shall be anchored to prevent displacement from the imposed loads.

(2) Base-mounted drum hoists.

- (A) Base mounted drum hoists shall meet the requirements in the following sections of ANSI/ASME B30.7-2001: (i) Section 7-1.1 (Load ratings
 - and markings).(ii)Sections7-1.2
 - (Construction), except: 7-1.2.13 (Operator's cab); 7-1.2.15 (Fire extinguishers).
 - (iii) Section 7-1.3 (Installation).
 - (iv) Applicable terms in Section 7-0.2 (Definitions).
 - (B) Load tests for new hoists. The employer shall ensure that new hoists are load tested to a minimum of 100% of rated capacity, but not more than 125% of rated capacity, unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer. This requirement is met where the manufacturer has conducted this testing.
 - (C) Repaired or modified hoists. Hoists that have had repairs, modifications or additions affecting their capacity or safe operation shall be evaluated by a qualified person to determine if a load test is necessary. If it is, load testing shall be conducted in accordance with

Parts (e)(2)(B) and (e)(2)(D) of this Rule.

- (D) Load test procedure. Load tests required by Parts (e)(2)(B) or (e)(2)(C) of this Rule shall be conducted as follows:
 - (i) The test load shall be hoisted <u>a vertical distance to ensure</u> that the load is supported by <u>the hoist and held by the</u> <u>hoist brake(s).</u>
 - (ii) The test load shall be lowered, stopped and held with the brake(s).
 - (iii) The hoist shall not be used unless a competent person determines that the test has been passed.
- (f) Operational aids.
 - (1) 13 NCAC 07F .0917 (Operational aids) applies, except for 13 NCAC 07F .0917(d)(1) (Boom hoist limiting device), 13 NCAC 07F .0917(e)(1) (Boom angle or radius indicator) and 13 NCAC 07F .0917(e)(4) (Load weighing and similar devices).
 - (2) Boom angle aid. The employer shall ensure that either:
 - (A) The boom hoist cable shall be marked with caution and stop marks. The stop marks shall correspond to maximum and minimum allowable boom angles. The caution and stop marks shall be in view of the operator, or a spotter who is in direct communication with the operator; or
 - (B) An electronic or other device that signals the operator in time to prevent the boom from moving past its maximum and minimum angles, or automatically prevents such movement, is used.
 - Load weight/capacity devices. Derricks (3) manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section with a maximum rated capacity over 6,000 pounds shall have at least one of the following: load weighing device, load moment indicator, rated capacity indicator, or rated capacity limiter. Temporary alternative measures: The weight of the load shall be determined from a reliable source (such as the load's manufacturer), by a reliable calculation method (such as calculating a steel beam from measured dimensions and a known per foot weight), or by other equally reliable means. This information shall be provided to the operator prior to the lift.

(g) Post-assembly approval and testing – new or reinstalled derricks.

(1) Anchorages.

- (A) Anchorages, including the structure to which the derrick is attached (if applicable), shall be approved by a qualified person.
- (B) If using a rock or hairpin anchorage, the qualified person shall determine if any special testing of the anchorage is needed. If so, it shall be tested accordingly.
- (2) Functional test. Prior to initial use, new or reinstalled derricks shall be tested by a competent person with no hook load to verify proper operation. This test shall include:
 - (A) Lifting and lowering the hook(s) through the full range of hook travel.
 - (B) Raising and lowering the boom through the full range of boom travel.
 - (C) Swinging in each direction through the full range of swing.
 - (D) Actuating the anti two-block and boom hoist limit devices (if provided).
 - (E) Actuating locking, limiting and indicating devices (if provided).
- (3) Load test. Prior to initial use, new or reinstalled derricks shall be load tested by a competent person. The test lead shall meet the following requirements:
 - (A) Test loads shall be at least 100% and no more than 110% of the rated capacity, unless otherwise recommended by the manufacturer or qualified person, but in no event shall the test load be less than the maximum anticipated load.
 - (B) The test shall consist of:
 - (i) Hoisting the test load a few inches and holding to verify that the load is supported by the derrick and held by the hoist brake(s).
 - (ii) Swinging the derrick, if applicable, the full range of its swing, at the maximum allowable working radius for the test load.
 - (iii) Booming the derrick up and down within the allowable working radius for the test load.
 - (iv) Lowering, stopping and holding the load with the brake(s).
 - (C) The derrick shall not be used unless the competent person determines that the test has been passed.
- (4)Documentation. Tests conducted under this
Paragraph shall be documented. The
document shall contain the date, test results

and the name of the tester. The document shall be retained until the derrick is re-tested or dismantled, whichever occurs first.

(h) Load testing repaired or modified derricks. Derricks that have had repairs, modifications or additions affecting the derrick's capacity or safe operation shall be evaluated by a qualified person to determine if a load test is necessary. If it is, load testing shall be conducted and documented in accordance with Paragraph (g) of this Rule.

(i) Power failure procedures. If power fails during operations, the derrick operator shall safely stop operations. This shall include:

- (1) Setting all brakes or locking devices.
- (2) Moving all clutch and other power controls to the off position.
- (j) Use of winch heads.
 - (1) Ropes shall not be handled on a winch head without the knowledge of the operator.
 - (2) While a winch head is being used, the operator shall be within reach of the power unit control lever.
- (k) Securing the boom.
 - (1) When the boom is being held in a fixed position, dogs, pawls, or other positive holding mechanisms on the boom hoist shall be engaged.
 - (2) When taken out of service for 30 days or more, the boom shall be secured by one of the following methods:
 - (A) Laid down.
 - (B) Secured to a stationary member, as nearly under the head as possible, by attachment of a sling to the load block.
 - (C) For guy derricks, lifted to a vertical position and secured to the mast.
 - (D) For stiffleg derricks, secured against the stiffleg.

(1) The process of jumping the derrick shall be supervised by the A/D supervisor.

(m) Derrick operations shall be conducted by and supervised by a competent person.

(n) Inspections. In addition to the requirements in 13 NCAC 07F .0915, the following additional items shall be included in the inspections:

(1) Daily: Guys for proper tension.

- (A) Gudgeon pin for cracks, wear, and distortion.
- (B) Foundation supports for continued ability to sustain the imposed loads.

(o) 13 NCAC 07F .0904 (Operator qualification and certification) does not apply.

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13 NCAC 07F .0923 FLOATING CRANES/DERRICKS AND LAND CRANES/DERRICKS ON BARGES

(a) This Rule contains supplemental requirements for floating cranes/derricks and land cranes/derricks on barges, pontoons, vessels or other means of flotation (vessel/flotation device); all Rules of this Section apply to floating cranes/derricks and land cranes/derricks on barges, pontoons, vessels or other means of flotation, unless specified otherwise. The requirements of this Rule do not apply when using jacked barges when the jacks are deployed to the river/lake/sea bed and the barge is fully supported by the jacks.

(b) General requirements. The requirements in Paragraphs (c) through (j) of this Rule apply to both floating cranes/derricks and land cranes/derricks on barges, pontoons, vessels or other means of flotation.

(c) Work area control.

(1) The requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0916(n) (Work area control) apply, except for Subparagraph (n)(1)(B)(ii).

(2) The employer shall either:

- (A) Erect and maintain control lines, warning lines, railings or similar barriers to mark the boundaries of the hazard areas, or
 - (B) The hazard areas shall be clearly marked by a combination of warning signs (such as "Danger – Swing/Crush Zone") and high visibility markings on the equipment that identify the hazard areas. In addition, the employer shall train the employees to understand what these markings signify.

(d) Keeping clear of the load. 13 NCAC 07F .0916(t) does not apply.

(e) Additional Safety devices. In addition to the safety devices listed in 13 NCAC 07F .0918, the following safety devices are required:

- (1) Barge, pontoon, vessel or other means of flotation and trim device. This shall be located in the cab or, where there is no cab, at the operator's station.
- (2) Horn.
- (3) Positive equipment house lock.
- (4) Wind speed and direction indicator. A competent person shall determine if wind is a factor that needs to be considered; if it needs to be considered, a wind speed and direction indicator shall be used.

(f) Operational aids. The operational aids listed in 13 NCAC 07F.0917 apply, except as follows:

- (1) An anti two-block device is required only when hoisting personnel or hoisting over an occupied coffer dam or shaft.
- (2) 13 NCAC 07F .0917(e)(4) (load weighing and similar devices) does not apply to dragline, clamshell (grapple), magnet, drop ball, container handling, concrete bucket, and pile driving work.

(g) Accessibility of procedures applicable to equipment operation. If the crane/derrick has a cab, the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0916(c) apply. If the crane/derrick does not have a cab:

- (1) Rated capacities (load charts) shall be posted at the operator's station. If the operator's station is moveable (such as with pendantcontrolled equipment), the load charts shall be posted on the equipment.
 - (2) Procedures applicable to the operation of the equipment (other than load charts), recommended operating speeds, special hazard warning, instructions and operators manual, shall be readily available on board.

(h) Inspections. In addition to meeting the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0915 for inspecting the crane/derrick, the employer shall ensure that the barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation used to support a floating crane/derrick or land crane/derrick is inspected as follows:

- (1) Shift. The means used to secure/attach the equipment to the vessel/flotation device shall be inspected for proper condition, including wear, corrosion, loose or missing fasteners, defective welds, and (where applicable) insufficient tension.
 - (2) Monthly. The vessel/flotation device used shall be inspected for the following:
 - (A) The means used to secure/attach the equipment to the vessel/flotation device shall be inspected for proper condition, including wear, corrosion and (where applicable) insufficient tension.
 - (B) Taking on water.
 - (C) Deckload for proper securing.
 - (D) Chain lockers, storage, fuel compartments and battening of hatches for serviceability as a watertight appliance.
 - (E) Firefighting and lifesaving equipment in place and functional.
 - (3) The shift and monthly inspections shall be conducted by a competent person. If any deficiency is identified, an immediate determination shall be made by a qualified person as to whether the deficiency constitutes a hazard. If the deficiency is determined to constitute a hazard, the vessel/flotation device shall be removed from service until it has been corrected.
 - (4) Annual: external vessel/flotation device inspection.
 - (A) The external portion of the barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation used shall be inspected annually by a qualified person who has expertise with respect to vessels/flotation devices. The

inspection shall include the following items:

- (i) The items identified in Subparagraphs (h)(1) (Shift) and (h)(2) (Monthly) of this Rule.
- (ii) Cleats, bitts, chocks, fenders, capstans, ladders, and stanchions, for: corrosion, wear, deterioration, and deformation.
- (iii) External evidence of leaks and structural damage.
- (iv) Four-corner draft readings.
- (v) Firefighting equipment for serviceability.
- (B) Rescue skiffs, lifelines, work vests, life preservers and ring buoys shall be inspected for proper condition.
- (C) If any deficiency is identified, an immediate determination shall be made by the qualified person as to whether the deficiency constitutes a hazard or, though not yet a hazard, needs to be monitored in the monthly inspections. If the deficiency is determined to constitute a hazard, the vessel/flotation device shall be removed from service until it has been corrected.
- (D) If the qualified person determines that, though not presently a hazard, the deficiency needs to be monitored, the employer shall ensure that the deficiency is checked in the monthly inspections.
- (5) Quadrennial: internal vessel/flotation device inspection.
 - (A) The internal portion of the barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation used shall be surveyed once every 4 years by a marine engineer, marine architect, licensed surveyor, or other qualified person who has expertise with respect to vessels/flotation devices.
 - (B) If any deficiency is identified, an immediate determination shall be made by the surveyor as to whether the deficiency constitutes a hazard or, though not yet a hazard, needs to be monitored in the monthly or annual inspections, as appropriate.
 - (C) If the deficiency is determined to <u>constitute a hazard, the</u> <u>vessel/flotation device shall be</u> <u>removed from service until it has</u> <u>been corrected.</u>

- (D) If the surveyor determines that, though not presently a hazard, the deficiency needs to be monitored, the employer shall ensure that the deficiency is checked in the monthly or annual inspections, as appropriate.
- (6) Documentation. The monthly and annual inspections required in Subparagraphs (h)(2) and (h)(4) of this Rule shall be documented in accordance with 13 NCAC 07F .0915(e)(3) and (f)(7), respectively. The quadrennial inspection required in Subparagraph (h)(5) of this Rule shall be documented in accordance with 13 NCAC 07F .0915(f)(7), except that the documentation for that inspection shall be retained for a minimum of four years.
- (i) Working with a diver. The following additional requirements apply when working with a diver in the water:
 - (1) If a crane/derrick is used to get a diver into and out of the water, it shall not be used for any other purpose until the diver is back on board. When used for more than one diver, it shall not be used for any other purpose until all divers are back on board.
 - (2) The operator shall remain at the controls of the crane/derrick at all times.
 - (3) In addition to the requirements of 13 NCAC 07F .0919 (Signals), either:
 - (A) A clear line of sight shall be maintained between the operator and tender, or
 - (B) The signals between the operator and tender shall be transmitted electronically.
 - (4) The means used to secure the crane/derrick to the vessel/flotation device (see Subparagraph (1)(5) of this Rule) shall not allow any amount of shifting in any direction.

(j) The employer shall ensure that the manufacturer's specifications and limitations with respect to environmental, operational and in-transit loads for the barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation are not exceeded or violated.

(k) Floating cranes/derricks. For equipment designed by the manufacturer (or employer) for marine use by permanent attachment to barges, pontoons, vessels or other means of flotation:

- (1) Load charts.
 - (A)The manufacturer load charts
applicable to operations on water
shall not be exceeded. When using
these charts, the employer shall
comply with all parameters and
limitations (such as
dynamic/environmental parameters)
applicable to the use of the charts.(B)The load charts shall take into
 - (B) The load charts shall take into consideration a minimum wind speed of 40 miles per hour.

(2) The requirements for maximum allowable list and maximum allowable trim as specified in

Table M1 shall be met.

TABLE M1							
Equipment designed	Equipment designed for marine use by permanent attachment(other than derricks)						
Rated Capacity	Rated Capacity Maximum Allowable List Maximum Allowable Trim						
25 tons or less	<u>5 degrees</u>	<u>5 degrees</u>					
Over 25 tons	7 degrees	7 degrees					
Derricks designed for marine use by permanent attachment:							
Any rated capacity	<u>10 degrees</u>						

(3) The equipment shall be stable under the conditions specified in Tables M2 and M3.

TABLE M2					
Operated at Wind Speed Minimum freeboard					
Rated Capacity	<u>60 mph</u>	<u>2 ft</u>			
Rated capacity plus 25%	<u>60 mph</u>	<u>1 ft</u>			
<u>High boom, no load</u>	<u>60 mph</u>	<u>2 ft</u>			

TABLE M3			
For backward stability of the boom:			
Operated at:	Wind speed		
High boom, no load, full back list	<u>90mph</u>		
(least stable condition)	_		

- (4) If the equipment is employer-made, it shall not be used unless the employer has documents demonstrating that the load charts and applicable parameters for use meet the requirements of Subparagraphs (k)(1) through (k)(3) of this Rule. Such documents shall be signed by a qualified engineer who is qualified person with respect to the design of this type of equipment (including the means of flotation).
- (5) The barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation used shall:
 - (A) Be structurally sufficient to withstand the static and dynamic loads of the crane/derrick when operating at the crane/derrick's maximum rated capacity with all anticipated deck loads and ballasted compartments.
 - (B) Have a subdivided hull with one or more longitudinal watertight bulkheads for reducing the free surface effect.
 - (C) Have access to void compartments to allow for inspection and pumping.

(1) Land cranes/derricks. For land cranes/derricks used on barges, pontoons, vessels or other means of flotation:

- (1) The rated capacity of the equipment (load charts) applicable for use on land shall be reduced to:
 - (A) Account for increased loading from list, trim, wave action, and wind.

(B) Be applicable to a specified location(s) on the specific barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of

flotation that will be used, under the expected environmental conditions.

- (C) Ensure that the conditions required in Subparagraphs (1)(3) and (1)(4) of this Rule are met.
- (2) The rated capacity modification required in Subparagraph (1)(1) of this Rule shall be done by the equipment manufacturer, or a qualified person who has expertise with respect to both land crane/derrick capacity and the stability of vessels/flotation devices.
- (3) List and trim.
 - The maximum allowable list and the (A) maximum allowable trim for the barge/pontoons/vessel/other means of flotation shall not exceed the amount necessary to ensure that the conditions of Subparagraph (1)(4) of this Rule are met. In addition, the maximum allowable list and the maximum allowable trim shall not exceed the least of the following: 5 degrees, the amount specified by the crane/derrick manufacturer, or where an amount is not so specified, the amount specified by the qualified person.
- (4) The following conditions shall be met:

- (A) All deck surfaces of the barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation used shall be above water.
- (B) The entire bottom area of the barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation used shall be submerged.
- (5) Physical attachment, corralling, rails system and centerline cable system. The employer shall meet the requirements in Option (1), Option (2), Option (3), or Option (4). Whichever option is used, the requirements of Part (1)(5)(E) of this Rule shall also be met.
 - (A) Option (1) - Physical attachment. The crane/derrick shall be physically attached to the barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of flotation. Methods of physical attachment include crossed-cable systems attached to the crane/derrick and vessel/flotation device (this type of system allows the crane/derrick to lift up slightly from the surface of the vessel/flotation device), bolting or welding the crane/derrick to the vessel/flotation device, strapping the crane/derrick to the vessel/means of flotation with chains, or other methods of physical attachment.
 - (B) Option (2) Corralling. The crane/derrick shall be prevented from shifting by installing barricade restraints (a corralling system). Corralling systems shall not allow any amount of shifting in any direction by the equipment.
 - (C) Option (3) Rails. The crane/derrick shall be prevented from shifting by being mounted on a rail system. Rail clamps and rail stops are required unless the system is designed to prevent movement during operation by other means.
 - (D) Option (4) Centerline cable system. The crane/derrick shall be prevented from shifting by being mounted to a wire rope system. The wire rope system shall meet the following requirements:
 - (i) The wire rope and attachments shall be of sufficient size/strength to support the side load of crane/derrick.
 - (ii) The wire rope shall be physically attached to the vessel/flotation device.
 - (iii) The wire rope shall be attached to the crane/derrick by appropriate attachment

methods (such as shackles or
sheaves)ontheundercarriagewhichwillallow the crew to secure the
crane/derrickfrommovementduringoperationandtomovethecrane/derricklongitudinallyalongthevessel/flotationdevice for repositioning.

- (iv) Means shall be installed to prevent the crane/derrick from passing the forward or aft end of the wire rope attachments.
- <u>The crane/derrick shall be secured</u> <u>from movement during</u> <u>operation.</u>
- (E) The systems/means used to comply with Option (1), Option (2), Option (3), or Option (4) shall be designed by a marine engineer, qualified engineer familiar with floating crane/derrick design, or qualified person familiar with floating crane/derrick design.
- (F) Exception. For mobile auxiliary cranes used on the deck of a floating crane/derrick, the requirement to use Option (1), Option (2), Option (3), or Option (4) does not apply where the employer demonstrates implementation of a plan and procedures that meet the following requirements:
 - (i) A marine engineer or qualified engineer familiar with floating crane/derrick design develops and signs a written plan for the use of the mobile auxiliary crane.
 - (ii) The plan shall be designed so that the applicable requirements of this Rule will be met despite the position, travel, operation, and lack of physical attachment (or corralling, use of rails or cable system) of the mobile auxiliary crane.
 - (iii) The plan shall specify the areas of the deck where the mobile auxiliary crane is permitted to be positioned, travel, and operate and the parameters/limitations of such movements and operation.

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- (iv) The deck shall be marked to identify the permitted areas for positioning, travel, and operation.
- (v) The plan shall specify the dynamic/environmental conditions that shall be present for use of the plan.
- (vi)Ifthedynamic/environmental
conditionsinSubpart(1)(5)(F)(v)of this Rule are
exceeded,themobile
auxiliaryauxiliarycraneshallbephysicallyattachedor
corralled in accordance with
Option (1),Option (2)or
Option (4).
- (6) The barge, pontoons, vessel or other means of <u>flotation used shall:</u>
 - (A) Be structurally sufficient to withstand the static and dynamic loads of the crane/derrick when operating at the crane/derrick's maximum rated capacity with all anticipated deck loads and ballasted compartments.
 - (B) Have a subdivided hull with one or more longitudinal watertight bulkheads for reducing the free surface effect.
 - (C) Have access to void compartments to allow for inspection and pumping.

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13 NCAC 07F .0924 OVERHEAD & GANTRY CRANES

- (a) Permanently installed overhead and gantry cranes.
 - (1) This paragraph applies to the following equipment when used in construction and permanently installed in a facility: overhead and gantry cranes, including semigantry, cantilever gantry, wall cranes, storage bridge cranes, and others having the same fundamental characteristics.
 - (2) The requirements of 29 CFR 1910.179, except for 1910.179(b)(1), apply to the equipment identified in Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule.

(b) Overhead and gantry cranes that are not permanently installed in a facility.

(1) This paragraph applies to the following equipment when used in construction and not permanently installed in a facility: overhead and gantry cranes, overhead/bridge cranes, semigantry, cantilever gantry, wall cranes, storage bridge cranes, launching gantry cranes, and similar equipment, irrespective of whether it travels on tracks, wheels, or other means.

- (2) The following requirements apply to equipment identified in Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule:
 - (A) The following Rules in this Section: <u>13 NCAC 07F .0901 through .0915;</u> <u>.0916, except Subparagraphs (v)(1)</u> <u>through (v)(3); .0919; .0920; .0923;</u> <u>and .0925.</u>
 - (B) The following portions of 29 CFR <u>1910.179:</u>
 - (i) Paragraphs (b)(5), (6), (7); (e)(1), (3), (5), (6); (f)(1), (4); (g); (h)(1), (3); (k); and (n).
 - (ii) The definitions in 29 CFR <u>1910.179(a), except for</u> <u>"hoist" and "load." For</u> <u>those words, the definitions</u> <u>in 13 NCAC 07F .0903</u> <u>apply.</u>
 - (iii) 1910.179(b)(2) applies only to equipment identified in Subparagraph (b)(1) of this Rule manufactured before September 19, 2001.
 - (C)
 For equipment manufactured on or after September 19, 2001, the following sections of ANSI/ASME

 B.30.2-2005 apply: 2-1.3.1; 2-1.3.2; 2-1.4.1; 2-1.6; 2-1.7.2; 2-1.8.2; 2-1.9.1; 2-1.9.2; 2-1.11; 2-1.12.2; 2-1.13.7; 2-1.14.2; 2-1.14.3; 2-1.14.5; 2-1.15; 2-2.2.2; 2-3.2.1.1. In addition, 2-3.5 applies, except in 2-3.5.1(b), "29 CFR 1910.147 is substituted for ANSI Z244.1".

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13 NCAC 07F .0925 DEDICATED PILE DRIVERS

(a) The provisions of this Section apply to dedicated pile drivers, except as specified in this Rule.

(b) 13 NCAC 07F .0917(d)(3) (anti two-block device) does not apply.

(c) 13 NCAC 07F .0917(e)(4) (Load weight/capacity devices) applies only to dedicated pile drivers manufactured more than one year after the effective date of this Section.

(d) In 13 NCAC 07F .0909 (Design, construction and testing), only Paragraphs (d) and (e) apply to dedicated pile drivers.

(e) 13 NCAC 07F .0904 (Operator qualification and certification) applies, except that the qualification or certification shall be for operation of either dedicated pile drivers or equipment that is the most similar to dedicated pile drivers.

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13 NCAC 07F .0926 SIDEBOOM CRANES

(a) The provisions of this Section apply, except 13 NCAC 07F .0912(a) (Ground Conditions), .0918 (Safety Devices), .0917

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(Operational Aids), and .0904 (Operator Qualification and Certification).

(b) 13 NCAC 07F .0916(v) (Free Fall and Controlled Load Lowering) applies, except Subpart (v)(1)(B)(i). Sideboom cranes in which the boom is designed to free fall (live boom) are permitted only if manufactured prior to the effective date of this Section.

(c) Sideboom cranes mounted on wheel or crawler tractors shall meet the following requirements of ANSI/ASME B30.14-1996 with addenda ANSI/ASME B30.14-2004 (Side Boom Tractors):

- (1) Section 14-1.1 ("Load Ratings").
- (2) Section 14.1.3 ("Side Boom Tractor Travel").
- (3) Section 14.1.5 (Ropes and Reeving Accessories").
- (4) Section 14-1.7.1 ("Booms").
- (5) Section 14-1.7.2 ("General Requirements Exhaust Gases").
- (6) Section 14-1.7.3 ("General Requirements Stabilizers (Wheel-Type Side Boom Tractors").
- (7) Section 14-1.7.4 ("General Requirements Welded Construction").
- (8) Section 14-1.7.6 ("General Requirements Clutch and Brake Protection").
- (9) Section 14.2.2.2 ("Testing Rated Load Test"), except that it applies only to equipment that has been modified or repaired.
- (10) In section 14.3.1.2 ("Operator Qualifications"). <u>Paragraph (a), except the phrase "When</u> <u>required by law."</u>
- (11) In section 14.3.1.3 ("Operating Practices"), Paragraphs (e), (f)(1) through (4), (6), (7); (h), and (i).
- (12) In section 14-3.2.3 ("Moving the Load"), Paragraphs (j), (l), and (m).

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13 NCAC 07F .0927 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION – WRITTEN EXAMINATION – TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE CRITERIA

When developing criteria for a written examination to test an individual's technical knowledge of the operation of cranes pursuant to 13 NCAC 07F .0904(i), the following topics shall be considered:

(1)	Genera	al technica	al information.	
	<u>(a)</u>	The fu	nctions and limitations	of the
		crane a	nd attachments.	
	(b)	Wire ro	ope:	
		(i)	Background inform	nation
			necessary to understar	nd the
			inspection and removal	l from
			service criteria in 13 N	NCAC
			07F .0913 and .0914.	
		<u>(ii)</u>	Capacity and when	<u>multi-</u>
			part rope is needed.	
		<u>(iii)</u>	Relationship between	line
			pull and safe working l	oad.
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	(iv) How to determine the
	manufacturer's
	recommended rope for the
	crane.
<u>(c)</u>	Rigging devices and their use, such
	as:
	(i) Slings.
	(ii) Spreaders.
	(iii) Lifting beams.
	(iv) Wire rope fittings, such as
	<u>clips, shackles and wedge</u> sockets.
	(v) Saddles (softeners).
	(vi) Clamps (beams).
(d)	The technical limitations of protective
	measures against electrical measures
	against electrical hazards:
	(i) Grounding.
	(ii) Proximity warning devices.
	(iii) Insulated links.
	(iv) Boom cages.
	(v) Proximity to electric power
	lines, radii, and microwave
	structures.
<u>(e)</u>	The effects of load share and load
	transfer in multi-crane lifts.
<u>(f)</u>	Basic crane terms.
(g)	The basics of machine power flow
	systems.
	(i) Mechanical.
	(ii) Electrical.
	(iii) Pneumatic.
	(iv) Hydraulic. (v) Combination.
(h)	<u>The significance of the instruments</u>
(11)	and gauge readings.
(i)	The effects of thermal expansion and
<u>(1)</u>	<u>contraction in hydraulic cylinders.</u>
<u>(j)</u>	Background information necessary to
- 	understand the requirements of pre-
	operation and inspection.
<u>(k)</u>	How to use the safety devices and
	operational aids required under 13
	NCAC 07F .0915 and .0916.
(1)	The difference between duty-cycle
	and lifting operations.
<u>(m)</u>	How to calculate net capacity for
	every possible configuration of the
	equipment using the manufacturer's
	load chart.
<u>(m)</u>	How to use manufacturer-approved
	attachments and their effect on the
	equipment.
<u>(n)</u>	How to obtain dimensions, weight,
(c)	and center of gravity of the load.
<u>(0)</u>	The effects of dynamic loading from:(i)Wind.
	(ii) Stopping and starting.
	(iii) Impact loading.
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		(iv) Moving with the load.	<u>(i</u>
	<u>(p)</u>	The effect of side loading.	
(2)	<u>(q)</u>	The principles of backward stability.	
(2)		ormation.	<u>(j</u>
	<u>(a)</u>	How to identify the suitability of the supporting ground/surface to support	<u>(</u>]
		the expected loads of the operation.	(1
		Elements include:	<u>(</u>]
		(i) Weakness below the surface	
		(such as voids, tanks, loose	
		<u>fill).</u>	
		(ii) Weaknesses on the surface	
		(such as retaining walls,	
		slopes, excavations,	
		depressions).	
	(b)	Proper use of mats, blocking/cribbing	
		and outriggers or crawlers.	
	<u>(c)</u>	Identification of site hazards such as	
		power lines, piping, and traffic.	
	<u>(d)</u>	How to review operation plans with	
		supervisors and other workers (such	
		as the signal person), including how	(1
		to determine working height, boom	
		length, load radius, and travel	
		clearance.	
	<u>(e)</u>	How to determine if there is adequate	
		room for extension of crawlers or	
		outriggers/stabilizers and	
		counterweights.	
(3)	Operati		
	<u>(a)</u>	How to pick, carry, swing and place	
		the load smoothly and safely on	
		rubber tires and on	
		outriggers/stabilizers or crawlers	
	(b)	(where applicable).	
	<u>(b)</u>	How to communicate at the site with	
		supervisors, the crew and the signal person.	
	<u>(c)</u>	Proper procedures and methods of	
	<u>(c)</u>	reeving wire ropes and methods of	
		reeving multiple-part lines and	
		selecting the proper load block and/or	
		ball.	
	<u>(d)</u>	How to react to changes in conditions	<u>(1</u>
	1,/	that affect the safe operation of the	<u></u>
		equipment.	
	(e)	How to shut down and secure the	((
		equipment properly when leaving it	
		unattended.	
	<u>(f)</u>	Know how to apply the	
		manufacturer's specifications for	
		operating in various weather	
		conditions, and understand how	
		environmental conditions affect the	
		safe operation of the equipment.	
	<u>(g)</u>	How to properly level the equipment.	
	<u>(h)</u>	How to verify the weight of the load	(1
		and rigging prior to initiating the lift.	

(i)	How to	o determine where the load is			
(1)		bicked up and placed and how			
	to verify the radii.				
(j)		basic rigging procedures.			
(k)	How to	o carry out the shift inspection			
	require	d in this Section.			
(1)	Know	that the following operations			
		specific procedures and skill			
	levels:	specific procedures and shift			
	(i)	Multi-crane lifts.			
	<u>(ii)</u>	Hoisting personnel.			
	<u>(iii)</u>	Clamshell/dragline			
		operations.			
	(iv)	Pile driving and extracting.			
	<u>(v)</u>	Concrete operations,			
		including poured-in-place			
		and tilt-up.			
	(vi)	Demolition operations.			
	(vii)	Operations on water.			
	<u>(viii)</u>	Magnet Operations			
	$\frac{(ix)}{V}$	Multi-drum operations.			
(m)	Know	the proper procedures for			
		ng safely under the following			
	<u>conditi</u>				
	(i)	Traveling with suspended			
		loads.			
	(ii)	Approaching a two-block			
	· ·	condition.			
	<u>(iii)</u>	Operating near power lines.			
	<u>(iv)</u>	Hoisting personnel.			
	$\frac{(IV)}{(V)}$	Using other than full			
	(\mathbf{v})				
	<i>(</i> ·)	outrigger/crawler extensions.			
	<u>(vi)</u>	Lifting loads from beneath			
		the surface of the water.			
	<u>(vii)</u>	Using various approved			
		<u>counterweight</u>			
		configurations.			
	(viii)	Handling loads out of the			
		operator's vision ("operating			
		in the blind").			
	(ix)	Using electronic			
	()	<u>communication systems for</u>			
		signal communication.			
(\mathbf{n})	Know				
(n)		the proper procedures for load			
		and the use of hand-held tag			
	lines.	_			
(0)		the emergency response			
	proced	ure for:			
	(i)	Fires.			
	(ii)	Power line contact.			
	(iii)	Loss of stability.			
	(iv)	Control malfunction.			
	$\frac{(\mathbf{v})}{(\mathbf{v})}$	Two-blocking.			
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	<u>(vi)</u>	<u>Overload.</u> Carrier or travel			
	<u>(vii)</u>	<u>Carrier</u> or travel			
	17	malfunction.			
(p)		how to properly use outriggers			
		cordance with manufacturer			
	specifi	cations.			

(4)	Use of	f load charts.			
	(a)	Know the terminology necessary to			
		use load charts.			
	(b)	Know how to ensure that load chart is			
		the appropriate chart for the			
		equipment in its particular			
		configuration and application.			
	(c)	Know how to use load charts. This			
		includes knowing:			
		(i) The operational limitations			
		of load charts and footnotes.			
		(ii) How to relate the chart to the			
		configuration of the crane,			
		crawlers, or outriggers			
		extended or retracted, jib			
		erected or offset, and various			
		<u>counterweight</u>			
		configurations.			
		(iii) The difference between			
		structural capacity and			
		capacity limited by stability.			
		(iv) What is included in capacity			
		<u>ratings.</u>			
		(v) The range diagram and its			
		relationship to the load chart.			
		(vi) The work area chart and its			
		relationship to the load chart.			
		(vii) Where to find and how to			
		use the "parts-of-line"			
	(1)	information.			
	<u>(d)</u>	Know how to use the load chart			
		together with the load indicators			
		and/or load moment devices.			

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TITLE 15A – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Environmental Management Commission intends to amend the rules cited as 15A NCAC 02B .0225, .0303 with changes from the proposed text noticed in the Register, Volume 22, Issue 19, Pages 1641-1649.

Proposed Effective Date: July 1, 2009

Reason for Proposed Action: A Notice of Text was previously published in the 22:19 issue of the NC Register for this proposed reclassification, and it included notice of a public hearing, which was held on April 22, 2008, as well as a comment period, which was subsequently extended for 30 days. At the November 2008 Environmental Management Commission (EMC) meeting, the EMC and the hearing officer directed staff to notice the proposed rules with additional amendments for 60 days without a public hearing. These amendments consist of additional language that:

- reduces the proposed ORW segment from approximately 4.6 miles to 4.0 miles (see proposed rule language in 15A NCAC 02B .0303)
- makes allowances for discharges provided that certain conditions are met for oxygen consuming wastes, TSS, nutrients, and volume (see proposed rule language in 15A NCAC 02B.0225)

The proposed rule text for 15A NCAC 02B.0225 is presented in two forms: Option 1 and Option 2. The only difference between Option 1 and Option 2 is that Option 2 allows for new domestic wastewater discharges and expansions of existing wastewater discharges, whereas Option 1 allows for expansions of existing wastewater discharges only.

Procedure by which a person can object to the agency on a proposed rule: You may submit written comments, data or other relevant information by February 13, 2009. The EMC is very interested in all comments pertaining to the proposed reclassification. All persons interested and potentially affected by the proposal are strongly encouraged to read this entire notice and make comments on the proposed reclassification. The EMC may not adopt a rule that differs substantially from the text of a proposed rule published in this notice unless the EMC publishes the text of the proposed different rule and accepts comments on the new text (see General Statute 150B 21.2 (g)). Written comments may be submitted to Elizabeth Kountis of the Water Quality Planning Section at the postal address, e-mail address, or fax number listed in this notice.

Comments may be submitted to: Elizabeth Kountis, Division of Water Quality, Planning Section, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1617, phone (919)807-6418, fax (919)807-6497, email Elizabeth.kountis@ncmail.net.

Comment period ends: February 13, 2009

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

Fiscal Impact:

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 None

CHAPTER 02 - ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBCHAPTER 02B - SURFACE WATER AND WETLAND STANDARDS

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

OPTION 1:

15A NCAC 02B .0225 OUTSTANDING RESOURCE WATERS

(a) General. In addition to the existing classifications, the Commission may classify unique and special surface waters of the state as outstanding resource waters (ORW) upon finding that such waters are of exceptional state or national recreational or ecological significance and that the waters have exceptional water quality while meeting the following conditions:

- (1) that the water quality is rated as excellent based on physical, chemical or biological information;
- (2) the characteristics which make these waters unique and special may not be protected by the assigned narrative and numerical water quality standards.

(b) Outstanding Resource Values. In order to be classified as ORW, a water body must exhibit one or more of the following values or uses to demonstrate it is of exceptional state or national recreational or ecological significance:

- (1) there are outstanding fish (or commercially important aquatic species) habitat and fisheries;
- (2) there is an unusually high level of water-based recreation or the potential for such recreation;
- (3) the waters have already received some special designation such as a North Carolina or National Wild and Scenic River, Native or Special Native Trout Waters or National Wildlife Refuge, which do not provide any water quality protection;
- (4) the waters represent an important component of a state or national park or forest; or
- (5) the waters are of special ecological or scientific significance such as habitat for rare or endangered species or as areas for research and education.
- (c) Quality Standards for ORW
 - (1)Freshwater: Water quality conditions shall be maintained to protect the outstanding resource values of waters classified ORW. Management strategies to protect resource values shall be developed on a site specific basis during the proceedings to classify waters as ORW. No new discharges or expansions of existing discharges shall be permitted, and stormwater controls for all new development activities requiring an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan in accordance with rules established by the NC Sedimentation Control Commission or an appropriate local erosion and sedimentation

control program shall be required to follow the stormwater provisions as specified in 15A NCAC 02H .1000. Specific stormwater requirements for ORW areas are described in 15A NCAC 02H .1007.

Saltwater: Water quality conditions shall be (2)maintained to protect the outstanding resource values of waters classified ORW. Management strategies to protect resource values shall be developed on a site-specific basis during the proceedings to classify waters as ORW. New development shall comply with the stormwater provisions as specified in 15A NCAC 02H .1000. Specific stormwater management requirements for saltwater ORWs are described in 15A NCAC 02H .1007. New non-discharge permits shall meet reduced loading rates and increased buffer zones, to be determined on a case-by-case basis. No dredge or fill activities shall be allowed if those activities would result in a reduction of the beds of submerged aquatic vegetation or a reduction of shellfish producing habitat as defined in 15A NCAC 03I .0101(b)(20)(A) and (B), except for maintenance dredging, such as that required to maintain access to existing channels and facilities located within the designated areas or maintenance dredging for activities such as agriculture. A public hearing is mandatory for any proposed permits to discharge to waters classified as ORW.

Additional actions to protect resource values shall be considered on a site specific basis during the proceedings to classify waters as ORW and shall be specified in Paragraph (e) of this Rule. These actions may include anything within the powers of the Commission. The Commission shall also consider local actions which have been taken to protect a water body in determining the appropriate state protection options. Descriptions of boundaries of waters classified as ORW are included in Paragraph (e) of this Rule and in the Schedule of Classifications (15A NCAC 02B .0302 through 02B .0317) as specified for the appropriate river basin and shall also be described on maps maintained by the Division of Water Quality.

(d) Petition Process. Any person may petition the Commission to classify a surface water of the state as an ORW. The petition shall identify the exceptional resource value to be protected, address how the water body meets the general criteria in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, and the suggested actions to protect the resource values. The Commission may request additional supporting information from the petitioner. The Commission or its designee shall initiate public proceedings to classify waters as ORW or shall inform the petitioner that the waters do not meet the criteria for ORW with an explanation of the basis for this decision. The petition shall be sent to: Director

DENR/Division of Water Quality 1617 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1617

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The envelope containing the petition shall clearly bear the notation: RULE-MAKING PETITION FOR ORW CLASSIFICATION.

(e) Listing of Waters Classified ORW with Specific Actions Waters classified as ORW with specific actions to protect exceptional resource values are listed as follows:

- (1) Roosevelt Natural Area [White Oak River Basin, Index Nos. 20-36-9.5-(1) and 20-36-9.5-(2)] including all fresh and saline waters within the property boundaries of the natural area shall have only new development which complies with the low density option in the stormwater rules as specified in 15A NCAC 2H .1005(2)(a) within 575 feet of the Roosevelt Natural Area (if the development site naturally drains to the Roosevelt Natural Area).
- (2) Chattooga River ORW Area (Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area): the following undesignated waterbodies that are tributary to ORW designated segments shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section. However, expansions of existing discharges to these segments shall be allowed if there is no increase in pollutant loading:
 - (A) North and South Fowler Creeks;
 - (B) Green and Norton Mill Creeks;
 - (C) Cane Creek;
 - (D) Ammons Branch;
 - (E) Glade Creek; and
 - (F) Associated tributaries.
- (3) Henry Fork ORW Area (Catawba River Basin): the following undesignated waterbodies that are tributary to ORW designated segments shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section:
 - (A) Ivy Creek;
 - (B) Rock Creek; and
 - (C) Associated tributaries.
- (4) South Fork New and New Rivers ORW Area [New River Basin (Index Nos. 10-1-33.5 and 10)]: the following management strategies, in addition to the discharge requirements specified in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule, shall be applied to protect the designated ORW areas:
 - (A) Stormwater controls described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule shall apply to land within one mile of and that drains to the designated ORW areas;
 - (B) New or expanded NPDES permitted wastewater discharges located upstream of the designated ORW shall be permitted such that the

following water quality standards are maintained in the ORW segment:

- the total volume of treated wastewater for all upstream discharges combined shall not exceed 50 percent of the total instream flow in the designated ORW under 7Q10 conditions, which are defined in Rule .0206(a)(1) of this Section;
 - a safety factor shall be applied to any chemical allocation such that the effluent limitation for a specific chemical constituent shall be the more stringent of limitation either the allocated under design conditions (pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0206) for the normal standard at the point of discharge, or the limitation allocated under design conditions for one-half the normal standard at the upstream border of the ORW segment;
- (iii)

(ii)

- a safety factor shall be applied to any discharge of complex wastewater (those containing or potentially containing toxicants) to protect for chronic toxicity in the ORW segment by setting the whole effluent toxicity limitation at the higher (more stringent) percentage effluent determined under design conditions (pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0206) for either instream the effluent concentration at the point of discharge or twice the effluent concentration calculated as if the discharge were at the upstream border of the ORW segment;
- (C) New or expanded NPDES permitted wastewater discharges located upstream of the designated ORW shall comply with the following:
 - (i) Oxygen Consuming Wastes: Effluent limitations shall be as follows: BOD = 5 mg/1, and NH3-N = 2 mg/1;
 (ii) Total Suspended Solids:
 - (ii) Total Suspended Solids: Discharges of total

suspended solids (TSS) shall be limited to effluent concentrations of 10 mg/1 for trout waters and to 20 mg/1 for all other waters;

- (iii) Emergency Requirements: Failsafe treatment designs shall be employed, including stand-by power capability for entire treatment works, dual train design for all treatment components, or equivalent failsafe treatment designs;
- (iv) Nutrients: Where nutrient overenrichment is projected to be a concern, effluent limitations shall be set for phosphorus or nitrogen, or both.
- (5) Old Field Creek (New River Basin): the undesignated portion of Old Field Creek (from its source to Call Creek) shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section.
- In the following designated waterbodies, no (6) additional restrictions shall be placed on new or expanded marinas. The only new or expanded NPDES permitted discharges that shall be allowed shall be non-domestic, non-process industrial discharges. The Alligator River Area (Pasquotank River Basin) extending from the source of the Alligator River to the U.S. Highway 64 bridge including New Lake Fork, North West Fork Alligator River, Juniper Creek, Southwest Fork Alligator River, Scouts Bay, Gum Neck Creek, Georgia Bay, Winn Bay, Stumpy Creek Bay, Stumpy Creek, Swann Creek (Swann Creek Lake), Whipping Creek (Whipping Creek Lake), Grapevine Bay, Rattlesnake Bay, The Straits, The Frying Pan, Coopers Creek, Babbitt Bay, Goose Creek, Milltail Creek, Boat Bay, Sandy Ridge Gut (Sawyer Lake) and Second Creek, but excluding the Intracoastal Waterway (Pungo River-Alligator River Canal) and all other tributary streams and canals.
- (7) In the following designated waterbodies, the only type of new or expanded marina that shall be allowed shall be those marinas located in upland basin areas, or those with less than 10 slips, having no boats over 21 feet in length and no boats with heads. The only new or expanded NPDES permitted discharges that shall be allowed shall be non-domestic, non-process industrial discharges.

- (A) The Northeast Swanquarter Bay Area including all waters northeast of a line from a point at Lat. 35E 23N 51O and Long. 76E 21N 02O thence southeast along the Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge hunting closure boundary (as defined by the 1935 Presidential Proclamation) to Drum Point.
- (B) The Neuse-Southeast Pamlico Sound Area (Southeast Pamlico Sound Section of the Southeast Pamlico, Core and Back Sound Area); (Neuse River Basin) including all waters within an area defined by a line extending from the southern shore of Ocracoke Inlet northwest to the Tar-Pamlico River and Neuse River basin boundary, then southwest to Ship Point.
- (C) The Core Sound Section of the Southeast Pamlico, Core and Back Sound Area (White Oak River Basin), including all waters of Core Sound and its tributaries, but excluding Nelson Bay, Little Port Branch and Atlantic Harbor at its mouth, and those tributaries of Jarrett Bay that are closed to shellfishing.
- (D) The Western Bogue Sound Section of the Western Bogue Sound and Bear Island Area (White Oak River Basin) including all waters within an area defined by a line from Bogue Inlet to the mainland at SR 1117 to a line across Bogue Sound from the southwest side of Gales Creek to Rock Point, including Taylor Bay and the Intracoastal Waterway.
- (E) The Stump Sound Area (Cape Fear River Basin) including all waters of Stump Sound and Alligator Bay from marker Number 17 to the western end of Permuda Island, but excluding Rogers Bay, the Kings Creek Restricted Area and Mill Creek.
- (F) The Topsail Sound and Middle Sound Area (Cape Fear River Basin) including all estuarine waters from New Topsail Inlet to Mason Inlet, including the Intracoastal Waterway and Howe Creek, but excluding Pages Creek and Futch Creek.
- (8) In the following designated waterbodies, no new or expanded NPDES permitted discharges and only new or expanded marinas with less than 10 slips, having no boats over 21 feet in length and no boats with heads shall be allowed:

- (A) The Swanquarter Bay and Juniper Bay Area (Tar-Pamlico River Basin) including all waters within a line beginning at Juniper Bay Point and running south and then west below Great Island, then northwest to Shell Point and including Shell Bay, Swanquarter and Juniper Bays and their tributaries, but excluding all waters northeast of a line from a point at Lat. 35E 23N 51O and Long. 76E 21N 02O thence southeast along the Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge hunting closure boundary (as defined by the 1935 Presidential Proclamation) to Drum Point and also excluding the Blowout Canal. Hydeland Canal, Juniper Canal and Quarter Canal.
- (B) The Back Sound Section of the Southeast Pamlico, Core and Back Sound Area (White Oak River Basin) including that area of Back Sound extending from Core Sound west along Shackleford Banks, then north to the western most point of Middle Marshes and along the northwest shore of Middle Marshes (to include all of Middle Marshes), then west to Rush Point on Harker's Island, and along the southern shore of Harker's Island back to Core Sound.
- (C) The Bear Island Section of the Western Bogue Sound and Bear Island Area (White Oak River Basin) including all waters within an area defined by a line from the western most point on Bear Island to the northeast mouth of Goose Creek on the mainland, east to the southwest mouth of Queen Creek, then south to green marker No. 49, then northeast to the northern most point on Huggins Island, then southeast along the shoreline of Huggins Island to the southeastern most point of Huggins Island, then south to the northeastern most point on Dudley Island, then southwest along the shoreline of Dudley Island to the eastern tip of Bear Island.
- (D) The Masonboro Sound Area (Cape Fear River Basin) including all waters between the Barrier Islands and the mainland from Carolina Beach Inlet to Masonboro Inlet.
- (9) Black and South Rivers ORW Area (Cape Fear River Basin) [Index Nos. 18-68-(0.5), 18-68-(3.5), 18-68-(11.5), 18-68-12-(0.5),

18-68-12-(11.5), and 18-68-2]: the following management strategies, in addition to the discharge requirements specified in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule, shall be applied to protect the designated ORW areas:

- (A) Stormwater controls described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule shall apply to land within one mile of and that drains to the designated ORW areas;
- (B) New or expanded NPDES permitted wastewater discharges located one mile upstream of the stream segments designated ORW (upstream on the designated mainstem and upstream into direct tributaries to the designated mainstem) shall comply with the following discharge restrictions:
 - (i) Oxygen Consuming Wastes: Effluent limitations shall be as follows: BOD = 5 mg/l and NH3-N = 2 mg/l;
 - (ii) Total Suspended Solids: Discharges of total suspended solids (TSS) shall be limited to effluent concentrations of 20 mg/l;
 - (iii) Emergency Requirements: Failsafe treatment designs shall be employed, including stand-by power capability for entire treatment works, dual train design for all treatment components, or equivalent failsafe treatment designs;
 - (iv) Nutrients: Where nutrient overenrichment is projected to be a concern, effluent limitations shall be set for phosphorus or nitrogen, or both.
 - (v) Toxic substances: In cases where complex discharges (those containing or potentially containing toxicants) may be currently present in the discharge, a safety factor shall be applied to any chemical or whole effluent toxicity allocation. The limit for a specific chemical constituent shall be allocated at one-half of the normal standard at design conditions. Whole effluent toxicity shall be allocated to protect for chronic toxicity

at an effluent concentration equal to twice that which is acceptable under flow design criteria (pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0206).

- (10) Lake Waccamaw ORW Area (Lumber River Basin) [Index No. 15-2]: all undesignated waterbodies that are tributary to Lake Waccamaw shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section.
- (11) Swift Creek and Sandy Creek ORW Area (Tar-Pamlico River Basin) [portion of Index No. 28-78-(0.5) and Index No. 28-78-1-(19)]: all undesignated waterbodies that drain to the designated waters shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section and to protect outstanding resource values found in the designated waters as well as in the undesignated waters that drain to the designated waters.
- Fontana Lake North Shore ORW Area (Little (12)Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area) [Index Nos. 2-96 through 2-164 (excluding all waterbodies that drain to the south shore of Fontana Lake) consists of the entire watersheds of all creeks that drain to the north shore of Fontana Lake between Eagle and Forney Creeks, including Eagle and In addition to the Forney Creeks. requirements specified in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule, any person conducting development activity disturbing greater than or equal to 5,000 square feet of land area in the designated ORW area shall undertake the following actions to protect the outstanding resource values of the designated ORW and downstream waters:
 - (A) investigate for the presence of and identify the composition of acidproducing rocks by exploratory drilling or other means and characterize the net neutralization potential of the acid-producing rocks prior to commencing the landdisturbing activity;
 - (B) avoid areas to the maximum extent practical where acid-producing rocks are found with net neutralization potential of -5 or less;
 - (C) establish background levels of acidity and mineralization prior to commencing land-disturbing activity, and monitor and maintain baseline water quality conditions for the duration of the land-disturbing activity and for any period thereafter not less than two years as determined

by the Division as part of a certification issued in accordance with 15A NCAC 02H .0500 or stormwater permit issued pursuant to this Rule;

- (D) obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for construction pursuant to Rule 15A NCAC 02H .0126 prior to initiating land-disturbing activity;
- (E) design stormwater control systems to control and treat stormwater runoff generated from all surfaces generated by one inch of rainfall in accordance with 15A NCAC 02H. 1008; and
- (F) replicate pre-development runoff characteristics and mimic the natural and unique hydrology of the site, post development.
- (13) Horsepasture River ORW Area (Savannah Drainage Area) [Index No. 4-13-(0.5) and Index No. 4-13-(12.5)]: all undesignated waterbodies that are located within the Horsepasture River watershed shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section and to protect outstanding resource values found throughout the watershed. However, expansions of existing wastewater discharges may be allowed provided that:
 - (A) Oxygen Consuming Wastes: Effluent limitations shall be as follows: BOD = 5 mg/l, and NH₃-N = 2 mg/l;
 - (B) Total Suspended Solids: Discharges of total suspended solids (TSS) shall be limited to effluent concentrations of 10 mg/1 for trout waters and to 20 mg/1 for all other waters except for mining operations, which will be held to their respective NPDES TSS permit limits;
 - (C) Nutrients: Where nutrient overenrichment is projected to be a concern, effluent limitations shall be set for phosphorus or nitrogen, or both; and
 - (D) Volume: The total volume of treated wastewater for all discharges combined shall not exceed 25 percent of the total instream flow in the designated ORW under 7Q10 conditions, which are defined in Rule .0206(a)(1) of this Section.

Authority G.S. 143-214.1; S.L. 2005-97.

OPTION 2: 15A NCAC 02B .0225 OUTSTANDING RESOURCE WATERS

(a) General. In addition to the existing classifications, the Commission may classify unique and special surface waters of the state as outstanding resource waters (ORW) upon finding that such waters are of exceptional state or national recreational or ecological significance and that the waters have exceptional water quality while meeting the following conditions:

- (1) that the water quality is rated as excellent based on physical, chemical or biological information;
- (2) the characteristics which make these waters unique and special may not be protected by the assigned narrative and numerical water quality standards.

(b) Outstanding Resource Values. In order to be classified as ORW, a water body must exhibit one or more of the following values or uses to demonstrate it is of exceptional state or national recreational or ecological significance:

- (1) there are outstanding fish (or commercially important aquatic species) habitat and fisheries;
- (2) there is an unusually high level of water-based recreation or the potential for such recreation;
- (3) the waters have already received some special designation such as a North Carolina or National Wild and Scenic River, Native or Special Native Trout Waters or National Wildlife Refuge, which do not provide any water quality protection;
- (4) the waters represent an important component of a state or national park or forest; or
- (5) the waters are of special ecological or scientific significance such as habitat for rare or endangered species or as areas for research and education.
- (c) Quality Standards for ORW
 - Freshwater: Water quality conditions shall be (1)maintained to protect the outstanding resource values of waters classified ORW. Management strategies to protect resource values shall be developed on a site specific basis during the proceedings to classify waters as ORW. No new discharges or expansions of existing discharges shall be permitted, and stormwater controls for all new development Erosion activities requiring an and Sedimentation Control Plan in accordance with rules established bv the NC Sedimentation Control Commission or an appropriate local erosion and sedimentation control program shall be required to follow the stormwater provisions as specified in 15A NCAC 02H .1000. Specific stormwater requirements for ORW areas are described in 15A NCAC 02H .1007.
 - (2) Saltwater: Water quality conditions shall be maintained to protect the outstanding resource

values of waters classified ORW. Management strategies to protect resource values shall be developed on a site-specific basis during the proceedings to classify waters as ORW. New development shall comply with the stormwater provisions as specified in 15A NCAC 02H .1000. Specific stormwater management requirements for saltwater ORWs are described in 15A NCAC 02H .1007. New non-discharge permits shall meet reduced loading rates and increased buffer zones, to be determined on a case-by-case basis. dredge or fill activities shall be allowed if those activities would result in a reduction of the beds of submerged aquatic vegetation or a reduction of shellfish producing habitat as defined in 15A NCAC 03I .0101(b)(20)(A) and (B), except for maintenance dredging, such as that required to maintain access to existing channels and facilities located within the designated areas or maintenance dredging for activities such as agriculture. A public hearing is mandatory for any proposed permits to discharge to waters classified as ORW.

Additional actions to protect resource values shall be considered on a site specific basis during the proceedings to classify waters as ORW and shall be specified in Paragraph (e) of this Rule. These actions may include anything within the powers of the Commission. The Commission shall also consider local actions which have been taken to protect a water body in determining the appropriate state protection options. Descriptions of boundaries of waters classified as ORW are included in Paragraph (e) of this Rule and in the Schedule of Classifications (15A NCAC 02B .0302 through 02B .0317) as specified for the appropriate river basin and shall also be described on maps maintained by the Division of Water Quality.

(d) Petition Process. Any person may petition the Commission to classify a surface water of the state as an ORW. The petition shall identify the exceptional resource value to be protected, address how the water body meets the general criteria in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, and the suggested actions to protect the resource values. The Commission may request additional supporting information from the petitioner. The Commission or its designee shall initiate public proceedings to classify waters as ORW or shall inform the petitioner that the waters do not meet the criteria for ORW with an explanation of the basis for this decision. The petition shall be sent to:

Director

DENR/Division of Water Quality

1617 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1617

The envelope containing the petition shall clearly bear the notation: RULE-MAKING PETITION FOR ORW CLASSIFICATION.

(e) Listing of Waters Classified ORW with Specific Actions Waters classified as ORW with specific actions to protect exceptional resource values are listed as follows:

> (1) Roosevelt Natural Area [White Oak River Basin, Index Nos. 20-36-9.5-(1) and

20-36-9.5-(2)] including all fresh and saline waters within the property boundaries of the natural area shall have only new development which complies with the low density option in the stormwater rules as specified in 15A NCAC 2H .1005(2)(a) within 575 feet of the Roosevelt Natural Area (if the development site naturally drains to the Roosevelt Natural Area).

- (2) Chattooga River ORW Area (Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area): the following undesignated waterbodies that are tributary to ORW designated segments shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section. However, expansions of existing discharges to these segments shall be allowed if there is no increase in pollutant loading:
 - (A) North and South Fowler Creeks;
 - (B) Green and Norton Mill Creeks;
 - (C) Cane Creek;
 - (D) Ammons Branch;
 - (E) Glade Creek; and
 - (F) Associated tributaries.
- (3) Henry Fork ORW Area (Catawba River Basin): the following undesignated waterbodies that are tributary to ORW designated segments shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section:
 - (A) Ivy Creek;
 - (B) Rock Creek; and
 - (C) Associated tributaries.
- (4) South Fork New and New Rivers ORW Area [New River Basin (Index Nos. 10-1-33.5 and 10)]: the following management strategies, in addition to the discharge requirements specified in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule, shall be applied to protect the designated ORW areas:
 - (A) Stormwater controls described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule shall apply to land within one mile of and that drains to the designated ORW areas;
 - (B) New or expanded NPDES permitted wastewater discharges located upstream of the designated ORW shall be permitted such that the following water quality standards are maintained in the ORW segment:
 - the total volume of treated wastewater for all upstream discharges combined shall not exceed 50 percent of the total instream flow in the designated ORW under

7Q10 conditions, which are defined in Rule .0206(a)(1) of this Section;

(ii)

a safety factor shall be applied to any chemical allocation such that the effluent limitation for a specific chemical constituent shall be the more stringent of either the limitation allocated design under conditions (pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0206) for the normal standard at the point discharge, of or the limitation allocated under design conditions for one-half the normal standard at the upstream border of the ORW segment;

(iii)

a safety factor shall be applied to any discharge of complex wastewater (those containing or potentially containing toxicants) to protect for chronic toxicity in the ORW segment by setting the whole effluent toxicity limitation at the higher (more stringent) percentage effluent determined under design conditions (pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0206) for either the instream effluent concentration at the point of discharge or twice the effluent concentration calculated as if the discharge were at the upstream border of the ORW segment;

- (C) New or expanded NPDES permitted wastewater discharges located upstream of the designated ORW shall comply with the following:
 - (i) Oxygen Consuming Wastes: Effluent limitations shall be as follows: BOD = 5 mg/1, and NH3-N = 2 mg/1;
 - (ii) Total Suspended Solids: Discharges of total suspended solids (TSS) shall be limited to effluent concentrations of 10 mg/1 for trout waters and to 20 mg/1 for all other waters;
 (iii) Emergency Requirements:
 - 11) Emergency Requirements: Failsafe treatment designs shall be employed, including

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stand-by power capability for entire treatment works, dual train design for all treatment components, or equivalent failsafe treatment designs;

- (iv) Nutrients: Where nutrient overenrichment is projected to be a concern, effluent limitations shall be set for phosphorus or nitrogen, or both.
- (5) Old Field Creek (New River Basin): the undesignated portion of Old Field Creek (from its source to Call Creek) shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section.
- (6) In the following designated waterbodies, no additional restrictions shall be placed on new The only new or or expanded marinas. expanded NPDES permitted discharges that shall be allowed shall be non-domestic, non-process industrial discharges. The Alligator River Area (Pasquotank River Basin) extending from the source of the Alligator River to the U.S. Highway 64 bridge including New Lake Fork, North West Fork Alligator River, Juniper Creek, Southwest Fork Alligator River, Scouts Bay, Gum Neck Creek, Georgia Bay, Winn Bay, Stumpy Creek Bay, Stumpy Creek, Swann Creek (Swann Creek Lake), Whipping Creek (Whipping Creek Lake), Grapevine Bay, Rattlesnake Bay, The Straits, The Frying Pan, Coopers Creek, Babbitt Bay, Goose Creek, Milltail Creek, Boat Bay, Sandy Ridge Gut (Sawyer Lake) and Second Creek, but excluding the Intracoastal Waterway (Pungo River-Alligator River Canal) and all other tributary streams and canals.
- (7) In the following designated waterbodies, the only type of new or expanded marina that shall be allowed shall be those marinas located in upland basin areas, or those with less than 10 slips, having no boats over 21 feet in length and no boats with heads. The only new or expanded NPDES permitted discharges that shall be allowed shall be non-domestic, non-process industrial discharges.
 - (A) The Northeast Swanquarter Bay Area including all waters northeast of a line from a point at Lat. 35E 23N 51O and Long. 76E 21N 02O thence southeast along the Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge hunting closure boundary (as defined by the 1935 Presidential Proclamation) to Drum Point.

- (B) The Neuse-Southeast Pamlico Sound Area (Southeast Pamlico Sound Section of the Southeast Pamlico, Core and Back Sound Area); (Neuse River Basin) including all waters within an area defined by a line extending from the southern shore of Ocracoke Inlet northwest to the Tar-Pamlico River and Neuse River basin boundary, then southwest to Ship Point.
- (C) The Core Sound Section of the Southeast Pamlico, Core and Back Sound Area (White Oak River Basin), including all waters of Core Sound and its tributaries, but excluding Nelson Bay, Little Port Branch and Atlantic Harbor at its mouth, and those tributaries of Jarrett Bay that are closed to shellfishing.
- (D) The Western Bogue Sound Section of the Western Bogue Sound and Bear Island Area (White Oak River Basin) including all waters within an area defined by a line from Bogue Inlet to the mainland at SR 1117 to a line across Bogue Sound from the southwest side of Gales Creek to Rock Point, including Taylor Bay and the Intracoastal Waterway.
- (E) The Stump Sound Area (Cape Fear River Basin) including all waters of Stump Sound and Alligator Bay from marker Number 17 to the western end of Permuda Island, but excluding Rogers Bay, the Kings Creek Restricted Area and Mill Creek.
- (F) The Topsail Sound and Middle Sound Area (Cape Fear River Basin) including all estuarine waters from New Topsail Inlet to Mason Inlet, including the Intracoastal Waterway and Howe Creek, but excluding Pages Creek and Futch Creek.
- (8) In the following designated waterbodies, no new or expanded NPDES permitted discharges and only new or expanded marinas with less than 10 slips, having no boats over 21 feet in length and no boats with heads shall be allowed:
 - (A) The Swanquarter Bay and Juniper Bay Area (Tar-Pamlico River Basin) including all waters within a line beginning at Juniper Bay Point and running south and then west below Great Island, then northwest to Shell Point and including Shell Bay, Swanquarter and Juniper Bays and their tributaries, but excluding all

waters northeast of a line from a point at Lat. 35E 23N 51O and Long. 76E 21N 02O thence southeast along the Swanquarter National Wildlife Refuge hunting closure boundary (as defined by the 1935 Presidential Proclamation) to Drum Point and also excluding the Blowout Canal, Hydeland Canal, Juniper Canal and Quarter Canal.

- (B) The Back Sound Section of the Southeast Pamlico, Core and Back Sound Area (White Oak River Basin) including that area of Back Sound extending from Core Sound west along Shackleford Banks, then north to the western most point of Middle Marshes and along the northwest shore of Middle Marshes), then west to Rush Point on Harker's Island, and along the southern shore of Harker's Island back to Core Sound.
- (C) The Bear Island Section of the Western Bogue Sound and Bear Island Area (White Oak River Basin) including all waters within an area defined by a line from the western most point on Bear Island to the northeast mouth of Goose Creek on the mainland, east to the southwest mouth of Queen Creek, then south to green marker No. 49, then northeast to the northern most point on Huggins Island, then southeast along the shoreline of Huggins Island to the southeastern most point of Huggins Island, then south to the northeastern most point on Dudley Island, then southwest along the shoreline of Dudley Island to the eastern tip of Bear Island.
- (D) The Masonboro Sound Area (Cape Fear River Basin) including all waters between the Barrier Islands and the mainland from Carolina Beach Inlet to Masonboro Inlet.
- (9) Black and South Rivers ORW Area (Cape Fear River Basin) [Index Nos. 18-68-(0.5), 18-68-(3.5), 18-68-(11.5), 18-68-12-(0.5), 18-68-12-(11.5), and 18-68-2]: the following management strategies, in addition to the discharge requirements specified in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule, shall be applied to protect the designated ORW areas:
 - (A) Stormwater controls described in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule shall apply to land within one mile of and

that drains to the designated ORW areas;

- **(B)** New or expanded NPDES permitted wastewater discharges located one mile upstream of the stream segments designated ORW (upstream on the designated mainstem and upstream into direct tributaries to the designated mainstem) shall comply with the following discharge restrictions:
 - Oxygen Consuming Wastes:
 Effluent limitations shall be as follows: BOD = 5 mg/l and NH3-N = 2 mg/l;
 - (ii) Total Suspended Solids: Discharges of total suspended solids (TSS) shall be limited to effluent concentrations of 20 mg/l;
 - (iii) Emergency Requirements: Failsafe treatment designs shall be employed, including stand-by power capability for entire treatment works, dual train design for all treatment components, or equivalent failsafe treatment designs;
 - (iv) Nutrients: Where nutrient overenrichment is projected to be a concern, effluent limitations shall be set for phosphorus or nitrogen, or both.
 - (v)
- Toxic substances: In cases where complex discharges (those containing or potentially containing toxicants) may be currently present in the discharge, a safety factor shall be applied to any chemical or whole effluent toxicity allocation. The limit for a specific chemical constituent shall be allocated at one-half of the normal standard at design conditions. Whole effluent toxicity shall be allocated to protect for chronic toxicity at an effluent concentration equal to twice that which is acceptable under flow design criteria (pursuant to 15A NCAC 02B .0206).
- (10) Lake Waccamaw ORW Area (Lumber River Basin) [Index No. 15-2]: all undesignated waterbodies that are tributary to Lake

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Waccamaw shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section.

- (11) Swift Creek and Sandy Creek ORW Area (Tar-Pamlico River Basin) [portion of Index No. 28-78-(0.5) and Index No. 28-78-1-(19)]: all undesignated waterbodies that drain to the designated waters shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section and to protect outstanding resource values found in the designated waters as well as in the undesignated waters that drain to the designated waters.
- (12)Fontana Lake North Shore ORW Area (Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area) [Index Nos. 2-96 through 2-164 (excluding all waterbodies that drain to the south shore of Fontana Lake) consists of the entire watersheds of all creeks that drain to the north shore of Fontana Lake between Eagle and Forney Creeks, including Eagle and Forney Creeks. In addition to the requirements specified in Subparagraph (c)(1) of this Rule, any person conducting development activity disturbing greater than or equal to 5,000 square feet of land area in the designated ORW area shall undertake the following actions to protect the outstanding resource values of the designated ORW and downstream waters:
 - (A) investigate for the presence of and identify the composition of acidproducing rocks by exploratory drilling or other means and characterize the net neutralization potential of the acid-producing rocks prior to commencing the landdisturbing activity;
 - (B) avoid areas to the maximum extent practical where acid-producing rocks are found with net neutralization potential of -5 or less;
 - (C) establish background levels of acidity and mineralization prior to commencing land-disturbing activity, and monitor and maintain baseline water quality conditions for the duration of the land-disturbing activity and for any period thereafter not less than two years as determined by the Division as part of a certification issued in accordance with 15A NCAC 02H .0500 or stormwater permit issued pursuant to this Rule;
 - (D) obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for construction pursuant to Rule 15A

NCAC 02H .0126 prior to initiating land-disturbing activity;

- (E) design stormwater control systems to control and treat stormwater runoff generated from all surfaces generated by one inch of rainfall in accordance with 15A NCAC 02H. 1008; and
- (F) replicate pre-development runoff characteristics and mimic the natural and unique hydrology of the site, post development.
- (13) Horsepasture River ORW Area (Savannah Drainage Area) [Index No. 4-13-(0.5) and Index No. 4-13-(12.5)]: all undesignated waterbodies that are located within the Horsepasture River watershed shall comply with Paragraph (c) of this Rule in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Section and to protect outstanding resource values found throughout the watershed. However, new domestic wastewater discharges and expansions of existing wastewater discharges may be allowed provided that:
 - (A) Oxygen Consuming Wastes: Effluent limitations shall be as follows: BOD = 5
 - $\underline{mg/l}$, and $\underline{NH_3}$ - $\underline{N} = 2 \underline{mg/l}$; Total Suspended Solids: Disc
 - (B) Total Suspended Solids: Discharges of total suspended solids (TSS) shall be limited to effluent concentrations of 10 mg/1 for trout waters and to 20 mg/1 for all other waters except for mining operations, which will be held to their respective NPDES TSS permit limits;
 - (C) Nutrients: Where nutrient overenrichment is projected to be a concern, effluent limitations shall be set for phosphorus or nitrogen, or both; and
 - (D) Volume: The total volume of treated wastewater for all discharges combined shall not exceed 25 percent of the total instream flow in the designated ORW under 7Q10 conditions, which are defined in Rule .0206(a)(1) of this Section.

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SECTION .0300 - ASSIGNMENT OF STREAM CLASSIFICATIONS

15A NCAC 02B .0303 LITTLE TENN RIVER BASIN AND SAVANNAH RIVER DRAINAGE AREA

(a) The Little Tenn River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards may be inspected at the following places:

- (1) the Internet at http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/csu/; and
- (2)North Carolina the Department of Environment and Natural Resources:
 - Asheville Regional Office (A) 2090 US Highway 70 Swannanoa, North Carolina Division of Water Quality (B) Central Office

512 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, North Carolina.

Unnamed Streams. Such streams entering Georgia or Tennessee shall be classified "C Tr." Such streams in the

Savannah River drainage area entering South Carolina shall be classified "B Tr." (c) The Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality

- Standards was amended effective:
 - (1)February 16, 1977;
 - March 1, 1977; (2)

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- July 13, 1980; (3)
- February 1, 1986; (4)
- October 1, 1987; (5) (6)March 1, 1989;
- (7)January 1, 1990;
- (8) July 1, 1990;
- (9) August 1, 1990;
- March 1, 1991; (10)
- August 3, 1992: (11)
- (12)February 1, 1993;
- (13)August 1, 1994;
- (14)September 1, 1996;
- (15)August 1, 1998;
- August 1, 2000; (16)
- April 1, 2003; (17)
- January 1, 2007; (18)
- November 1, 2007. 2007; (19)
- (20)July 1, 2009.

(d) The Schedule of Classifications of Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended effective March 1, 1989 as follows:

- Nantahala River (Index No. 2-57) from source (1)to the backwaters of Nantahala Lake and all tributary waters were reclassified from Class B-trout, Class C-trout and Class C to Class B-trout ORW, Class C-trout ORW and Class C ORW.
- Chattooga River (Index No. 3) including (2)Scotsman Creek, Overflow Creek, Big Creek, Talley Mill Creek and all tributary waters were reclassified from Class B-trout, Class C-trout and Class C to Class B-trout ORW, Class C-trout ORW and Class C ORW and Clear Creek and all tributary waters were reclassified from Class C-trout and Class C to Class B-trout and Class B.

The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality (e) Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended effective January 1, 1990 as follows:

- North Fork Coweeta Creek (Index No. 2-10-4) (1)and Falls Branch (Index No. 2-10-4-1) were reclassified from Class C to Class B.
- (2)Burningtown Creek (Index No. 2-38) was reclassified from C-trout to B-trout.

(f) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended effective July 1, 1990 by the reclassification of Alarka Creek (Index No. 2-69) from source to Upper Long Creek (Index No. 2-69-2) including all tributaries from Classes C and C Tr to Classes C HQW and C Tr HQW.

The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality (g) Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended effective March 1, 1991 as follows:

- Cartoogechaye Creek [Index Nos. 2-19-(1) and (1)2-19-(16)] from Gibson Cove Branch to bridge at U.S. Hwy. 23 and 441 and from the bridge at U.S. Hwy. 23 and 441 to the Little Tennessee River was reclassified from Classes WS-III Tr and C Tr to Classes WS-III and B Tr and B Tr respectively.
- (2)Coweeta Creek (Index Nos. 2-10) from its source to the Little Tennessee River including all tributaries except Dryman Fork (Index No. 2-10-3) and North Fork Coweeta Creek (Index No. 2-10-4) was reclassified from Classes C and C Tr to Classes B and B Tr.

(h) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended effective August 3, 1992 with the reclassification of all water supply waters (waters with a primary classification of WS-I, WS-II or WS-III). These waters were reclassified to WS-I, WS-II, WS-III, WS-IV or WS-V as defined in the revised water supply protection rules, (15A NCAC 2B .0100, .0200 and .0300) which became effective on August 3, 1992. In some cases, streams with primary classifications other than WS were reclassified to a WS classification due to their proximity and linkage to water supply waters. In other cases, waters were reclassified from a WS classification to an alternate appropriate primary classification after being identified as downstream of a water supply intake or identified as not being used for water supply purposes.

(i) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area has been amended effective February 1, 1993 as follows:

- Bearwallow Creek from its source to 2.3 miles (1)upstream of the Toxaway River [Index No. 4-7-(1)] was revised to indicate the application of an additional management strategy (referencing 15A NCAC 2B .0201(d) to protect downstream waters; and
- the Tuckaseegee River from its source to (2)Tennessee Creek [Index No. 2-79-(0.5)] including all tributaries was reclassified from Classes WS-III&B Tr HQW, WS-III HQW

and WS-III to Classes WS-III Tr ORW and WS-III ORW.

(j) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended effective August 1, 1994 with the reclassification of Deep Creek [Index Nos. 2-79-63-(1) and 2-79-63-(16)] from its source to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park Boundary including tributaries from Classes C Tr, B Tr and C Tr HQW to Classes WS-II Tr and WS-II Tr CA.

(k) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended effective September 1, 1996 as follows:

- (1) Deep Creek from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Boundary to the Tuckasegee River [Index no. 2-79-63-(21)] was reclassified from Class C Tr to Class B Tr; and
- (2) the Tuckasegee River from the West Fork Tuckasegee River to Savannah Creek and from Macks Town Branch to Cochran Branch [Index Nos. 2-79-(24), 2-79(29.5) and 2-79-(38)] was reclassified from Classes WS-III Tr, WS-III Tr CA and C to Classes WS-III&B Tr, WS-III&B Tr CA and B.

(1) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended effective August 1, 1998 with the reclassifications of Thorpe Reservoir (Lake Glenville), Hurricane Creek, and Laurel Branch [Index Nos. 2-79-23-(1), 2 -79-23-2, and 2-79-23-2-1 respectively] from classes WS-III&B, WS-III Tr and WS-III to classes WS-III&B HQW, WS-III Tr HQW, and WS-III HQW.

(m) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended August 1, 2000 with the reclassification of Wesser Creek [Index No. 2-79-52-5-1] from its source to Williams Branch from Class C to Class C Tr.

(n) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended April 1, 2003 with the reclassification of a portion of the Little Tennessee River [Index No. 2-(1)] from a point 0.4 mile upstream of N.C. Highway 28 to Nantahala River Arm of Fontana Lake from Class C to Class B.

(o) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended January 1, 2007 with the reclassification of the entire watersheds of all creeks that drain to the north shore of Fontana Lake between Eagle and Forney Creeks, including Eagle and Forney Creeks, [Index Nos. 2-96 through 2-164 (excluding all waterbodies that drain to the south shore of Fontana Lake)] from Class B, C Tr, WS-IV Tr CA, WS-IV Tr, and WS-IV & B CA to Class B ORW, C Tr ORW, WS-IV Tr ORW CA, WS-IV Tr ORW, and WS-IV & B ORW CA, respectively. Additional site-specific management strategies are outlined in Rule 15A NCAC 02B .0225(e)(12).

(p) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was ameneded effective November 1, 2007 with the reclassification of Richland Balsam Seep near Beechflat Creek [Index No. 2-79-28-3-2] to Class WL UWL as defined in 15A NCAC 02B. 0101. The Division of Water Quality maintains a Geographic Information Systems data layer of the UWL.

(q) The Schedule of Classifications and Water Quality Standards for the Little Tennessee River Basin and Savannah River Drainage Area was amended July 1, 2009 with the reclassification of the watershed of the lower portion of the Horsepasture River [portion of Index Number 4-13-(12.5)] from a point approximately 0.60 miles downstream of N.C. 281 (Bohaynee Road) to the NC-SC state line from Class B Tr to Class B Tr ORW, and the watershed of the upper portion of the Horsepasture River [Index Number 4-13-(0.5) and a portion of Index Number 4-13-(12.5)] from source to a point approximately 0.60 miles downstream of N.C. 281 (Bohaynee Road) to include only the ORW management strategy as represented by "+". The "+" symbol as used in this paragraph means that all undesignated waterbodies that are located within the watershed of the upper portion of Horsepasture River shall comply with Paragraph (c) of Rule .0225 of this Subchapter in order to protect the designated waters as per Rule .0203 of this Subchapter and to protect outstanding resource values found throughout the entire Horsepasture River watershed. Site-specific management strategies are outlined in 15A NCAC 02B .0225(e)(13).

Authority G.S. 143-214.1; 143-215.1; 143-215.3(a)(1); S.L. 2005-97.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Coastal Resources Commission intends to amend the rule cited as 15A NCAC 07H .0308.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Public Hearing:

Date: February 11, 2009 **Time:** 5:00 p.m. **Location:** Crystal Coast Civic Center, 4035 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC 28557

Reason for Proposed Action: A March 2008 Interpretive Ruling by the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) regarding the siting of sandbag structures in cases of accelerated erosion as well as a May 2008 Petition For Rulemaking has necessitated amendments to 15A NCAC 07H .0308(a)(2) Temporary Erosion Control Structures.

Procedure by which a person can object to the agency on a proposed rule: *Objections may be filed in writing and addressed to the Director, NC Division of Coastal Management, 400 Commerce Avenue, Morehead City, NC 28557.*

Comments may be submitted to: Jim Gregson, 400 Commerce Avenue, Morehead City, NC 28557, phone (252)808-2808, fax (252)247-3330

Comment period ends: February 13, 2009

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

Fiscal Impact:

State
Local
Substantive (≥\$3,000,000)
None

CHAPTER 07 - COASTAL MANAGEMENT

SUBCHAPTER 07H - STATE GUIDELINES FOR AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

SECTION .0300 - OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

15A NCAC 07H .0308 SPECIFIC USE STANDARDS FOR OCEAN HAZARD AREAS

(a) Ocean Shoreline Erosion Control Activities:

- (1) Use Standards Applicable to all Erosion Control Activities:
 - (A) All oceanfront erosion response activities shall be consistent with the general policy statements in 15A NCAC 07M .0200.
 - (B) Permanent erosion control structures may cause significant adverse impacts on the value and enjoyment of adjacent properties or public access to and use of the ocean beach, and, therefore, are prohibited. Such structures include bulkheads, seawalls, revetments, jetties, groins and breakwaters.
 - (C) Rules concerning the use of oceanfront erosion response measures apply to all oceanfront properties without regard to the size of the structure on the property or the date of its construction.
 - (D) All permitted oceanfront erosion response projects, other than beach bulldozing and temporary placement of sandbag structures, shall

demonstrate sound engineering for their planned purpose.

- (E) Shoreline erosion response projects shall not be constructed in beach or estuarine areas that sustain substantial habitat for fish and wildlife species, as identified by natural resource agencies during project review, unless mitigation measures are incorporated into project design, as set forth in Rule .0306(i) of this Section.
- (F) Project construction shall be timed to minimize adverse effects on biological activity.
- (G) Prior to completing any erosion response project, all exposed remnants of or debris from failed erosion control structures must be removed by the permittee.
- (H) Erosion control structures that would otherwise be prohibited by these standards may be permitted on finding that:
 - (i) the erosion control structure is necessary to protect a bridge which provides the only existing road access on a barrier island, that is vital to public safety, and is imminently threatened by erosion as defined in provision (a)(2)(B) of this subchapter;
 - (ii) the erosion response measures of relocation, beach nourishment or temporary stabilization are not adequate to protect public health and safety; and
 - (iii) the proposed erosion control structure will have no adverse impacts on adjacent properties in private ownership or on public use of the beach.
- (I) Structures that would otherwise be prohibited by these standards may also be permitted on finding that:
 - the structure is necessary to protect a state or federally registered historic site that is imminently threatened by shoreline erosion as defined in provision (a)(2)(B) of this subchapter; and
 - (ii) the erosion response measures of relocation, beach nourishment or

temporary stabilization are not adequate and practicable to protect the site; and

- (iii) the structure is limited in extent and scope to that necessary to protect the site; and
- (iv) any permit for a structure under this Part (I) may be issued only to a sponsoring public agency for projects where the public benefits outweigh the short or long range adverse impacts. Additionally, the permit shall include conditions providing for mitigation or minimization by that agency of any unavoidable adverse impacts on adjoining properties and on public access to and use of the beach.
- (J) Structures that would otherwise be prohibited by these standards may also be permitted on finding that:
 - (i) the structure is necessary to maintain an existing commercial navigation channel of regional significance within federally authorized limits; and
 - (ii) dredging alone is not practicable to maintain safe access to the affected channel; and
 - (iii) the structure is limited in extent and scope to that necessary to maintain the channel; and
 - (iv) the structure shall not adversely impact fisheries or other public trust resources; and
 - (v) any permit for a structure under this Part (J) may be issued only to a sponsoring public agency for projects where the public benefits outweigh the short or long range adverse impacts. Additionally, the permit include conditions shall providing for mitigation or minimization by that agency of any unavoidable adverse impacts adjoining on properties and on public

access to and use of the beach.

- (K) The Commission may renew a permit for an erosion control structure issued pursuant to a variance granted by the Commission prior to 1 July 1995. The Commission may authorize the replacement of a permanent erosion control structure that was permitted by the Commission pursuant to a variance granted by the Commission prior to 1 July 1995 if the Commission finds that:
 - (i) the structure will not be enlarged beyond the dimensions set out in the permit;
 - (ii) there is no practical alternative to replacing the structure that will provide the same or similar benefits; and
 - (iii) the replacement structure will comply with all applicable laws and with all rules, other than the rule or rules with respect to which the Commission granted the variance, that are in effect at the time the structure is replaced.
- (L) Proposed erosion response measures using innovative technology or design shall be considered as experimental and shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine consistency with 15A NCAC 7M .0200 and general and specific use standards within this Section.
- (2) Temporary Erosion Control Structures:
 - (A) Permittable temporary erosion control structures shall be limited to sandbags placed above landward of mean high water and parallel to the shore.
 - **(B)** Temporary erosion control structures as defined in Part (2)(A) of this Subparagraph shall be used to protect only imminently threatened roads and associated right of ways, and buildings and their associated septic systems. A structure shall be considered to be imminently threatened if its foundation, septic system, or right-of-way in the case of roads, is less than 20 feet away from the erosion scarp. Buildings and roads located more than 20 feet from the erosion scarp or in areas where there is no obvious erosion scarp may

also be found to be imminently threatened when site conditions, such as a flat beach profile or accelerated erosion, increase the risk of imminent damage to the structure.

- (C) Temporary erosion control structures shall be used to protect only the principal structure-and its associated septic system, but not such appurtenances <u>such</u> as <u>pools</u> gazebos, decks or any amenity that is allowed as an exception to the erosion setback requirement.
- (D) Temporary erosion control structures may be placed seaward of a septic system when there is no alternative to relocate it on the same or adjoining lot so that it is landward of or in line with the structure being protected.
- (E) Temporary erosion control structures shall not extend more than 20 feet past the sides of the structure to be protected. The landward side of such temporary erosion control structures shall not be located more than 20 feet seaward of the structure to be protected or the right-of-way in the case of roads. If a building or road is found to be imminently threatened and at an increased risk of imminent damage due to site conditions such as a flat beach profile or accelerated erosion, temporary erosion control structures may be located more than 20 feet seaward of the structure being protected. In cases of increased risk of imminent damage, the location of the temporary erosion control structures shall be determined by the Director of the Division of Coastal Management or their designee.
- A temporary Temporary erosion (F) control structure structures may remain in place for up to two years after the date of approval if it is they are protecting a building with a total floor area of 5000 sq. ft. or less, less and its associated septic system, or, for up to five years if the for a building has with a total floor area of more than 5000 sq. ft. and its associated septic system. A temporary Temporary erosion control structure structures may remain in place for up to five years if it is they are protecting a bridge or a road. The property owner shall be responsible for removal of the temporary structure within 30 days of the end of

the allowable time period. A temporary sandbag erosion control structure with a base width not exceeding 20 feet and a height not exceeding 6 feet may remain in place for up to five years or until May 2008, whichever is later regardless of the size of the structure if the community in which it is located is actively pursuing a beach nourishment project as of October 1, 2001. For purposes of this Rule, a community is considered to be actively pursuing a beach nourishment project if it has:

- (G) Temporary sandbag erosion control structures may remain in place for up to five years from the date of approval if they are located in a community that is actively pursuing a beach nourishment project, and for up to eight years from the date of approval if they are located in an Inlet Hazard Area adjacent to an inlet for which a community is actively pursuing an inlet relocation project. For purposes of this Rule, a community is considered to be actively pursuing a beach nourishment or inlet relocation project if it has:
 - (i) <u>been issued a an active</u> CAMA permit, where necessary, approving such project; or
 - (ii) been deemed worthy of further consideration identified by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Beach Nourishment Reconnaissance Study, General Reevaluation Report, Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Study or an ongoing feasibility study by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a commitment of local or federal money, when necessary; or (iii) received favorable а economic evaluation report federal on а project
 - economic evaluation report on a federal project approved prior to 1986. If beach nourishment is rejected by the sponsoring agency or community, or ceases to be actively planned for a section of shoreline, the time extension is void and

existing sandbags are subject to all applicable time limits set forth in Parts (A) through (N) of this Subparagraph. Sandbag structures within nourishment project areas that exceed the 20 foot base width and 6 foot height limitation may -he reconstructed to meet the size limitation and be eligible for this time extension: otherwise they shall be removed by May 1, 2000 pursuant to Part (N) of this Subparagraph. Project; or

(iv) is in the planning stages of a project that has been designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or persons meeting applicable State occupational licensing requirements and has been initiated by a local government or community with a commitment of local pr state funds to construct the project and the identification of the financial resources or funding bases necessary to fund the beach nourishment or inlet relocation project.

If beach nourishment or inlet relocation is rejected by the sponsoring agency or community, or ceases to be actively planned for a section of shoreline, the time extension is void for that section of beach or community and existing sandbags are subject to all applicable time limits set forth in Part (F) of this Subparagraph.

(G)(H) Once the temporary erosion control structure is determined to be unnecessary due to relocation or removal of the threatened structure or structure, a storm protection project constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a large-scale beach nourishment, nourishment project or an inlet relocation project, it shall be removed by the property owner within 30 days of official notification from the Division. Division of Coastal Management regardless of the time limit placed on the temporary erosion control structure.

- (H)(I) Removal of temporary erosion control structures shall not be required if they are covered by dunes with stable and natural vegetation.
- (1)(J) The property owner shall be responsible for the removal of remnants of all portions of any damaged temporary erosion control structure.
- (J)(K) Sandbags used to construct temporary erosion control structures shall be tan in color and three to five feet wide and seven to 15 feet long when measured flat. Base width of the structure shall not exceed 20 feet, and the height shall not exceed six feet.
- (K)(L) Soldier pilings and other types of devices to anchor sandbags shall not be allowed.
- (L)(M)An imminently threatened structure may be protected only once, regardless of ownership. ownership unless the threatened structure is located in an Inlet Hazard Area and in a community that is actively pursuing an inlet relocation project in accordance with Part (G) of this Subparagraph. Existing temporary erosion control structures located in Inlet Hazard Areas may be eligible for an additional eight year permit extension provided that the structure being protected is still imminently threatened, the temporary erosion control structure is in compliance with requirements of this Subchapter and the community in which it is located is actively pursuing an inlet relocation project in accordance with Part (G) of this Subparagraph. In the case of a building, a temporary erosion control structure may be extended, or new segments constructed, if additional areas of the building become imminently threatened. Where temporary structures are installed or extended incrementally, the time period for removal under Part (F) or (G) of this Subparagraph shall begin at the time the initial erosion control structure is installed. For the purpose of this Rule:
 - (i) a building and septic system shall be considered as separate structures.
 - (ii) a road or highway shall be allowed to be incrementally protected as sections become

imminently threatened. The time period for removal of each section of sandbags shall begin at the time that section is installed in accordance with Part (F) <u>or</u> (G) of this Subparagraph.

- (M)(N) Existing sandbag structures may be repaired or replaced within their originally permitted dimensions during the time period allowed under Part (F) <u>or (G)</u> of this Subparagraph.
- (N) Existing sandbag structures that have been properly installed prior to May 1, 1995 shall be allowed to remain in place according to the provisions of Parts (F), (G) and (H) of this Subparagraph with the pertinent time periods beginning on May 1, 1995.
- (3) Beach Nourishment. Sand used for beach nourishment shall be compatible with existing grain size and type. Sand to be used for beach nourishment shall be taken only from those areas where the resulting environmental impacts will be minimal.
- (4) Beach Bulldozing. Beach bulldozing (defined as the process of moving natural beach material from any point seaward of the first line of stable vegetation to create a protective sand dike or to obtain material for any other purpose) is development and may be permitted as an erosion response if the following conditions are met:
 - The area on which this activity is (A) being performed shall maintain a slope of adequate grade so as to not endanger the public or the public's use of the beach and shall follow the pre-emergency slope as closely as possible. The movement of material utilizing a bulldozer, front end loader, backhoe, scraper, or any type of earth moving or construction equipment shall not exceed one foot in depth measured from the pre-activity surface elevation;
 - (B) The activity shall not exceed the lateral bounds of the applicant's property unless he has permission of the adjoining land owner(s);
 - (C) Movement of material from seaward of the mean low water line will require a CAMA Major Development and State Dredge and Fill Permit;
 - (D) The activity shall not increase erosion on neighboring properties and shall not have an adverse effect on natural or cultural resources;

(E) The activity may be undertaken to protect threatened on-site waste disposal systems as—well as the threatened structure's foundations.

(b) Dune Establishment and Stabilization. Activities to establish dunes shall be allowed so long as the following conditions are met:

- (1) Any new dunes established shall be aligned to the greatest extent possible with existing adjacent dune ridges and shall be of the same general configuration as adjacent natural dunes.
- (2) Existing primary and frontal dunes shall not, except for beach nourishment and emergency situations, be broadened or extended in an oceanward direction.
- (3) Adding to dunes shall be accomplished in such a manner that the damage to existing vegetation is minimized. The filled areas shall be immediately replanted or temporarily stabilized until planting can be successfully completed.
- (4) Sand used to establish or strengthen dunes shall be of the same general characteristics as the sand in the area in which it is to be placed.
- (5) No new dunes shall be created in inlet hazard areas.
- (6) Sand held in storage in any dune, other than the frontal or primary dune, may be redistributed within the AEC provided that it is not placed any farther oceanward than the crest of a primary dune or landward toe of a frontal dune.
- (7) No disturbance of a dune area shall be allowed when other techniques of construction can be utilized and alternative site locations exist to avoid unnecessary dune impacts.
- (c) Structural Accessways:
 - (1) Structural accessways shall be permitted across primary dunes so long as they are designed and constructed in a manner that entails negligible alteration on the primary dune. Structural accessways shall not be considered threatened structures for the purpose of Paragraph (a) of this Rule.
 - (2) An accessway shall be conclusively presumed to entail negligible alteration of a primary dune provided that:
 - (A) The accessway is exclusively for pedestrian use;
 - (B) The accessway is less than six feet in width;
 - (C) The accessway is raised on posts or pilings of five feet or less depth, so that wherever possible only the posts or pilings touch the frontal dune. Where this is deemed impossible, the structure shall touch the dune only to the extent absolutely necessary. In no

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case shall an accessway be permitted if it will diminish the dune's capacity as a protective barrier against flooding and erosion; and

- (D) Any areas of vegetation that are disturbed are revegetated as soon as feasible.
- (3) An accessway which does not meet Part (2)(A) and (B) of this Paragraph shall be permitted only if it meets a public purpose or need which cannot otherwise be met and it meets Part (2)(C) of this Paragraph. Public fishing piers shall not be deemed to be prohibited by this Rule, provided all other applicable standards are met.
- (4) In order to avoid weakening the protective nature of primary and frontal dunes a structural accessway (such as a "Hatteras ramp") shall be provided for any off-road vehicle (ORV) or emergency vehicle access. Such accessways shall be no greater than 10 feet in width and shall be constructed of wooden sections fastened together over the length of the affected dune area.

(d) Building Construction Standards. New building construction and any construction identified in .0306(a)(5) and 07J .0210 shall comply with the following standards:

- In order to avoid danger to life and property, (1)all development shall be designed and placed so as to minimize damage due to fluctuations in ground elevation and wave action in a 100year storm. Any building constructed within the ocean hazard area shall comply with relevant sections of the North Carolina Building Code including the Coastal and Flood Plain Construction Standards and the local flood damage prevention ordinance as required by the National Flood Insurance Program. If any provision of the building code or a flood damage prevention ordinance is inconsistent with any of the following AEC standards, the more restrictive provision shall control.
- (2) All building in the ocean hazard area shall be on pilings not less than eight inches in diameter if round or eight inches to a side if square.
- (3) All pilings shall have a tip penetration greater than eight feet below the lowest ground elevation under the structure. For those structures so located on or seaward of the primary dune, the pilings shall extend to five feet below mean sea level.
- (4) All foundations shall be adequately designed to be stable during applicable fluctuations in ground elevation and wave forces during a 100-year storm. Cantilevered decks and walkways shall meet this standard or shall be designed to break-away without structural damage to the main structure.

Authority G.S. 113A-107(a); 113A-107(b); 113A-113(b)(6)a.,b.,d.; 113A-124.

TITLE 16 – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the State Board of Education intends to adopt the rules cited as 16 NCAC 06C .0503, .0504.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Public Hearing:

Date: January 12, 2009 **Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Location:** Room 224, DPI Building, 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh, NC 27601

Reason for Proposed Action: The NCSBE adopted new Core Standards fro the 21st Century Teaching Profession in June 2007. In July 2008, the NCSBE adopted the new rubric for teacher evaluation. As part of the evaluation process, a teacher's performance is rated using a scale of developing, proficient, accomplished, distinguished or not demonstrated. This new teacher evaluation instrument contains the new standards by which 21st Century Teachers must be evaluated in North Carolina public schools.

Procedure by which a person can object to the agency on a proposed rule: *File objections in writing to: Proposed Rule Objections, Attn. Katie G. Cornetto, NC State Board of Education, 6302 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6302.*

Comments may be submitted to: *Rulemaking Coordinator, Katie G. Cornetto, 6302 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC* 2769-6302, phone (919)807-3406, fax (919)807-3198 and email *kcornetto@dpi.state.nc.us*

Comment period ends: *February 13, 2009*

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

Fiscal Impact:

State Local Substantive (≥\$3,000,000) None

CHAPTER 06 - ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

SUBCHAPTER 06C - PERSONNEL

SECTION .0500 – PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL SYSTEM

16 NCAC 06C .0503 TEACHER EVALUATION PROCESS

(a) The intended purpose of the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process is to assess the teacher's performance in relation to the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards and to design a plan for professional growth. The principal or a designee (hereinafter "principal") will conduct the evaluation process in which the teacher will actively participate through the use of self-assessment, reflection, presentation of artifacts, and classroom demonstration(s).

(b) A local board of education shall use the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards and North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process unless it develops an alternative evaluation that is properly validated and that includes standards and criteria similar to those in the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards and North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process.

(c) The North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process shall include the following components:

- (1) Component 1: Training. Before participating in the evaluation process, all teachers, principals and peer evaluators must complete training on the evaluation process.
- (2) Component 2: Orientation. Within two weeks of a teacher's first day of work in any school year, the principal shall provide the teacher with a copy of or directions for obtaining access to a copy of:
 - (A) The Rubric for Evaluating North Carolina Teachers (16 NCAC 06C .0504);
 - (B) This policy; and
 - (C) A schedule for completing all the components of the evaluation process. Copies may be provided by electronic means.
- (3) Component 3: Teacher Self Assessment. <u>Using the Rubric for Evaluating North</u> <u>Carolina Teachers, the teacher shall rate his or</u> <u>her own performance at the beginning of the</u> <u>year and reflect on his or her performance</u> <u>throughout the year.</u>
- (4) Component 4: Pre-Observation Conference. Before the first formal observation, the principal shall meet with the teacher to discuss

the teacher's self-assessment based on the Rubric for Evaluating North Carolina Teachers, the teacher's most recent professional growth plan, and the lesson(s) to be observed. The teacher will provide the principal with a written description of the lesson(s). The goal of this conference is to prepare the principal for the observation. Pre-Observation conferences are not required for subsequent observations.

- (5) Component 5: Observations.
 - (A) A formal observation shall last at least 45 minutes or an entire class period.
 - (B) Probationary Teachers shall have at least three formal observations conducted by the principal and one formal observation conducted by a peer.
 - (C) Career Status Teachers shall be evaluated annually, unless the LEA establishes a different evaluation cycle for career teachers. During the year in which a career status teacher participates in a summative evaluation, the principal shall conduct at least three observations, including at least one formal observation. During observations, the principal and peer (in the case of a probationary teacher) shall note the teacher's performance in relationship to the applicable Standards on the Rubric for Evaluating North Carolina Teachers.

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- (6) Component 6: Post-Observation Conference. The principal shall conduct a post-observation conference no later than ten school days after each formal observation. During the postobservation conference, the principal and teacher shall discuss and document on the Rubric the strengths and weaknesses of the teacher's performance during the observed lesson.
- (7) Component 7: Summary Evaluation Conference and Scoring the Teacher Summary Rating Form. Prior to the end of the school year and in accordance with LEA timelines, the principal shall conduct a summary evaluation conference with the teacher. During the summary evaluation conference, the principal and teacher shall discuss the teacher's self-assessment, the teacher's most recent Professional Growth Plan, the

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components of the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process completed during the year, classroom observations, artifacts submitted or collected during the evaluation process and other evidence of the teacher's performance on the Rubric. At the conclusion of the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process, the principal shall:

- (A) Give a rating for each Element in the Rubric;
- (B) Make a written comment on any Element marked "Not Demonstrated",
- (C) Give an overall rating of each Standard in the Rubric;
- (D) Provide the teacher with the opportunity to add comments to the Teacher Summary Rating Form;
- (E) Review the completed Teacher Summary Rating Form with the teacher; and
- (F)Secure the teacher's signature on the
Record of Teacher Evaluation
Activities and Teacher Summary
Rating Form.
- (8) Component 8: Professional Development Plans.
 - (A) Individual Growth Plans: Teachers who are rated at least "Proficient" on all the Standards on the Teacher Summary Rating Form shall develop an Individual Growth Plan designed to improve performance on specifically identified Standards and Elements.
 - Monitored Growth Plans: A teacher (B) shall be placed on a Monitored Growth Plan whenever he or she is rated "Developing" on one or more Standards on the Teacher Summary Rating Form and is not recommended for dismissal, demotion or nonrenewal. A Monitored Growth Plan shall, at a minimum, identify the Standards and Elements to be improved, the goals to be accomplished and the activities the teacher should undertake to achieve Proficiency, and a timeline which allows the teacher one school year to achieve Proficiency. A Monitored Growth Plan that meets those criteria shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. 115C-333(b).
 - (C)Directed Growth Plans: A teachershall be placed on a Directed GrowthPlan whenever he or She is rated "NotDemonstrated" on any Standard onthe Teacher Summary Rating Form or

"Developing" on one or more Standards on the Teacher Summary Rating Form for two sequential years and is not recommended for dismissal, demotion or nonrenewal. The Directed Growth Plan shall, at a minimum, identify the Standards and Elements to be improved, the goals to be accomplished, the activities the teacher shall complete to achieve Proficiency, a timeline for achieving Proficiency within one school year or such shorter time as determined by the LEA. A Directed Growth Plan that meets those criteria shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. 115C-333(b).

(9) Component 9: Effective Dates and Effect on Licensing and Career Status. Effective with the 2008-2009 school year, LEAs may evaluate teachers using this policy. Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, all teachers in North Carolina will be evaluated using this policy unless a local board develops an alternative evaluation that is properly validated and that includes standards and criteria similar to those in the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards and North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Process in which case the local board shall use that instrument.

(d) Beginning Teachers: Effective 2010-2011, beginning teachers must be rated "Proficient" on all five North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards on the most recent Teacher Summary Rating Form in order to be eligible for the Standard Professional 2 License.

(e) Probationary Teachers: Effective 2010-2011, a principal must rate a probationary teacher as "Proficient" on all five North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards on the most recent Teacher Summary Rating Form before recommending that teacher for career status.

Authority G.S. 115C-333.

16 NCAC 06C .0504 RUBRIC FOR EVALUATING TEACHERS

(a) Teachers shall be evaluated on the following Standards and Elements:

- (1) Standard 1: Teachers demonstrate leadership.
 - (A) Teachers lead in their classrooms. <u>Teachers demonstrate leadership by</u> <u>taking responsibility for the progress</u> <u>of all students to ensure that they</u> <u>graduate from high school, are</u> <u>globally competitive for work and</u> <u>postsecondary education, and are</u> <u>prepared for life in the 21st Century.</u> <u>Teachers communicate this vision to</u> <u>their students. Using a variety of data</u> <u>sources, they organize, plan, and set</u>

goals that meet the needs of the individual student and the class. Teachers use various types of assessment data during the school year to evaluate student progress and to make adjustments to the teaching and learning process. They establish a safe, orderly environment, and create a culture that empowers students to collaborate and become lifelong learners.

- **(B)** Teachers demonstrate leadership in the school. Teachers work collaboratively with school personnel to create a professional learning community. They analyze and use local, state, and national data to develop goals and strategies in the school improvement plan that enhances student learning and teacher working conditions. Teachers provide input in determining the school budget and in the selection of professional development that meets the needs of students and their own professional growth. They participate in the hiring process and collaborate with their colleagues to mentor and support teachers to improve the effectiveness of their departments or grade levels.
- (C) Teachers lead the teaching profession. Teachers strive to improve the teaching profession. They contribute to the establishment of positive working relationships in the school. They actively participate in and advocate for the decision-making structures in education and government that take advantage of the expertise of teachers. Teachers promote professional growth for all educators and collaborate with colleagues to improve the profession.
- (D) Teachers advocate for schools and students. Teachers advocate for positive change in policies and practices affecting student learning. Teachers participate in the implementation of initiative to improve the education of students.
- (E) Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards. Teachers demonstrate ethical principles including honesty, integrity, fair treatment, and respect for others. Teachers uphold the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators and the Standards for Professional Conduct .

- (2) Standard 2: Teachers establish a respectful environment for a diverse population of students.
 - (A) Teachers provide an environment in which each child has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults. Teachers provide an environment for student learning that is inviting, respectful, supportive, inclusive, and flexible.
 - Teachers embrace diversity in the **(B)** school community and in the world. Teachers demonstrate their knowledge of the history of diverse cultures and their role in shaping global issues. Teachers actively select materials and develop lessons that counteract stereotypes and incorporate histories and contributions of all cultures. Teachers recognize the influence of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, and other aspects of culture on a student's development and personality. Teachers strive to understand how a student's culture and background may influence his or her school performance. Teachers consider and incorporate different points of view in their instruction.
 - (C) Teachers treat students as individuals. <u>Teachers maintain high expectations,</u> <u>including graduation from high</u> <u>school, for students of all</u> <u>backgrounds. Teachers appreciate the</u> <u>differences and value the contribution</u> <u>of each student in the learning</u> <u>environment by building positive,</u> <u>appropriate relationships.</u>
 - (D) Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of students with special needs. Teachers collaborate with the range of support specialists to help meet the special needs of all students. Through inclusion and other models of effective practice, teachers engage students to ensure that their needs are met.
 - (E) Teachers work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students Teachers recognize that educating children is a shared responsibility involving the school, parents or guardians, and the community. Teachers improve communication and collaboration between the school, the home, and the community in order to promote trust and understanding and build

partnerships with all segments of the school community. Teachers seek solutions to overcome cultural and economic obstacles that may stand in the way of effective family and community involvement in the education of their students.

- (3) Standard 3: Teachers know the content they teach.
 - Teachers align their instruction with (A) the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Teachers investigate the content standards developed by professional organizations in their specialty area. Teachers develop and apply strategies to make the curriculum rigorous and relevant for all students and provide a balanced curriculum that enhances literacy skills. Elementary teachers have explicit and thorough preparation in literacy instruction. Middle and high school teachers incorporate literacy instruction within the content area or discipline.
 - **(B)** Teachers know the content appropriate to their teaching specialty. Teachers bring a richness and depth of understanding to their classrooms by knowing their subjects beyond the content they are expected to teach and by directing students' natural curiosity into an interest in learning. Elementary teachers have broad knowledge across disciplines. Middle school and high school teachers have depth in one or more specific content areas or disciplines.
 - Teachers (C) recognize the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines. Teachers know the links and vertical alignment of the grade or subject they teach and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Teachers understand how the content they teach relates to other disciplines in order to deepen understanding and connect learning for students. Teachers promote global awareness and its relevance to subjects they teach.
 - (D) Teachers make instruction relevant to students. Teachers incorporate 21st Century life skills into their teaching deliberately, strategically, and broadly. These skills include leadership, ethics, accountability, adaptability, personal productivity, personal responsibility, people skills,

self-direction, and social responsibility. Teachers help their students understand the relationship between the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and 21st Century content, which includes global awareness; financial, economic, business and entrepreneurial literacy; civic literacy; and health awareness.

- (4) Standard 4: Teachers facilitate learning for their students.
 - Teachers know the ways in which (A) learning takes place, and they know the appropriate levels of intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development of their students. Teachers know how students think and learn. Teachers understand the influences that affect individual student learning (i.e. development, culture and language proficiency) and differentiate their instruction accordingly. Teachers keep abreast of evolving research about student learning. They adapt resources to address the strengths and weaknesses of their students.
 - (B)
 Teachers
 collaborate
 with
 their

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 and
 use
 a variety of data
 sources
 for
 short
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 long
 range
 planning
 based on the
 North
 Carolina
 Standard
 Course
 of
 Study.
 These
 plans
 reflect an understanding of how
 students
 learn.
 Teachers
 engage
 students in the learning process.
 They
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 enhance
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 - (C)Teachers use a variety of instructional
methods. Teachers choose the
methods and techniques that are most
effective in meeting the needs of their
students as they strive to eliminate
achievement gaps. Teachers employ a
wide range of techniques including
information and communication
technology, learning styles, and
differentiated instruction.
 - (D) Teachers integrate and utilize technology in their instruction. Teachers know when and how to use technology to maximize student learning. Teachers help students use technology to learn content, think critically, solve problems, discern reliability, use information,

communicate, innovate, and collaborate.

- (E)Teachershelpstudentsdevelopcritical-thinking and problem-solvingskills.Teachersencouragestudentstoaskquestions;thinkcreatively;developandtestinnovativeideas;synthesizeknowledgeanddrawconclusions.Theyhelpstudentsexerciseandcommunicatesoundreasoning;understandconnections;makecomplexchoices;andreasoning.
- (F) Teachers help students work in teams and develop leadership qualities. Teachers teach the importance of cooperation and collaboration. They organize learning teams in order to help students define roles, strengthen social ties, improve communication and collaborative skills, interact with people from different cultures and backgrounds, and develop leadership qualities.
- (G) Teachers communicate effectively. <u>Teachers communicate in ways that</u> <u>are clearly understood by their</u> <u>students. They are perceptive listeners</u> <u>and are able to communicate with</u> <u>students in a variety of ways even</u> <u>when language is a barrier. Teachers</u> <u>help students articulate thoughts and</u> <u>ideas clearly and effectively.</u>
- (H) Teachers use a variety of methods to assess what each student has learned. Teachers use multiple indicators, including formative and summative assessments, to evaluate student progress and growth as they strive to eliminate achievement gaps. Teachers provide opportunities, methods, feedback, and tools for students to assess themselves and each other. Teachers use 21st Century assessment systems to inform instruction and demonstrate evidence of students' 21st Century knowledge, skills, performance, and dispositions.
- (5)
 Standard 5: Teachers reflect on their practice.

 (A)
 Teachers analyze student learning.

 Teachers
 think systematically and

 critically
 about student learning in

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their classrooms and schools as to why learning happens and what can be done to improve achievement. Teachers collect and analyze student performance data to improve school and classroom effectiveness. They adapt their practice based on research and data to best meet the needs of students.

- (B) Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals. Teachers participate in continued, high quality professional development that reflects a global view of educational practices; includes 21st Century skills and knowledge; aligns with the State Board of Education priorities; and meets the needs of students and their own professional growth.
- (C) Teachers function effectively in a complex, dynamic environment. Understanding that change is constant, teachers actively investigate and consider new ideas that improve teaching and learning. They adapt their practice based on research and data to best meet the needs of their students.

(b) For each Standard and Element, the teacher's performance shall be identified as:

- (1) Developing. Teacher demonstrated adequate growth toward achieving standard(s) during the period of performance, but did not demonstrate competence on standard(s) of performance.
 - (2) Proficient. Teacher demonstrated basic competence on standard(s) of performance.
 - (3) Accomplished. Teacher exceeded basic competence on standard(s) of performance most of the time.
 - (4) Distinguished. Teacher consistently and significantly exceeded basic competence on standard(s) of performance.
 - (5) Not Demonstrated. Teacher did not demonstrate competence on or adequate growth toward achieving standard(s) of performance. (Note: If the "Not Demonstrated" rating is used, the principal must comment about why such rating was used.)

Authority G.S. 115C-333.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners intends to amend the rule cited as 21 NCAC 14J.0207.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Public Hearing:

Date: December 30, 2009 Time: 8:00 a.m. Location: 1201 Front Street, Suite 110, Raleigh, NC 27609

Reason for Proposed Action: This amendment combines several service types to allow for new service types as well as the flexibility of trending in different regions of the state.

Procedure by which a person can object to the agency on a proposed rule: Letter to the Board office.

Comments may be submitted to: Stefanie Kuzdrall, 1201 Front Street, Suite 110, Raleigh, NC 27609, phone (919)715-0018, fax (919)733-4127, skuzdrall@nccosmeticarts.com.

Comment period ends: February 13, 2009

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in

G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

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]	Substantive (≥\$3,000,000)

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SUBCHAPTER 14J - COSMETOLOGY CURRICULUM

SECTION .0200 - ADVANCED DEPARTMENT

21 NCAC 14J.0207 LIVE MODEL/MANNEQUIN **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

(a) The following minimum live model/mannequin performance completions shall be done by each student in the advanced department before the student is eligible to take the cosmetologist's examination. Sharing performance of completions shall not be allowed. Credit for a performance shall be given to only one student.

		1200 Hours				1500 Hours		
		Live M	Iodel	Maniq.	Live Mod	el	Maniq.	
(1)	scalp and hair treatments w/massage	<u>158</u>		-	15<u>10</u>		-	
(2)	roller sets and styles	50		25	75		25	
(3)<u>(2)</u>	fullhead fingerwave and style	<u>53</u>	OR	<u>53</u>	5	OR	5	
(4)<u>(3)</u>	fullhead pincurl and style	<u>53</u>	OR	<u>53</u>	5	OR	5	
(5)	blowdry and marcel style	50		25	75		25	
(6)	blowdry and style with brush	5	OR	5	10	OR	10	
(7)	thermal press & curl	3	OR	3	5	OR	5	
(8)	artificial hair	2	OR	2	2	OR	2	
<u>(4)</u>	<u>Hair Styling – sets, blowdrying</u>							
	Thermal press/flat iron, artificial hair	<u>80</u>		<u>56</u>	<u>100</u>		<u>70</u>	
(9)(5)	haircuts	<u>2560</u>		<u>258</u>	50<u>75</u>		<u>2510</u>	
(10)<u>(6)</u>	chemical reformation or permanent							
	waving & relaxers	20<u>16</u>		<u>512</u>	30<u>20</u>		<u>515</u>	
(11)<u>(7)</u>	temporary color	<u>53</u>			5			
(12)	semi perm color	5		5	15		5	
(13)	permanent color	10		5	15		5	
(14)	hair lightening or highlighting	5	OR	5	10	OR	10	
(8)	Color Application – semi, demi,							
	Permanent color, and hair lightening	<u>24</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>30</u>		<u>10</u>	
(9)	Multidimensional Color – low/high							
	Lighting, cap, bleach	<u>3</u> 2		<u>8</u>	<u>5</u> 4		<u>10</u>	
(15) (10) lash & brow tinting	2			4			
(16)	manicure with arm & hand massage		15			15		
(17)	pedicure with leg & foot massage	2			2			
(11)	Nail Care – manicures and pedicures	<u>12</u>			<u>15</u>			
(18)(12) artificial nails (sets)	<u>12</u> <u>24</u>	OR	<u>24</u>	<u>15</u> 2 <u>4</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>24</u>	
(19) <u>(13</u>) facials with massage/makeup	<u>53</u>			10			
(20) <u>(14</u>) hair removal	<u>53</u>			5			

(b) Certification of live model or mannequin performance completions shall be required along with the application for the examination.

(c) A live model may be substituted for a mannequin for any mannequin service.

(d) All mannequin services may be performed using a simulated product.

Authority G.S. 88-23.3.

CHAPTER 16 – BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Board of Dental Examiners intends to amend the rules cited as 21 NCAC 16B .0303: 16C .0303.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Public Hearing: Date: January 8, 2009 Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Board office, 507 Airport Blvd. Suite 105 Morrisville, NC 27560

Reason for Proposed Action: The Dental Board proposes to amend 21 NCAC 16B .0303 and 16C .0303 to require agencies that test dental and dental hygiene candidates to provide examinations that employ conjunctive scoring, a minimum passing score set by the Board, annual review of the examination and technical manual, task analyses every four years, a defined system of quality assurance and graders who are not full time employees of any dental academic institution.

Procedure by which a person can object to the agency on a proposed rule: *Objections may be submitted in writing to Carolin Bakewell, Board Counsel, Board of Dental Examiners, 507 Airport Blvd., Suite 105 Morrisville, NC 27560*

Comments may be submitted to: *Carolin Blakewell*, 507 *Airport Blvd, Suite 105, Morrisville, NC* 27560

Comment period ends: February 13, 2009

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

 Fiscal Impact:

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 State

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 Local

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 Substantive (≥\$3,000,000)

□ None

SUBCHAPTER 16B - LICENSURE DENTISTS

SECTION .0300 - APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

21 NCAC 16B .0303 BOARD APPROVED EXAMINATIONS

(a) The Board, having reviewed and evaluated the written examinations as administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and having found the same to be reliable, accurate and valid examinations, has adopted as part of its written examination the National Board Dental Examination. Applicants for dental licensure shall achieve a passing score upon such examination. Each applicant shall arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board office the National Board score.

(a)(b) All applicants for dental licensure shall achieve passing scores on the Board's sterilization and jurisprudence examinations. Reexamination on the written examinations shall be governed by Rule 16B .0406(c).

(c) In order to fulfill the clinical examination component for dental licensure, the Board shall accept passing scores from Board approved testing agencies which administer reliable, accurate and valid examinations and allow for Board representation on both the Board of Directors and the Examination Review Committee or equivalent committees and allow for Board input in the examination development and administration.

(b) All applicants for dental licensure shall achieve passing scores on written and clinical examinations administered by the Board or Board approved testing agencies according to these Rules.

(c) Clinical testing agencies must permit Board representation on the Board of Directors and the Examination Review Committee or equivalent committee and allow Board input in the examination development and administration.

(1) The clinical examination shall be substantially equivalent to the clinical licensure examination most recently administered by the Board and include procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of restorative clinical competencies and shall have included evaluations in at least four of the following subject matter areas:

(d) The clinical examination shall:

- (1) be equivalent to the clinical licensure examination most recently administered by the Board;
- (2) include procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of restorative clinical competencies;
- (3) include evaluations in at least four of the following subject matter areas:
 - (A) periodontics, clinical abilities testing;
 - (B) endodontics, clinical abilities testing;
 - (C) amalgam preparation and restoration;
 - (D) anterior composite preparation and restoration;
 - (E) posterior ceramic or composite preparation and restoration;
 - (F) cast gold, clinical abilities testing;
 - (G) prosthetics, written or clinical abilities testing;
 - (H) oral diagnosis, written or clinical abilities testing; or
 - (I) oral surgery, written or clinical abilities testing.

(2) In addition to the foregoing requirements, the examination shall include:

(4) provide the following:

- (A) anonymity between <u>applicants</u> candidates and examination raters;
- (B) standardization and calibration of raters; and
- (C) a mechanism for post exam <u>analysis;</u> analysis.
- (D) conjunctive scoring, which is scoring that requires applicants to earn a passing grade on all sections or areas tested and that does not allow weighted, averaged or overall scoring to compensate for failures in individual subject areas:
- (E) a minimum passing score set by the Board for each subject area tested;
- (F) an annual review of the examination and its technical manual by the Board and a psychometrician selected by the Board;
- (G) a task analysis performed once every four years which surveys dentists on a nationwide survey to determine the content domain to be scored and how the sections of the examination are scored;
- (H) a defined system of quality assurance to ensure uniform, consistent administration of the examination at each testing site; and
- (I) a system of applicant assessment which utilizes raters of applicant performance who are not full time

employees of any dental academic institution.

(3)(e) The Board shall accept scores upon such examinations for a period of five years following the date of such examinations. Each applicant shall arrange for and ensure the submission to the Board office the applicant's scores.

(4)(f) The applicant shall comply with all requirements of such testing agency in applying for and taking the examination.

(g) The Board shall specify the times, places and agencies which will conduct Board approved licensure examinations in the state.

Authority G.S. 90-30; 90-48.

SUBCHAPTER 16C - LICENSURE DENTAL HYGIENISTS

SECTION .0300 - APPLICATION

21 NCAC 16C .0303 BOARD APPROVED EXAMINATIONS

(a) The Board, having reviewed and evaluated the written examination as administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and having found the same to be a reliable, accurate and valid examination, has adopted as a part of its written examination the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination. Applicants for dental hygiene licensure must achieve a passing score on such examination. Each applicant shall arrange for and ensure that the applicant's National Board score is submitted to the Board office.

(a)(b) All applicants for dental hygiene licensure shall achieve passing scores on the Board's sterilization and jurisprudence examinations. Reexamination on the written examinations shall be governed by Rule 16C .0405.

(c) In order to fulfill the clinical examination component for dental hygiene licensure, the Board shall accept passing seores from Board approved testing agencies which administer reliable, accurate and valid examinations and allow for Board representation on both the Board of Directors and the Examination Review Committee or equivalent committees and allow for Board input in the examination development and administration. The clinical examination shall:

(b) All applicants for dental hygiene licensure shall achieve passing scores on written and clinical examinations administered by the board or Board approved testing agencies according to these Rules.

(c) Clinical testing agencies must permit Board representation on the Board of Directors and the Examination Review Committee or equivalent committee and allow Board input in the examination development and administration.

(d) The clinical examination shall:

(1) be substantially equivalent to the clinical licensure examination most recently administered by the Board and include procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of clinical competencies and shall have included probing, supra and subgingival scaling, and soft tissue management; and

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- (1) be equivalent to the clinical licensure examination most recently administered by the Board;
- (2) include procedures performed on human subjects as part of the assessment of clinical competency;
- (3) include probing, supra and subgingival scaling and soft tissue management;
- (4) provide the following:
 - (A) anonymity between candidates <u>applicants</u> and examination raters;
 - (B) standardization and calibration of raters; and
 - (C) a mechanism for post exam analysis. <u>analysis;</u>
 - (D) conjunctive scoring, which is scoring that requires applicants to earn a passing grade on all sections or areas tested and that does not allow weighted, averaged or overall scoring to compensate for failures in individual subject areas;
 - (E) a minimum passing score set by the Board for each subject area tested;
 - (F) an annual review of the examination and its technical manual by the Board and a psychometrician selected by the Board;
 - (G) a task analysis performed once every four years which surveys dentists on a nationwide survey to determine the content domain to be scored and how the sections of the examination are scored;
 - (H) a defined system of quality assurance to ensure uniform, consistent administration of the examination at each testing site; and
 - (I) a system of applicant assessment which utilizes raters of applicant performance who are not full time employees of any dental academic institution.

(d) The Board shall accept scores upon <u>approved</u> examinations approved under Paragraph (c) of this Rule, for a period of five years following the date of such examinations. Each applicant shall arrange for and ensure that the applicant's scores are submitted to the Board office. The applicant shall comply with all requirements of such testing agency in applying for and taking the examination.

(e) In order to fulfill the sterilization examination component set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the Board shall accept passing scores from Board approved testing agencies which administer reliable, accurate and valid sterilization examinations and allow for Board representation on both the Board of Directors and the Examination Review Committee or equivalent committees and allow for Board input in the examination development and administration. (e) The Board shall specify the times, places and agencies which will conduct Board approved licensure examinations in the state.

Authority G.S. 90-224.

TITLE 26 – OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Office of Administrative Hearings intends to amend the rules cited as 26 NCAC 01 .0102; 02C .0114; 03 0120, .0123.

Proposed Effective Date: April 1, 2009

Public Hearing:

Date: February 17, 2009 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. **Location:** 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

Reason for Proposed Action: The Office of Administrative Hearings is proposing to amend rules in Chapters 1 and 3 regarding cost of public documents and recordings on file to reflect actual cost of copies and to establish cost using the technology now available in OAH's new office and courtrooms. The agency is also making a few clarifying changes to those same rules that do not alter the substance or intent. OAH is also proposing to amend a rule in Chapter 2 to reduce the time allowed for agencies to report errors to OAH prior to publication in the NCAC and the OAH website. The reduction of time will allow OAH to post rules to the OAH website sooner and have the website more current with newly adopted and amended rules.

Procedure by which a person can object to the agency on a proposed rule: Written objections should be sent to Molly Masich, OAH-Rules Division, 1711 New Hope Church Road, NC 27609 and postmarked no later than February 17, 2009. The objection letter should clearly state which rule the objection is to and the reason for the objection.

Comments may be submitted to: *Molly Masich, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, NC* 27609

Comment period ends: February 17, 2009

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit written objections to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive those objections by mail, delivery service, hand delivery, or

facsimile transmission. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please call a Commission staff attorney at 919-431-3000.

Fiscal Impact:

State
Local
Substantive (>\$3,000,000)
None

CHAPTER 01 - GENERAL

SECTION .0100 - GENERAL

26 NCAC 01 .0103 COST TO PUBLIC

(a) Copies of any public documents and <u>recordings on file filed</u> in the Office of Administrative Hearings are available in the following forms:

- (1) looseleaf form at a cost of twenty five cents (\$0.25) per page with a minimum cost of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50); loose-leaf documents at a cost of five cents (\$0.05) per page;
- (2) 3 1/2 inch diskette at a cost of five dollars (\$5.00) per diskette if the document is available in electronic form;
- (2) CD Rom at a cost of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) each:
- (3) digital video disk (DVD) at a cost of fifty cents (\$0.50) each;
- (4) cassette tape at a cost of fifty cents (\$0.50) each; and
- (3)(5) email at no cost if the document is available in an electronic form. form (subject to email system file format and size limitations.)

(b) Certified copies of any public document filed in the Office of Administrative Hearings are available at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00) per certification in addition to the looseleaf copying cost. Diskette Electronic copy certification is not available.

(c) Transcripts or tapes are available of contested case hearings. Procedures for requesting and costs of transcripts or tapes are in 26 NCAC 03 .0123.

(d) Copies of recordings are available in the original recording format and media only.

(e) Video conferencing fees including cancellation fees shall be paid by the requesting party. The OAH and video conferencing fees are set at the rates established by the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS).

(d)(f) North Carolina sales tax shall be added if applicable.

(g) Postage and mailing costs shall be paid by the requesting party.

(h) There is no charge to the requesting party unless the total charge is equal to or exceeds three dollars (\$3.00).

Authority G.S. 132-6.2; 150B-19; 150B-21.25; 150B-37.

CHAPTER 02 - RULES DIVISION

SUBCHAPTER 02C - SUBMISSION PROCEDURES FOR RULES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NORTH CAROLINA REGISTER AND THE NORTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

SECTION .0100 - GENERAL

26 NCAC 02C .0114 AGENCY FINAL COPY

(a) OAH shall send electronically a final draft of an adopted emergency, temporary or permanent rule to an agency's rule-making coordinator after the rule is filed with OAH.

(b) The agency shall notify OAH of any error made in the draft within 10 three business days of notification by OAH.

(c) If OAH receives written notification from the agency of any error made by OAH, OAH shall correct the error.

(d) If OAH receives written notification from the agency of any error in the content of the rule not made by OAH, OAH shall return the rule to the Commission.

Authority G.S. 150B-21.5; 150B-21.20.

CHAPTER 03 - HEARINGS DIVISION

SECTION .0100 - HEARING PROCEDURES

26 NCAC 03 .0120 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

(a) All parties shall have the right to may present evidence, rebuttal testimony, and argument with respect to the issues of law and policy, and to cross-examine witnesses, including the author of a document prepared by, on behalf of, or for use of the agency and offered in evidence.

(b) A party shall have all evidence to be presented, both oral and written, available on the date for hearing. Requests for subpoenas, depositions, or continuances shall be made within a reasonable time after their need becomes evident to the requesting party. In cases when the hearing time is expected to exceed one day, the parties shall be prepared to present their evidence at the date and time ordered by the administrative law judge or agreed upon at a prehearing conference.

(c) The administrative law judge shall send copies of all orders or decisions to all parties simultaneously. Any party sending a letter, exhibit, brief, memorandum, or other document to the administrative law judge shall simultaneously send a copy to all other parties.

(d) All parties have the continuing responsibility to notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of their current address and telephone number.

(e) A party need not be represented by an attorney. <u>A party may</u> represent himself or be represented by an attorney. If a party has notified other parties of that party's representation by an attorney, all communications shall be directed to that attorney.

(f) With prior notice to the administrative law judge, any person may offer testimony or other evidence relevant to the case. Any nonparty offering testimony or other evidence may be questioned by parties to the case and by the administrative law judge. (g) Prior to issuing a decision, the administrative law judge may order any party to submit proposed findings of fact and written arguments.

(h) The Administrative Law Judge may allow remote participation via audio or video conference by participant(s) subject to available services at the hearing location. Requests for remote participation shall be made at least seven days in advance and are subject to equipment, staff, and scheduling availability.

Authority G.S. 7A-751(a); 150B-25; 150B-33; 150B-34.

26 NCAC 03 .0123 OFFICIAL RECORD

(a) The official record of a contested case shall be available for public inspection upon request. An administrative law judge may, consistent with law, order part or all of an official record sealed.

(b) The official record shall be prepared in accordance with G.S. 150B-37(a).

(c) Contested case hearings shall be recorded either by a four-track recording system or a professional court reporter using stenomask or stenotype.

(d) Transcript costs incurred shall be divided equally among the party(ies) requesting a transcript.

(e) Any other costs incurred when using a professional court reporter shall be divided equally among the requesting party(ies). (f) A 24 hour cancellation notice shall be required in all cases. The party(ies) responsible for the cancellation shall be liable for any cancellation fees.

(g) Transcripts of proceedings during which oral evidence is presented will shall be made only upon request of a party. OAH shall contract with an independent contractor to provide transcript services. Transcript requests must be made to the independent contractor. The name and phone number of the independent contractor may be obtained by calling the Office of Administrative Hearings. Transcript costs shall be provided to the requesting party by the independent contractor. An attorney requesting a transcript on behalf of a party shall be a guarantor of payment of the cost. The independent contractor may require an advance security deposit to cover the prospective cost.

(h) Copies of tapes <u>recordings</u> are available upon written request at a cost of three dollars (\$3.00) plus tax per tape. <u>set out</u> in 26 NCAC 01.0103.

(i) Copies of OAH Hearings tapes recordings or Non-OAH Certified transcripts therefrom are not part of the official record. Note: Rule 5.3(B) of the Rules of Professional Conduct permits an attorney to advance or guarantee expenses of litigation provided the client remains ultimately liable for such expenses.

Authority G.S. 150B-37.

This Section contains information for the meeting of the Rules Review Commission on Thursday December 18, 2008 10:00 a.m. at 1711 New Hope Church Road, RRC Commission Room, Raleigh, NC. 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. Specific instructions and addresses may be obtained from the Rules Review Commission at 919-431-3100. Anyone wishing to address the Commission should notify the RRC staff and the agency at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

RULES REVIEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

Appointed by Senate Jim R. Funderburke - 1st Vice Chair David Twiddy - 2nd Vice Chair Keith O. Gregory Jerry R. Crisp Jeffrey P. Gray Appointed by House Jennie J. Hayman - Chairman John B. Lewis Clarence E. Horton, Jr. Daniel F. McLawhorn Curtis Venable

RULES REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING DATES

December 18, 2008 February 19, 2009

January 22, 2009 March 19, 2008

RULES REVIEW COMMISSION November 20, 2008 MINUTES

The Rules Review Commission (RRC) met on Thursday, November 20, 2008, in the Commission Room at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina. Commissioners present were: Jerry Crisp, Jim Funderburk, Jeff Gray, Jennie Hayman, Clarence Horton, Dan McLawhorn, and Curtis Venable.

Staff members present were: Joseph DeLuca and Bobby Bryan, Commission Counsel, and Tammara Chalmers, RRC Administrative Assistant.

The following people were among those attending the meeting:

Charles Wilkins	Broughton Wilkins Sugg & Thompson
Nancy Pate	Department of Environment & Natural Resources
Steve Coggins	Roundtree Losee & Baldwin
S. C. Kitchen	Durham County
Cady Thomas	NC Association of Realtors
Peggy Oliver	Office of State Personnel
Rich Gannon	DENR Division of Water Quality
Bob Potter	Department of Insurance
Ellen Sprenkel	Department of Insurance
Lisa Martin	NC Home Builders Association
Don Laton	Department of Justice
Mary Flanagan	DHHS Division of Services for the Blind
Ben Massey	NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Jack Nichols	Attorney-NC Board of Nursing
Jane Oliver	Department of Justice
Kathy Arney	NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners-Contractor
Melissa Trippe	Attorney General's Office
Jean H. Stanley	NC Board of Nursing
Francis Crawley	Attorney General's Office
Jimmy Miller	Cemetery Commission
Jim Gulick	Department of Justice
Eric David	Board of Phasical
Jim Gulick	Department of Justice
Eric David	Board of Pharmacy
Robert M. Ward	City of Burlington

Kenney McDowell	City of Greensboro
Jane Oliver	Department of Justice
Chris Nida	NC League of Municipalities
Barry Gupton	Department of Insurance-Building Code Council
Charles Brown	Town of Cary
Lancie Bailey	Water Treatment Board
Joan Taylor Saucier	Department of Correction
Mike Abraczinskas	DENR/Division of Air Quality
Joelle Burleson	DENR/Division of Air Quality
Donnie Redman	DENR/Division of Air Quality
Bonnie Bendell	DENR/Division of Coastal Management
Jeff Warren	DENR/Division of Coastal Management
Steve Smith	Environmental Management Commission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with Ms. Hayman presiding. She reminded the Commission members that they have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearances of conflicts as required by NCGS 138A-15(e). Chairman Hayman asked for any discussion, comments, or corrections concerning the minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting. There were none and the minutes were approved as distributed.

FOLLOW-UP MATTERS

15A NCAC 02B .0262, .0263, .0267 (Review for technical changes only): .0265, .0266, .0311 – Environmental Management Commission. On a motion to accept staff's recommendation made by Commissioner Funderburk and seconded by Commissioner Horton, the Commission approved the rewritten rules submitted by the agency and also approved Rule .0311. Commissioners Funderburk, Horton, McLawhorn, and Chairman Hayman voted in favor of the motion with Commissioners Crisp, Gray, and Venable opposed. These rules are all subject to legislative review.

15A NCAC 18D .0308 – Water Treatment Facility Operators Certification Board. The Comprission approved the rewritten rule submitted by the agency.

21 NCAC 36 .0201, .0203 - Board of Nursing. After some discussion, an explanation by attorney Nichols, and an agreement to make a technical change that day, the Commission approved the rewritten rules submitted by the agency.

LOG OF FILINGS

Chairman Hayman presided over the review of the log of permanent rules.

All permanent rules were approved unanimously with the following exceptions:

Prior to the review of the permanent rules from the Private Protective Services Board, Commissioner Gray recused himself and did not participate in any discussion or vote concerning these rules because he teaches the Firearms Instructor Training course for the Private Protective Services Board on a contract basis.

05 NCAC 01F .0102: Department of Corrections – The Commission objected to this Rule based on lack of statutory authority. G.S. 132-6.2(b) prohibits a public agency from charging a fee for an uncertified copy of a public record that exceeds the actual cost to the public agency of making the copy. "Actual cost" is limited to direct, chargeable cost related to the reproduction of a public record as determined by generally accepted accounting principles and does not include costs that would have been made. In (a)(1), the rule sets a cost of ten cents per page for copies of loose-leaf documents. That cost appears to be more than the actual cost of making the copy, and there was no showing that ten cents is the actual cost.

10A NCAC 63C .0204: Commission for the Blind – The Commission objected to this Rule based on ambiguity. Subparagraph (d)(3) is unclear. The purpose of the Subparagraph is to establish the procedure for awarding points for Performance According to Financial Analysis/Operating Standards. The maximum points that can be awarded is 50. Parts (B) through (E) seem to tell how to obtain the maximum points. Then Part (F) seems to largely repeat the formula except that the Subparts are based on 12 months as opposed to three months as in the remainder of the Subparagraph. It is not clear if these are alternative ways of getting points or what is going on here. This problem is in the existing language.

21 NCAC 14H .0105: Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners – The Commission objected to this Rule based on ambiguity and lack of statutory authority. It is not clear in (f) if the agency would actually intend to seek enforcement action for violation "of any rule in this Chapter," including sanitation rules and penalties that by themselves would not result in any adverse action against the permit holder. Even if the rule were clear there is no authority cited to take any enforcement action against a permit holder unless the violation "of any rule in this Chapter" is willful. Likewise in (d) there is no authority cited to prohibit the operation of a beauty establishment beyond the time set in the rule unless the agency establishes that the failure to attain the necessary sanitation rating is willful. That determination could not be made until the completion of a contested case hearing.

21 NCAC 48G .0111: Board of Physical Therapy Examiners – The Commission objected to this Rule based on ambiguity. In (c), it is not clear what standards the Board will use in deciding whether to grant an exception to a licensee who becomes disabled or sustains a personal hardship that makes completion of requirements impractical. In (d), it is not clear when the Board will allow additional time in cases of personal or family emergencies. In (e), it is not clear when an exception applied for will be granted. In (f), it is not clear when requests for partial exemptions or deferments for hardships or extenuating circumstances will be granted.

21 NCAC 48G .0203: Board of Physical Therapy Examiners - The Commission objected to this Rule based on ambiguity. In (c)(2), it is not clear what is meant by "satisfactorily" compiling at least 500 hours. It is not clear when the compiling would be unsatisfactory. It is also not clear when the Board will authorize training.

TEMPORARY RULES

Chairman Hayman presided over the review of the log of temporary rules.

Prior to the review of the temporary rules from the Office of Administrative Hearings, Commissioner Venable recused himself and did not participate in any discussion or vote concerning these rules because he was involved in the development of the rules. Commissioner Gray also recused himself and did not participate in any discussion or vote concerning these rules because he was involved in the review of the rules.

All temporary rules were approved

COMMISSION PROCEDURES AND OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners were invited to attend the Office of Administrative Hearings Open House on Friday, December 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at its new location.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammara Chalmers RRC Administrative Assistant

LIST OF APPROVED PERMANENT RULES November 20, 2008 Meeting

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- I. Ethics reminder by the chair as set out in G.S. 138A-15(e)
- II. Approval of the minutes from the last meeting
- III. Follow-Up Matters:
 - A. Department of Correction 05 NCAC 01F .0102 (Bryan)
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- IV. Review of Log of Permanent Rule filings for rules filed between October 21, 2008 and November 20, 2008 (attached)
- V. Review of Temporary Rules
- VI. Commission Business
 - Next meeting: January 22, 2009

Commission Review Log of Permanent Rule Filings October 21, 2008 through November 20, 2008

MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

The rules in Chapter 13 are from the Medical Care Commission.

The rules in Subchapter 13P concern emergency medical services and trauma including definitions (.0100); ems systems (.0200); specialty care transport programs (.0300); medical oversight (.0400); ems personnel (.0500); ems educational institutions (.0600); enforcement (.0700); trauma system definitions (.0800); trauma center standards and approval (.0900); trauma center designation enforcement (.1000); and trauma system design (.1100).

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Air Medical Specialty Care Transport Program Criteria for Adopt/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0305
Components of Medical Oversight for EMS Systems Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0401
Components of Medical Oversight for Specialty Care Transp Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0402
Responsibilities of the Medical Director for EMS Systems Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0403
<u>Responsibilities of the Medical Director for Specialty Ca</u> Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0404
Requirements for Adult and Pediatric Treatment Protocols Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0405
Requirements for Adult and Pediatric Treatment Protocals Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0406
EMS Peer Review Committee for EMS Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0408
EMS Peer Review Committee for Specialty Care Transport Pr Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0409
Educational Programs Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0501
Initial Credentialing Requirements for MR, EMT, EMT-I, EM Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0502
Renewal of Credentials for MR, EMT, EMT-I, EMT-P, and EMD Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0504
Credentialing Requirements for Level 1 EMS Instructors Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0507
Credentialing Requirements for Level II EMS Instructors Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0508
Credentialing of Individuals to Administer Lifesaving Tre Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0509
Renewal of Credentials for Level I and Level II EMS Instr Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0510
<u>Criminal Histories</u> Adopt/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0511
Continuing Education EMS Educational Institution Requirem Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0601
Basic EMS Educational Institutional Requirements Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0602
Advanced EMS Educational Institution Requirements Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0603
Denial, Suspension, Amendment or Revocation Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0701
Trauma System Definitions	10A	NCAC	13P	.0801

Repeal/*				
Level I Trauma Center Criteria	10A	NCAC	13P	.0901
Amend/*				
Level II Trauma Center Criteria	10A	NCAC	13P	.0902
Amend/*				
Level III Trauma Center Criteria	10A	NCAC	13P	.0903
Amend/*				
Initial Designation Process Amend/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.0904
Renewal Designation Process	10A	NCAC	13P	.0905
Amend/*				
Denial, Focused Review, Voluntary Withdrawal, or Revocati	10A	NCAC	13P	.1001
Repeal/*				
Procedures for Appeal of Denial, Focused Review, or Revoc Repeal/*	10A	NCAC	13P	.1002
State Trauma System	10.4	NCAC	13P	.1101
Amend/*	10A	NCAC	135	.1101
	10.4	NCAC	13P	.1102
<u>Regional Trauma System Plan</u> Amend/*	IUA	NCAC	151	.1102
Regional Trauma System Policy Development	10A	NCAC	13P	.1103
Amend/*				

The rules in Subchapter 13Q concern ems formula grants including formula for distribution of emergency medical services (ems) system development grant funds (.0100).

Formula for Allocation of State Funds Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13Q .0101
Formula for Allocation of Federal Funds Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13Q .0102
Implementation of Funding Formula Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13Q .0103

The rules in Subchapter 13R concern minimum standards for mobile intensive care units including definitions (.0100); equipment (.0200); and communication (.0300).

Mobile Intensive Care Unit I Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0101
Mobile Intensive Care Unit III Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0103
Mobile Intensive Care Unit IV Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0104
Advanced Life Support Nontransporting Unit Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0105
General Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0201
<u>Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) I</u> Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0202
Mobile Intensive Care Unit III Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0204
Mobile Intensive Care Unit IV Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0205
Advanced Life Support Nontransporting Unit Repeal/*	10A	NCAC 13R .0206

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RULES REVIEW COMMISSION

Repeal/*

Communication

HHS - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, DIVISION OF

The rules in Chapter 22 are medical assistance eligibility rules.

The rules in Subchapter 22O establish what medical assistance is provided including rules about general provisions (.0100); dental services (.0200); amount, duration and scope of assistance; and limitation of amount, duration, and scope of assistance (.0400).

Chiropractic Services

Amend/*

SHERIFFS EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION

Rules in Subchapter 10B are from the N. C. Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission. These rules govern the commission organization and procedure (.0100); enforcement rules (.0200); minimum standards for employment as a justice officer (deputy or jailer) (.0300); certification of justice officers (.0400); standards and accreditation for justice officers schools, training programs, and the instructors (.0500-.0900); certificate and awards programs for sheriffs, deputies, justice officers, jailers, reserve officers, and telecommunicators (.1000-.1700); in-service training (.2000); and firearms in-service training and re-qualification (.2100).

Definitions Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0103
Sanctions for Violations by Agencies or Schools Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0202
Sanctions for Violations by Agencies or Schools Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0203
Suspension: Revocation: or Denial of Certification Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0204
Period of Suspension: Revocation: or Denial Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0205
Medical Examination Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0304
Background Investigation Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0305
Lateral Transfer/Reinstatements Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0406
Administration of Detention Officer Certification Course Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0703
Responsibilities: School Directors, Detention Officers Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0704
Administration of Telecommunicator Certification Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0708
Responsibilities: School Directors, Telecommunicator Cert Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0709
Suspension: Revocation: Denial of Detention Officer Instr Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0911
Period/Suspension: Revocation: or Denial of Detention Off Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0912
Suspension: Revocation: Denial of Telecommunicator Instru Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0919
Period/Suspension: Revocation: or Denial of Telecommunica Amend/*	12	NCAC	10B	.0920
Instructors	12	NCAC	10B	.2004

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10A NCAC 220 .0106

NCAC 13R .0301

Amend/*		
Minimum Training Requirements	12	NCAC 10B .2005
Amend/*		
Sheriff/Agency Head Responsibilities	12	NCAC 10B .2007
Amend/*		
Failure to Complete in-Service Training Programs	12	NCAC 10B .2008
Amend/*		

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

The rules in Chapter 13 concern boiler and pressure vessel including definitions (.0100); administration (.0200); enforcement of standards (.0300); general requirements (.0400); non-standard boilers and pressure vessels (.0500); hot water vessels used for heating or for storage of hot water (.0600); nuclear energy systems (.0700); and forms (.0800).

Definitions	13	NCAC 13	.0101
Amend/*	10	iterie is	.0101
Inspector Qualifications Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0202
North Carolina Commission Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0203
Conflict of Interest Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0204
Owner User Inspection Agency Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0205
Owners or Users to Notify Chief Inspector of Accidents Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0206
Insurance Companies to Notify Chief Inspector Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0208
Inspection Documentation Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0301
Certificate Issuance Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0302
Design and Construction Standards Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0401
Maximum Allowable Working Pressure Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0403
Controls and Safety Devices Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0404
Pressure Relief Devices Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0405
Automatic Low-Water Fuel Cutoff Controls and Water-Feedin Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0409
Expansion Tanks Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0412
Clearance Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0413
Gas-Fired Jacketed Steam Kettle Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0414
Reinstallation of Certain Boilers and Pressure Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0416
Supports Amend/*	13	NCAC 13	.0417
Fire Mechanism Controls	13	NCAC 13	.0420

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Amend/*

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

The rules in Chapter 1 are departmental rules.

The rules in Subchapter 1S are from the office of environmental education including the north carolina environmental education certification program (.0100).

15A NCAC 01S .0101

<u>Fees</u> Adopt/*

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

The rules in Subchapter 2B pertain to surface water standards and monitoring including procedures for assignment of water quality standards (.0100); the standards and classifications themselves (.0200); stream classifications (.0300); effluent limitations (.0400); monitoring and reporting requirements (.0500); and water quality management plans (.0600).

Cape Fear River Basin	15A	NCAC 02B .0311
Amend/*		
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0601
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0602
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0603
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0604
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0605
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0606
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0607
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0608
Site Specific Water Quality Management Plan for the Goose Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02B .0609

The rules in Subchapter 2D are air pollution control requirements including definitions and references (.0100); air pollution sources (.0200); air pollution emergencies (.0300); ambient air quality standards (.0400); emission control standards (.0500); air pollutants monitoring and reporting (.0600); complex sources (.0800); volatile organic compounds (.0900); motor vehicle emission control standards (.1000); control of toxic air pollutants (.1100); control of emissions from incinerators (.1200); oxygenated gasoline standard (.1300); nitrogen oxide standards (.1400); transportation conformity (.1500); general conformity for federal actions (.1600); emissions at existing municipal solid waste landfills (.1700); control of odors (.1800); open burning (.1900); transportation conformity (.2000); risk management program (.2100); special orders (.2200); emission reduction credits (.2300); clean air interstate rules (.2400); mercury rules for electric generators (.2500); and source testing (.2600).

Control of Visible Emissions Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02D .0521
Compliance Assurance Monitoring Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02D .0614
Definitions Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02D .0901
Applicability Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02D .0902

Compliance Schedules for Sources In Nonattainment Areas	15A	NCAC 02D .0909
Amend/*		
Petition for Alternative Controls for RACT Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02D .0952
Vapor Return Piping for Stage II Vapor Recovery Repeal/*	15A	NCAC 02D .0953
<u>Stage II Vapor Recovery</u> Repeal/*	15A	NCAC 02D .0954
National Emission Standards For Hazardous Air Pollutants Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02D .1110
Large Municipal Waste Combustors Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02D .1205
Small Municipal Waste Combustors Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02D .1212
Evaluation of New or Modified Swine Farms Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02D .1808

The rules in Subchapter 2Q are rules relating to applying for and obtaining air quality permits and include general information (.0100); fees (.0200); application requirements (.0300); acid rain program requirements (.0400); establishment of an air quality permitting program (.0500); transportation facility requirements (.0600); toxic air pollutant procedures (.0700); exempt categories (.0800); and permit exemptions (.0900).

Activities Exempted from Permit Requirements Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02Q .0102
Applications Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02Q .0304
Temporary Crushers Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02Q .0902

The rules in Subchapter 2T set out the requirements for the issuance of permits for waste systems that do not discharge to the surface waters of the state and include general requirements (.0100); and requirements for various systems including: wastewater pump and haul systems (.0200); sewer extensions (.0300); system-wide collection system permitting (.0400); wastewater irrigation systems (.0500); single-family residence wastewater irrigation systems (.0600); high rate infiltration systems (.0700); other non-discharge wastewater systems (.0800); reclaimed water systems (.0900); closed-loop recycle systems (.1000); residuals management (.1100); coal combustion products management (.1200); animal waste management systems (.1300); manure hauler operations (.1400); soil remediation (.1500); and groundwater remediation systems (.1600).

State Permitting Requirements Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02T .1304
<u>NPDES Permitting Requirements</u> Amend/*	15A	NCAC 02T .1305
Swine Waste Management System Performance Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02T .1307
Evaluation and Approval of Swine Waste Management Systems Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02T .1308
Lagoon Conversion Requirements Adopt/*	15A	NCAC 02T .1309

PUBLIC HEALTH, COMMISSION FOR

The rules in Chapter 18 cover environmental aspects of health such as sanitation (18A), mosquito control (18B), water supplies (18C), and water treatment facility operators (18D).

The rules in Subchapter 18A deal with sanitation and include handling, packing and shipping of crustacean meat (.0100) and shellfish (.0300 and .0400); operation of shellstock plants and reshippers (.0500); shucking and packing plants (.0600); depuration

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mechanical purification facilities (.0700); wet storage of shellstock (.0800); shellfish growing waters (.0900); summer camps (.1000); grade A milk (.1200); hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, etc. (.1300); mass gatherings (.1400); local confinement facilities (.1500); residential care facilities (.1600); protection of water supplies (.1700); lodging places (.1800); sewage treatment and disposal systems (.1900); migrant housing (.2100); bed and breakfast homes (.2200); delegation of authority to enforce rules (.2300); public, private and religious schools (.2400); public swimming pools (.2500); restaurants, meat markets, and other food handling establishments (.2600); child day care facilities (.2800); restaurant and lodging fee collection program (.2900); bed and breakfast inns (.3000); lead poisoning prevention (.3100); tattooing (.3200); adult day service facilities (.3300); primitive camps (.3500); rules governing the sanitation of resident camps (.3600); and private drinking water well sampling (.3800).

Grading Amend/*	15A	NCAC 18A .2606	
Grading Amend/*	15A	NCAC 18A .3606	

REVENUE, DEPARTMENT OF

The rules in Chapter 5 are from the corporate income and franchise tax division.

The rules in Subchapter 5C are corporate income tax rules and include corporations subject to the tax (.0100); computation of income (.0300); interest income on government obligations (.0400); income taxable in another state (.0600); business and nonbusiness income (.0700); property factor (.0800); payroll factor (.0900); sales factor (.1000); amortization of bond premiums (.1400); net economic loans carry over (.1500); partnerships and the corporate partner (.1700); computing taxable percentages on dividends (.1800); filing of returns and payment of taxes (.1900); extension of time for filing return (.2000); dissolutions and withdrawals (.2100); domestic international sales corporation (.2400); and reinstatement of corporate charter (.2600).

Extension of Filing Date	17	NCAC 05C .2004
Amend/*		

FUNERAL SERVICE, BOARD OF

The rules in Subchapter 34A concern board functions including general provisions (.0100); and fees and other payments (.0200).

Petition for Nomination Amend/*	21	NCAC 34A .0103
Voting Records Amend/*	21	NCAC 34A .0104
Requests for Declaratory Ruling Amend/*	21	NCAC 34A .0108
Solicitation Amend/*	21	NCAC 34A .0124
Complaints: Preliminary Determination Amend/*	21	NCAC 34A .0126
Filing of Documents Adopt/*	21	NCAC 34A .0127

The rules in Subchapter 34B are funeral service rules including rules relating to resident trainees (.0100); examinations (.0200); licensing (.0300); continuing education (.0400); out-of-state licensees (.0500); funeral establishments (.0600); and preparation of dead bodies (.0700).

Authorized Practice: Supervision Amend/*	21	NCAC 34B .0103
<u>Trainee Final Affidavit Form</u> Amend/*	21	NCAC 34B .0120
Applications Amend/*	21	NCAC 34B .0202
National Board Certificate Amend/*	21	NCAC 34B .0211

Expiration of Text Scores Adopt/*	21	NCAC 34B .0213
Practice of Funeral Service or Funeral Directing Not as a Adopt/*	21	NCAC 34B .0310
Continuing Education Program Amend/*	21	NCAC 34B .0408
Accreditation of Computer-Based CE Amend/*	21	NCAC 34B .0414
<u>Funeral Establishment Inspection Form</u> Amend/*	21	NCAC 34B .0615

The rules in Subchapter 34C concern crematories including general provisions (.0100); equipment and processing (.0200); and authorizations, reports, records (.0300).

Monthly Reports Amend/*	21	NCAC 34C .0305
Retention of Records Amend/*	21	NCAC 34C .0306

The rules in Subchapter 34D are preneed funeral contract rules including general provisions (.0100); licensing (.0200); operations (.0300); and preneed recovery fund (.0400).

Approval of Contract Forms Amend/*	21	NCAC 34D .0101
Transfer of Trust Preneed Contracts to Another Jurisdiction Adopt/*	21	NCAC 34D .0106
Preneed Funeral Establishment License Amend/*	21	NCAC 34D .0201
Surety Bonds Adopt/*	21	NCAC 34D .0203
Certificate of Performance Amend/*	21	NCAC 34D .0303

NURSING, BOARD OF

The rules in Chapter 36 are from the Board of Nursing and include rules relating to general provisions (.0100); licensure (.0200); approval of nursing programs (.0300); unlicensed personnel and nurses aides (.0400); professional corporations (.0500); articles of organization (.0600); nurse licensure compact (.0700); and approval and practice parameters for nurse practitioners (.0800).

Establishment of a Nursing Program Initial Approval	21	NCAC 36	.0302
Amend/*			

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, BOARD OF

The rules in Chapter 38 cover organization and general provisions (.0100); application for license (.0200); licensing (.0300); business conduct (.0400); provisions concerning rulemaking (.0500); administrative hearing procedures (.0600); professional corporations (.0700); continuing competence activity (.0800); supervision, supervisory roles, and clinical responsibilities of occupational therapist and occupational therapy assistants (.0900); supervision of limited permittees (.1000); and supervision of unlicensed personnel (.1100).

Application Process Amend/*	21	NCAC 3	38	.0201
Grounds for License Denial or Discipline Amend/*	21	NCAC 3	38	.0304

SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE BOARD

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The rules in Chapter 63 deal with Social Work Certification including general rules (.0100); certification (.0200); examinations (.0300); renewal of certification (.0400); ethical guidelines (.0500); disciplinary procedures (.0600); adoption of rules (.0700); and professional corporations and limited liability companies (.0900).

Definitions Amend/*	21	NCAC 63	.0102
References Amend/*	21	NCAC 63	.0204
Work Experience Amend/*	21	NCAC 63	.0211
Temporary Licenses Amend/*	21	NCAC 63	.0213
Reporting of Scores Amend/*	21	NCAC 63	.0302
Continuing Education Requirements Amend/*	21	NCAC 63	.0401
Renewal Fees Amend/*	21	NCAC 63	.0403
Public Statements Amend/*	21	NCAC 63	.0509
Application for a Certificate of Registration Adopt/*	21	NCAC 63	.0901
Renewal of Certificate of Registration Adopt/*	21	NCAC 63	.0902
Dissolving the Professional Entity Adopt/*	21	NCAC 63	.0903

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