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Dear Mr. Waters,

I have received your letter of February 18, 2009 and I thank you for writing. North Carolina's surface waters and ground waters are one of its remaining clean treasures. The North Carolina Environmental Management Commission devotes a substantial amount of its work in maintaining and improving the quality of our surface and ground waters. You can be assured that we recognize the importance of our water quality and water use decisions as to wildlife, aquatic life, water supply, recreation and the natural beauty of our state. We are committed to implementation of Session Law 2008-143 as well as our water quality standards and surface water classifications.

Your comments are appreciated and will be taken into consideration as we continue this work.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "ST Smith".

Stephen T. Smith  
Chairman  
N.C. Environmental Management Commission

cc: Tom Reeder, Director Division Water Resources