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Mr. Giacinto,

Henry Wicker forwarded (to me) your recent email (December 23, 2013) regarding the current status of Cleveland County Water/Proposed First Broad River Reservoir EIS. I am now the project manager for this project as Henry is now the Assistant Wilmington Regulatory Division Chief.

Upon review of McGill & Associate's January 31, 2012 Memo (attached to your email), I believe that the general descriptions provided for Questions 1-5 are still applicable. (Keith and Robin, if you see something that is incorrect, please let us know.)

The response to Question 6, however, is not current.

In April 2012, CCW requested that the Corps cease work on the EIS. Then in January 2013, they contacted us to re-initiate the process....and unfortunately, this process has taken a few detours. I'll try to be as brief as possible.

During this past year, the Corps had to dismiss the Third Party Contractor, Fish and Wildlife Associates. Even though the other consultants (McGill and Arcadis) were not party to the reasons for the dismissal of Fish and Wildlife Associates, they were subcontractors of the primary. As such... and most unfortunately... they could no longer work on the project unless CCW agreed to develop a new contract. Consequently, CCW decided recently that they would no longer pay for a Third Party Contractor. As CCW has not withdrawn their request for Corps authorization, the Corps is moving forward with preparing the DEIS without a contractor.

At this time, the Corps cannot project a timeframe for publication of the DEIS. It is our hope that within the next couple of months we will have a schedule developed and benchmarks identified. In addition, please be aware that the Corps is evaluating a range of alternatives and the applicant's preferred alternative may not be selected as the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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