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John Hennessy
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and Natural Resources
Division of Water Quality
Surface Water Protection Section
1617 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1617

Subject: Draft General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. NCG550000 – Discharge of Domestic Wastewater from Single Family Residences and other 100% Domestic Discharge with Similar Characteristics

Dear Mr. Hennessy:

Pursuant to Section IV.B.7 of the North Carolina/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program Memorandum of Agreement and 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §123.44(a) and (b), this letter will serve as EPA's comments pertaining to the issuance of this permit. We offer the following comments:

1. Due to the concern over the impacts of nutrients on surface water quality, the draft General Permit should require nutrient removal of Nitrogen and/or Phosphorus.
2. For clarification regarding continuance of general permits, Per 40 CFR §122.6 (6) State Continuation. If your state regulations allow it, North Carolina Division of Water Quality may continue the general permit coverage for all current permittees. North Carolina cannot issue new coverages under the old permit once it expires.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karrie-Jo Robinson-She".

Karrie-Jo Robinson-She,, P.E.
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