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October 28, 2016

Mr. Scott Vinson
NCDEQ, Washington Regional Office
943 Washington Square Mall
Washington, NC 27889

Re: Variance Request
KDHWWT
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27949

Dear Scott,

We recently processed a request to retract the portion of the permit application pertaining to the expansion of the disposal area for the KDHWWT. This was due to questions over compliance with the "green space" requirement described under 15A NCAC 02H .0404 (g)(7).

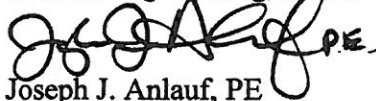
In a letter dated October 13, 2016 and an accompanying plat (see attached) we describe how this project meets the intent of the regulation and has 100% repair area for the disposal system. This 100% repair area is comprised of 19.72 acres of "green space" and 2.89 acres of HRI disposal area.

We respectfully request a variance to 15A NCAC 02H .0404 (g)(7) citing that the project area contains ample area to repair the disposal system at the total design flow of 660,000 gpd and meets the intent of the regulation.

Please forward this request on to the central office in Raleigh. Please call with any questions at (252)489-7143.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: as stated

Cc: Eddie Goodrich – KDHWWT, LLC
Mike Robinson, PE

October 13, 2016

Mr. Scott Vinson
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Re: Green Space Calculation
KDHWWTP
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27949

Dear Scott,

In response to questions regarding the green space available to serve the wastewater disposal area and current disposal area expansion request the following information is being offered.

The proposed total design flow of the WWTP under the disposal area expansion request is 660,000 gpd.

15A NCAC 02H .0404 (g)(7) requires 2,500 sq.ft. of "green area" for every 1,000 gallons of wastewater to be disposed. It appears that the intent of the regulation is to "reserve" open green area to act as repair area if the primary disposal area should experience a failure.

The following paragraphs offer evidence that adequate area is available for the disposal of 660,000 gpd.

The current size of the irrigation zone is 44.27 acres. Of that area 24.55 acres is wetted by irrigation. This leaves 19.72 acres of irrigation zone not wetted and available for "green area".

By 15A NCAC 02H .0404 (g)(7) each acre (43,560 sq.ft.) can dispose of 17,424 gpd. The following equation translates the "green space" area to a disposal rate:

$$43,560 \text{ sq.ft./acre} \times 1000 \text{ gpd}/2,500 \text{ sq.ft.} = 17,424 \text{ gpd/acre}$$

An area of 19.72 acres can then dispose of 343,601 gpd by the following calculation:

$$17,424 \text{ gpd/acre} \times 19.72 \text{ acres} = 343,601 \text{ gpd}$$

This results in the need to find "green space" or "repair area" for 316,399 gpd (660,000 gpd - 343,601 gpd).

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The attached map illustrates additional "green space" available for the disposal of 316,399 gpd. The subject area is an open area configured in a natural high sandy ridge. The total area shown in cross hatch is approximately 136,361 sq.ft. Within the hatched area are High Rate Infiltration disposal areas 3, 4 & 5. When the areas of those disposal areas are subtracted from the total hatched area the area becomes 125,680 sq.ft.(or 2.89 acres) This area is available for disposal potentially configured as reclaim surface drip irrigation. If the disposal area was configured in that way the system could be positioned to work with the existing dune land topography and be over relatively uniform clean sandy soils with a very high permeability. The following equation offers insight into a potential application rate:

$$316,361 \text{ gpd}/125,680 \text{ sq.ft.} = 2.51 \text{ gpd/sq.ft.}$$

The soils in the vicinity of disposal areas 3, 4 & 5 can be loaded at 10 gpd/sq.ft. and are loaded at 9.45 gpd/sq.ft. (at least seasonally). A loading rate of 2.51 gpd/sq.ft. is approximately 25% of the current maximum disposal application rate calculated and documented by the NCLSS.

The "green space" requirement is in essence a requirement to have a 100% repair area for the disposal system should said active disposal system, in its entirety, fail. Not only is it extremely unlikely that the entire active disposal system would fail simultaneously the method for determining the "green space" area required does not take into account the nature of the soils and topography in this project area.

The combination of 19.72 acres for reclaim wastewater irrigation and 2.89 acres of open space surface drip disposal will provide 100% repair area for the total system treatment and disposal capacity of 660,000 gpd.

Sincerely,

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