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TO: DENR-DWR-Wetlands-Public Listserv

FROM: Karen Higgins, 401 & Buffer Permitting Unit

RE: Water Quality Certification Application for Green Meadow, LLC – Sanford (Colon) and Brickhaven Mines

The purpose of this Public Notice is outlined below. This notice is available electronically at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/swp/ws/401/publicnotices.

I. Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearings on April 13, 2015 and April 16, 2015 for Green Meadow, LLC – Sanford (Colon) and Brickhaven Mines Water Quality Certification; DWR #2015-0041/2015-0042; Lee and Chatham Counties

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on Feb. 18, 2015, Green Meadow, LLC (12601 Plantside Dr., Louisville, KY 40299) applied to the N.C. Division of Water Resources (DWR) for a 401 Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act and Title 15A North Carolina Administrative Code 02H .0500. The activity for which this certification is sought is to permanently impact 1,716 linear feet of jurisdictional streams and 1.09 acres of 404 jurisdictional wetlands at the Sanford (Colon) Mine in Lee County and 2,450 linear feet of jurisdictional streams and 0.05 acre of 404 jurisdictional wetlands at the Brickhaven Mine in Chatham County to utilize coal ash for mine reclamation. The Division of Water Resources must take final action on the application prior to Feb. 17, 2016.

The public is hereby notified that DWR will hold two public hearings. One will be held 6-9 p.m. on Mon., April 13, 2015 at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center at 1801 Nash St., Sanford, NC. The second public hearing will be held 6-9 p.m. on Thurs., April 16, 2015 at the Chatham County Historic Courthouse at 40 East Chatham St., Pittsboro, NC. At both hearings speaker registration and sign-in will begin at 5 p.m. The purpose of these public hearings is to allow interested persons to submit oral and/or written comments regarding the 401 Water Quality Certification application submitted to DWR.
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The public is invited to comment in writing on the application described above, as well as speak at the hearing. Written comments may be forwarded at any time before or after the hearing provided they are received no later than 5 p.m. on May 16, 2015.

Written comments should be mailed to 401 Permitting, 1617 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1617. Written comments may also be submitted via email to: PublicComments@ncdenr.gov. Please be sure to include “401” in the email’s subject line.

The application is online at: http://its.enr.state.nc.us/Weblink8/0/fol/257726/Row1.aspx. Contact Beverly Strickland (919-807-6350) for assistance with the website. The application is also on file at the DWR Central Office and may be inspected with an appointment during normal business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) at 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC, 27604. For questions or to schedule an appointment, contact Jennifer Burdette at jennifer.burdette@ncdenr.gov or 919-807-6364. File materials may not be removed from any DWR office; copy machines are available for use. Copies of less than 25 pages are free; copies of greater than 25 pages are 2.5 cents per page.

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