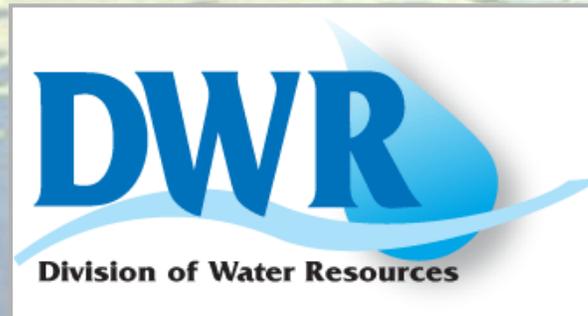
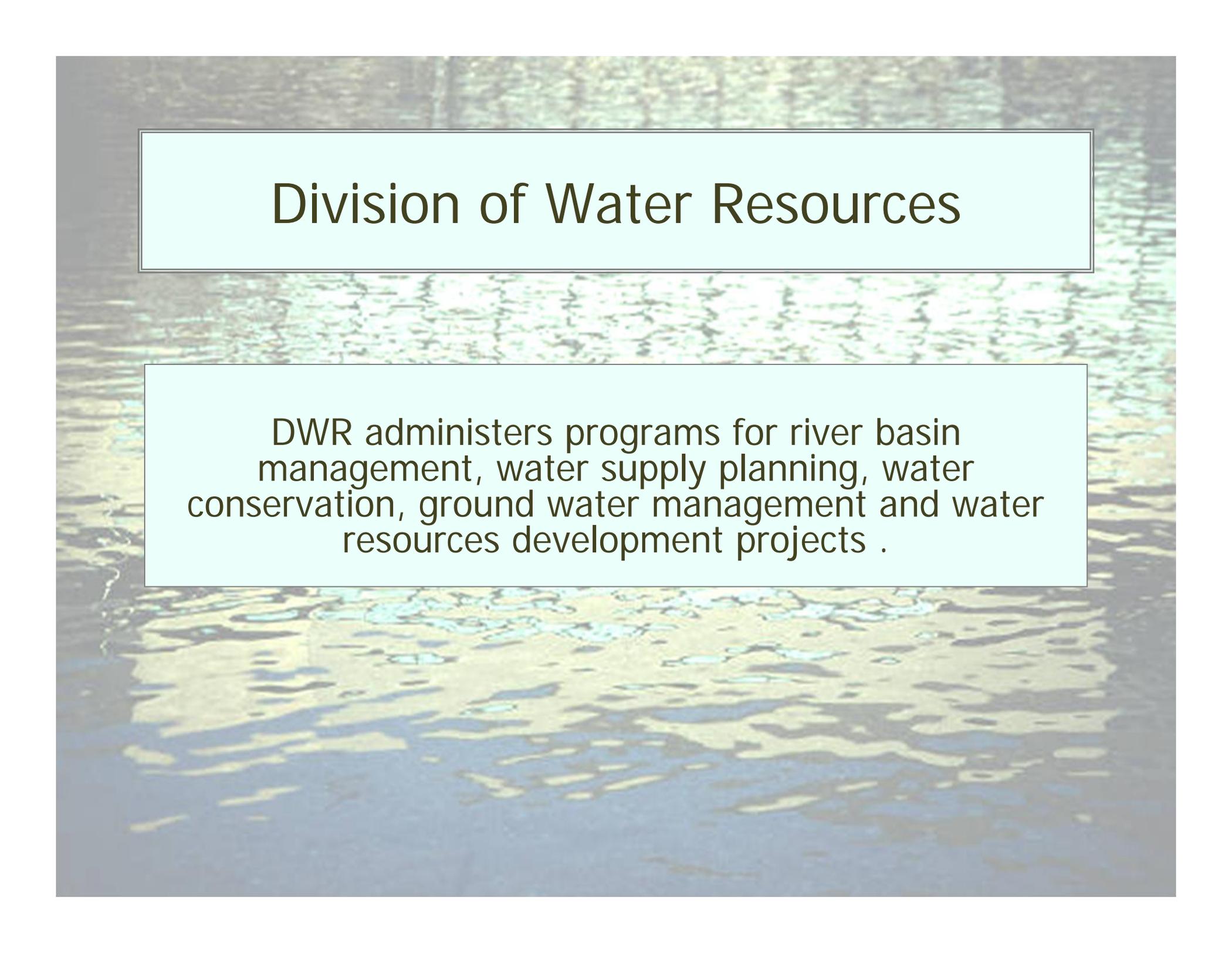


# North Carolina Division of Water Resources

*River Basin Management Section*

Interbasin Transfer Certification Process



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# Interbasin Transfer Questions:

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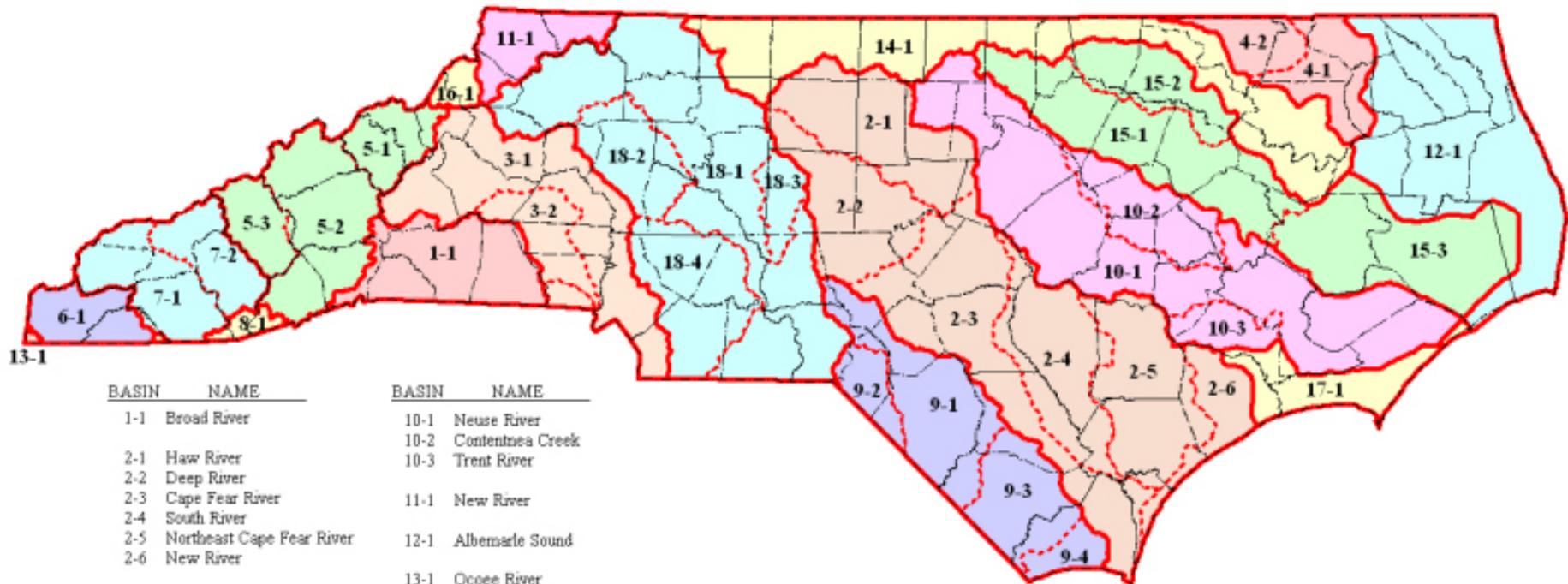
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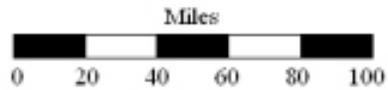
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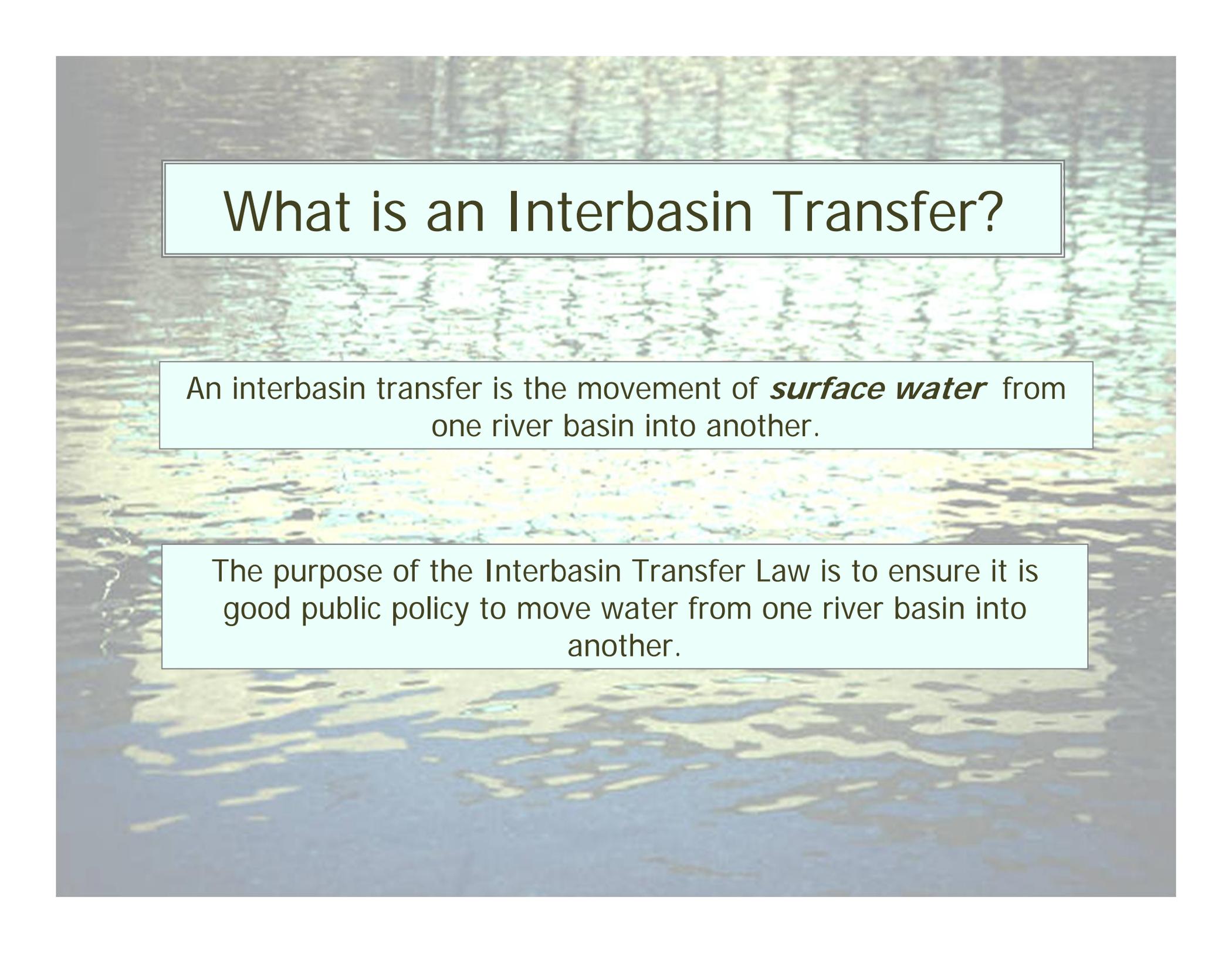


BASIN	NAME	BASIN	NAME
1-1	Broad River	10-1	Neuse River
2-1	Haw River	10-2	Contentnea Creek
2-2	Deep River	10-3	Trent River
2-3	Cape Fear River	11-1	New River
2-4	South River	12-1	Albemarle Sound
2-5	Northeast Cape Fear River	13-1	Ocoee River
2-6	New River	14-1	Roanoke River
3-1	Catawba River	15-1	Tar River
3-2	South Fork Catawba River	15-2	Fishing Creek
4-1	Chowan River	15-3	Pamlico River & Sound
4-2	Meherrin River	16-1	Watauga River
5-1	Nolichucky River	17-1	White Oak River
5-2	French Broad River	18-1	Yadkin River
5-3	Pigeon River	18-2	South Yadkin River
6-1	Hirvassee River	18-3	Uwharrie River
7-1	Little Tennessee River	18-4	Rocky River
7-2	Tuckasegee River		
8-1	Savannah River		
9-1	Lumber River		
9-2	Big Shoe Heel Creek		
9-3	Waccamaw River		
9-4	Shalotte River		

**Legend**

- ⋯ Sub-Basin River Boundary
- Major River Basin Bounda
- County Boundary



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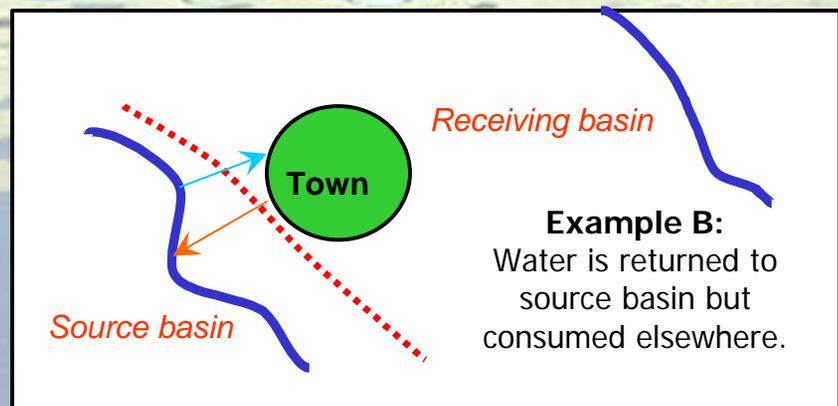
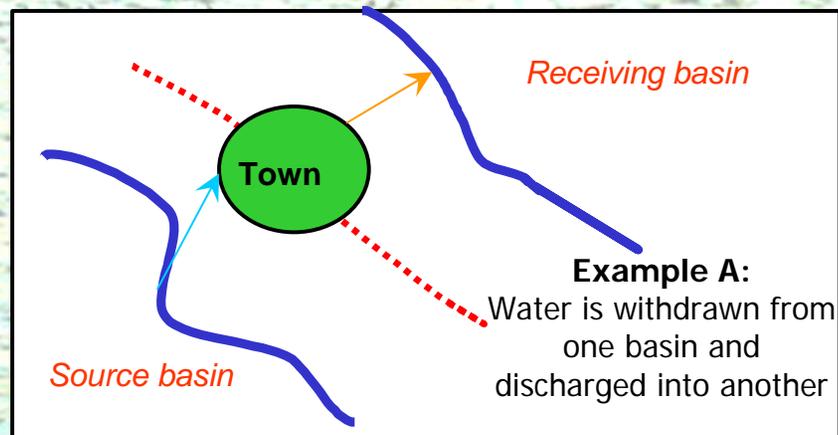
An interbasin transfer is the movement of *surface water* from one river basin into another.

The purpose of the Interbasin Transfer Law is to ensure it is good public policy to move water from one river basin into another.

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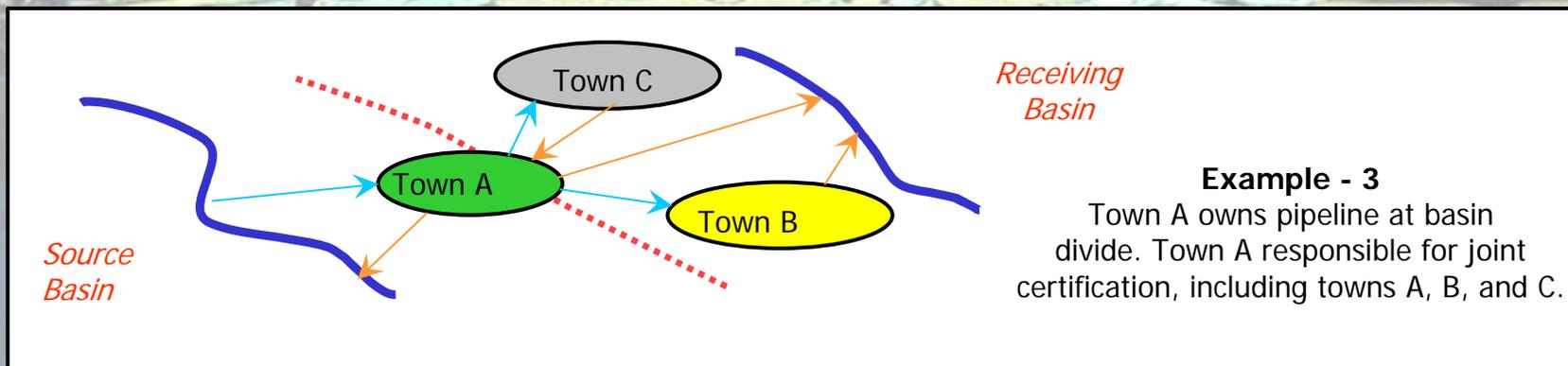
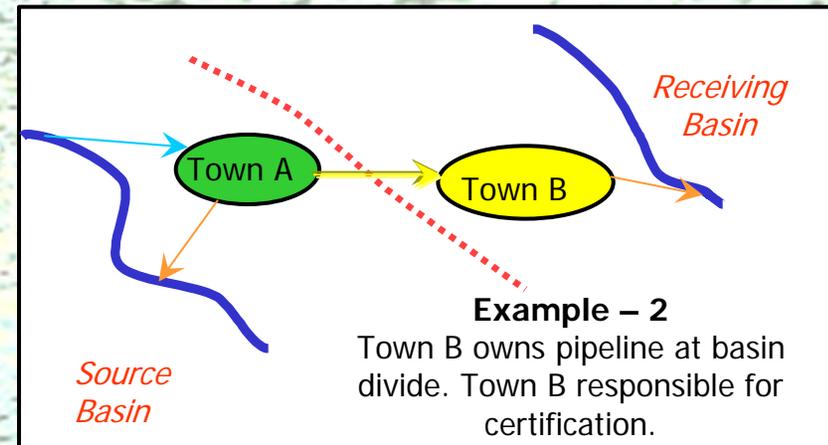
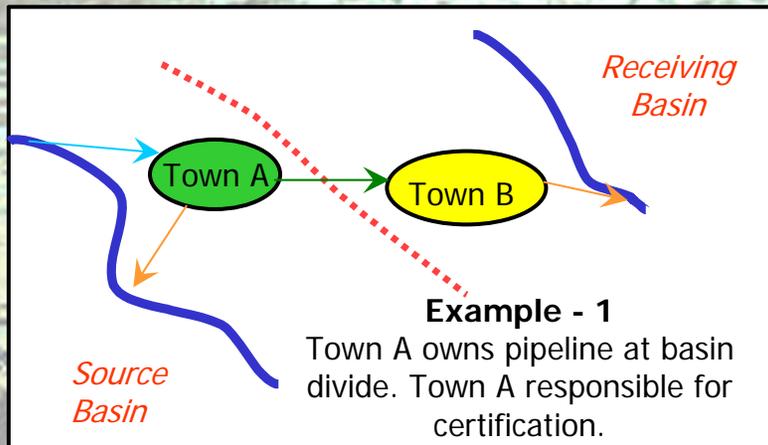
Transfer = Withdrawal - Return

The amount of a transfer is determined by the amount of water moved from the source basin to the receiving basin, less the amount of water returned to the source basin.

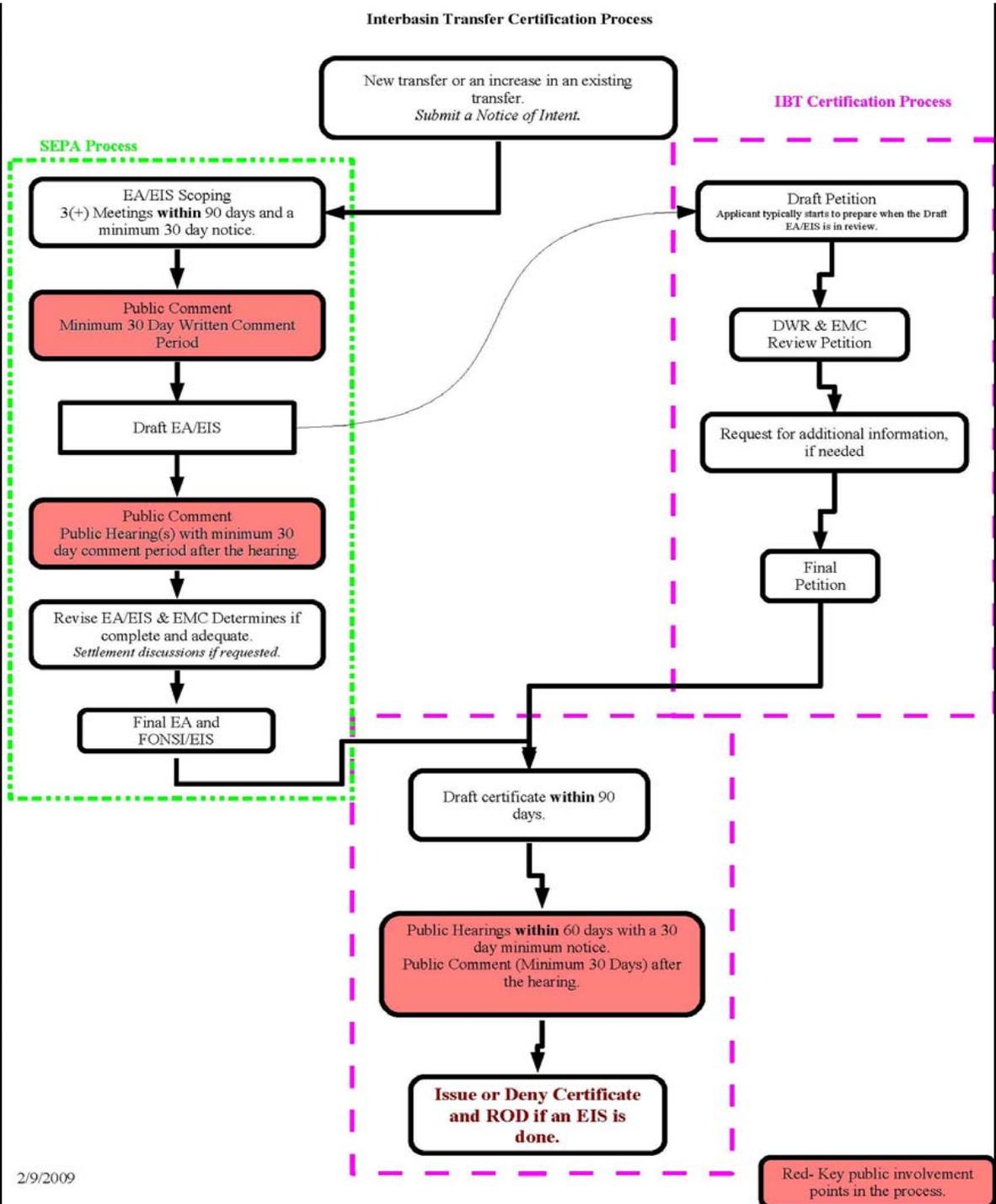


# Who is responsible?

The person owning the pipe that carries the water across the basin boundary is responsible for obtaining the certificate.



# What is the Process?



# What's happening now?

## Scoping for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

### Purpose of EIS:

- Evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed transfer.
- Provide a comprehensive analysis of environmental impacts.
- Propose measures to mitigate adverse impacts.

Public comments provide important input about issues that need to be addressed in the EIS.

# What happens next?

1. Public comment period ends **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**.
2. Applicant incorporates public comments on alternatives and issues that should be addressed into EIS.
3. Draft EIS submitted to EMC

*Once the EMC has received the draft EIS, they will schedule a public hearing to receive comments. They will respond to all written comments, collect additional information from the applicant (if necessary) and, finally, determine whether the EIS is complete and adequate.*

# How can I ensure that my comments are heard?

*All comments will be considered, however these tips will help you effectively communicate your concerns:*

**1. Participate early in the process.**

*Put issues "on the radar" early so that they can be incorporated into the environmental documents.*

**2. Make comments as specific as possible.**

*Describe the impacts that concern you in detail.*

**3. Link comments to factors that the EMC must consider.**

*NC regulations require the EMC to consider specific factors such as adverse environmental impacts and the availability of other alternatives.*

**4. Provide written comments.**

*Don't get "Lost in Translation"- written comments help us understand your concerns in your own words.*

# Final Determination

The EMC will consider the following factors when making their final decision (from NC General Statutes §143-215.22L(k)):

- Necessity and reasonableness
- Beneficial and detrimental impacts
- Cumulative effects
- Availability of reasonable alternatives
- Other necessary factors

# Contact

Visit us online for more information about IBT law and this proposed transfer:

[http://www.ncwater.org/Permits\\_and\\_Registration/Interbasin\\_Transfer/Status/Brunswick/](http://www.ncwater.org/Permits_and_Registration/Interbasin_Transfer/Status/Brunswick/)

## Questions about IBT?

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