

**Proposed Increase in Interbasin Transfer  
From the Catawba River Sub-basin to the Rocky River Sub-basin  
By the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT  
Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact**

The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources is receiving written comments on the Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) prepared by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities (CMU) for the proposed increase in interbasin transfer (IBT) from the Catawba River sub-basin to the Rocky River sub-basin.

The EA/FONSI may be inspected during normal business hours at the offices of the Division of Water Resources, 512 N. Salisbury Street, Room 1106, Archdale Building, Raleigh. Written comments can be mailed to the State Clearinghouse at the address listed below. The project reference number is 02-E-4300-0111. Comments must be received before 5:00 PM, October 7, 2001.

N.C. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
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RALEIGH, NC 27699-1302  
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Comments may also be submitted electronically to [chrys.baggett@ncmail.net](mailto:chrys.baggett@ncmail.net)

\*Note, the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission (EMC) will hold a hearing on the applicant's petition for an interbasin transfer certificate. That hearing is tentatively scheduled to occur in November or December 2001.

Background

CMUD is requesting an IBT certificate from the EMC for an increase in their transfer amount from 16.1 million gallons per day (mgd) to 35 mgd. The proposed IBT is based on the existing water withdrawals from the source basin (Mountain Island Lake within the Catawba River Sub-basin, and transfer of the water to the receiving basin (Eastern Mecklenburg County within the Rocky River Sub-basin via consumptive use and existing discharges in the receiving basin (Mallard Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant [WWTP] and Rocky River Regional WWTP). The IBT will not lead to expansions of permitted discharges at either of the WWTP locations in the receiving basin. This Environmental Assessment (EA) provides supporting documentation for the IBT certificate petition.

For more information, visit our project website at [http://www.ncwater.org/Permits\\_and\\_Registration/Interbasin\\_Transfer/](http://www.ncwater.org/Permits_and_Registration/Interbasin_Transfer/). You may also contact Tom Fransen in the Division of Water Resources at 919-715-0381, or email: [Tom.Fransen@ncmail.net](mailto:Tom.Fransen@ncmail.net).