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Thomas J. Roberts, President
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Subject: Permit No. WQ0030680 Modification
Aqua North Carolina, Inc.
Westfall Phase 1A, 1B & 1C
Wastewater Collection System Extension
Chatham County

Dear Mr. Roberts:

In accordance with your application received April 23, 2014, and additional information received on May 30, 2014 we are forwarding herewith Permit No. WQ0030680, dated June 6, 2014, to Aqua North Carolina, Inc. for the construction and operation of the subject wastewater collection system extension. This permit shall be effective from the date of issuance until rescinded, shall void Permit No. WQ0030680 issued October 5, 2006, and shall be subject to the conditions and limitations as specified therein. This cover letter and supplement shall be considered a part of this permit and are therefore incorporated therein by reference.

Please pay particular attention to the following conditions contained within this permit:

Condition II.4: Requires that the wastewater collection facilities be properly operated and maintained in accordance with 15A NCAC 2T .0403 or any individual system-wide collection system permit issued to the Permittee.

It shall be responsibility of Aqua North Carolina, Inc. to ensure that the as-constructed project meets the appropriate design criteria and rules. Failure to comply may result in penalties in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §143-215.6A through §143-215.6C, construction of additional or replacement wastewater collection facilities, and/or referral of the North Carolina-licensed Professional Engineer to the licensing board.

If any parts, requirements, or limitations contained in this permit are unacceptable, you have the right to request an adjudicatory hearing upon written request within 30 days following receipt of this permit. This request must be in the form of a written petition, conforming to Chapter 150B of North Carolina General Statutes, and filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6714. Unless such demands are made, this permit shall be final and binding.

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If you need additional information concerning this matter, please contact Sarah Bass at (919) 807-6310 or via e-mail at Sarah.Bass@ncdenr.gov.

Sincerely,



for Thomas A. Reeder, Director
Division of Water Resources

by Deborah Gore, Supervisor
Pretreatment, Emergency Response, Collection System Unit

cc: Mark P. Ashness, P.E. and Joe Faulkner, RLA – CE Group (electronic copy)
Raleigh Regional Office, Water Quality Program
Water Resources Central Files
PERCS (electronic copy)



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM EXTENSION PERMIT

In accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of Chapter 143, General Statutes of North Carolina as amended, and other applicable Laws, Rules, and Regulations, permission is hereby granted to the

Aqua North Carolina, Inc.
Chatham County

for the construction and operation of a pressure sewer collection system consisting of 80 pump stations with simplex pumps and on-site audible and visual high water alarms and approximately 100 linear feet of 1.5-inch pressure sewer, a 45-gallon per minute pump station with duplex pumps, on-site audible and visual high water alarms, telemetry, and a portable generator receptacle with telemetry as well as approximately 90 linear feet of 2-inch force main and for the continued operation of approximately 2,071 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer and a pressure sewer collection system consisting of 4 pump stations with simplex pumps and on-site audible and visual high water alarms and approximately 4,976 linear feet of 2-inch pressure sewer, 1,257 linear feet of 3-inch pressure sewer, 3,710 linear feet of 4-inch pressure sewer, 3,866 linear feet of 6-inch pressure sewer, a 255-gallon per minute pump station with duplex pumps and on-site audible and visual high water alarms, a 140-gallon per minute pump station with duplex pumps and on-site audible and visual high water alarms, approximately 3,614 linear feet of 6-inch force main and approximately 3,683 linear feet of 4-inch force main to serve 115 lots (31 by gravity) as part of the Westfall Phase 1A, 1B and 1C project, and the discharge of 25,650 gallons per day of collected domestic wastewater into Aqua North Carolina's existing sewerage system, pursuant to the application received April 23, 2014, and additional information received on May 30, 2014 and in conformity with the project plans, specifications, and other supporting data subsequently filed and approved by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and considered a part of this permit.

This permit shall be effective from the date of issuance until rescinded, shall void Permit No. WQ0030680 issued October 5, 2006, and shall be subject to the conditions and limitations as specified therein.

Permit issued this the 6th day of the June, 2014.

for Thomas A. Reeder

Division of Water Resources

By Authority of The Environmental Management Commission

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SUPPLEMENT TO PERMIT COVER SHEET

Aqua North Carolina, Inc. is hereby authorized to:

Construct, and then operate upon certification the aforementioned wastewater collection extension. The sewage and wastewater collected by this system shall be treated in the Aqua North Carolina, Inc. Wastewater Treatment Facility (Non-Discharge Permit No. WQ0028798) prior to being land applied by spray irrigation.

Permitting of this project does not constitute an acceptance of any part of the project that does not meet 15A NCAC 2T; the Division's Gravity Sewer Minimum Design Criteria adopted February 12, 1996 as applicable; and the Division's Minimum Design Criteria for the Fast-Track Permitting of Pump Stations and Force Mains adopted June 1, 2000 as applicable, unless specifically mentioned herein. Division approval is based on acceptance of the certification provided by a North Carolina-licensed Professional Engineer in the application. It shall be the Permittee's responsibility to ensure that the as-constructed project meets the appropriate design criteria and rules.

Construction and operation is contingent upon compliance with the Standard Conditions identified below.

II. STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. **This permit shall not be transferable.** In the event there is a desire for the wastewater collection facilities to change ownership, or there is a name change of the Permittee, a formal permit request shall be submitted to the Division accompanied by documentation from the parties involved, and other supporting materials as may be appropriate. The approval of this request shall be considered on its merits and may or may not be approved.
2. This permit shall become voidable unless the wastewater collection facilities are constructed in accordance with the conditions of this permit, the approved plans and specifications, and other supporting data.
3. This permit shall be effective only with respect to the nature and volume of wastes described in the application and other supporting data.
4. The wastewater collection facilities shall be properly maintained and operated at all times. The Permittee shall maintain compliance with an individual system-wide collection system permit for the operation and maintenance of these facilities as required by 15A NCAC 2T .0403. If an individual permit is not required, the following performance criteria shall be met as provided in 15A NCAC 2T .0403:
 - a. The sewer system shall be effectively maintained and operated at all times to prevent discharge to land or surface waters, and to prevent any contravention of groundwater standards or surface water standards.
 - b. A map of the sewer system shall be developed and shall be actively maintained.
 - c. An operation and maintenance plan including pump station inspection frequency, preventative maintenance schedule, spare parts inventory and overflow response has been developed and implemented.
 - d. Pump stations that are not connected to a telemetry system shall be inspected every day (i.e. 365 days per year). Pump stations that are connected to a telemetry system shall be inspected at least once per week.
 - e. High-priority sewer lines shall be inspected at least once per every six-months and inspections are documented.
 - f. A general observation of the entire sewer system shall be conducted at least once per year.
 - g. Overflows and bypasses shall be reported to the appropriate Division regional office in accordance with 15A NCAC 2B .0506(a), and public notice shall be provided as required by North Carolina General Statute §143-215.1C.
 - h. A Grease Control Program is in place as follows:
 1. For public owned collection systems, the Grease Control Program shall include at least biannual distribution of educational materials for both commercial and residential users and the legal means to require grease interceptors at existing establishments. The plan shall also include legal means for inspections of the grease interceptors, enforcement for violators and the legal means to control grease entering the system from other public and private satellite sewer systems.
 2. For privately owned collection systems, the Grease Control Program shall include at least bi-annual distribution of grease education materials to users of the collection system by the permittee or its representative.
 3. Grease education materials shall be distributed more often than required in Parts (1) and (2) of this Subparagraph if necessary to prevent grease-related sanitary sewer overflows.

- i. Right-of-ways and easements shall be maintained in the full easement width for personnel and equipment accessibility.
- j. Documentation shall be kept for Subparagraphs (a) through (i) of this Rule for a minimum of three years with exception of the map, which shall be maintained for the life of the system.

5. **Noncompliance Notification:**

The Permittee shall report by telephone to a water resources staff member at the Raleigh Regional Office, telephone number 919-791-4200, as soon as possible, but in no case more than 24 hours or on the next working day, following the occurrence or first knowledge of the occurrence of either of the following:

- a. Any process unit failure, due to known or unknown reasons, that renders the facility incapable of adequate wastewater transport, such as mechanical or electrical failures of pumps, line blockage or breakage, etc.; or
- b. Any SSO and/or spill over 1,000 gallons; or
- c. Any SSO and/or spill, regardless of volume, that reaches surface water

Voice mail messages or faxed information is permissible, but this shall not be considered as the initial verbal report. Overflows and spills occurring outside normal business hours may also be reported to the Division of Emergency Management at telephone number (800) 858-0368 or (919) 733-3300. Persons reporting any of the above occurrences shall file a spill report by completing and submitting Part I of Form CS-SSO (or the most current Division approved form) within five days following first knowledge of the occurrence. This report must outline the actions taken or proposed to be taken to ensure that the problem does not recur. Part II of Form CS-SSO (or the most current Division approved form) can also be completed to show that the SSO was beyond control.

- 6. Construction of the gravity sewers, pump stations, and force mains shall be scheduled so as not to interrupt service by the existing utilities nor result in an overflow or bypass discharge of wastewater to the surface waters of the State.
- 7. Per 15A NCAC 2T.0116, upon completion of construction and prior to operation of these permitted facilities, the completed Engineering Certification form attached to this permit shall be submitted certifying that the permitted facility has been installed in accordance with this permit, the approved plans and specifications, and other supporting materials. If this project is to be completed in phases and partially certified, you shall retain the responsibility to track further construction approved under the same permit, and shall provide a final certificate of completion once the entire project has been completed.

Any wastewater flow made tributary to the wastewater collection system extension prior to completion of this Engineer's Certification shall be considered a violation of the permit and shall subject the Permittee to appropriate enforcement actions.

Permit modifications are required prior to certification (Final or Partial) and are required for any changes resulting in non-compliance with this permit (including but not limited to pipe length increases of 10% or greater, increased flow, pump station design capacity design increases of 5% or greater, and increases in the number/type of connections), or regulations. After-construction requests are discouraged by the Division and may not be approved, thus requiring replacement or repair prior to certification & activation.

- 8. A copy of the construction record drawings shall be maintained on file by the Permittee for the life of the wastewater collection facilities.
- 9. Failure to abide by the conditions and limitations contained in this permit may subject the Permittee to an enforcement action by the Division, in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes §143-215.6A through §143-215.6C.

10. In the event that the wastewater collection facilities fail to perform satisfactorily, including the creation of nuisance conditions, the Permittee shall take immediate corrective action, including those as may be required by this Division, such as the construction of additional or replacement facilities.
11. The issuance of this permit shall not exempt the Permittee from complying with any and all statutes, rules, regulations, or ordinances that may be imposed by other government agencies (local, state and federal) which have jurisdiction, including but not limited to applicable river buffer rules in 15A NCAC 2B .0200, erosion and sedimentation control requirements in 15A NCAC Ch. 4 and under the Division's General Permit NCG010000, and any requirements pertaining to wetlands under 15A NCAC 2B .0200 and 15A NCAC 2H .0500.
12. The Permittee shall provide for the pump station and force main the following items:
 - a. Pump Station Reliability:
 1. Pump stations, except when exempted by Subparagraph (j)(2) of 15A NCAC 02T.0305, shall be designed with multiple pumps such that peak flow can be pumped with the largest pump out of service.
 2. A standby power source or pump is required at all pump stations except for those pump stations subject to Subparagraph (j)(2) of 15A NCAC 02T.0305. Controls shall be provided to automatically activate the standby source and signal an alarm condition.
 3. As an alternative to Part (c) for pump stations with an average daily design flow less than 15,000 gallons per day as calculated using 15A NCAC 02T.0114, a portable power source or pumping capability may be utilized. It shall be demonstrated to the Division that the portable source is owned or contracted by the permittee and is compatible with the station. If the portable power source or pump is dedicated to multiple pump stations, an evaluation of all the pump stations' storage capacities and the rotation schedule of the portable power source or pump, including travel timeframes, shall be provided in the case of a multiple station power outage.
 4. As an alternative to Part (ii) for pump or vacuum stations connecting a single building to an alternative sewer system, wet well storage requirements shall be documented to provide 24-hours worth of wastewater storage or, exceed the greatest power outage over the last three years or the documented response time to replace a failed pump, whichever is greater. Documentation shall be required pursuant to the permit application.
 - b. All pump stations designed for two pumps or more shall have a telemetry system to provide remote notification of a problem condition to include power failure and high water alarm.
 - c. High water audio and visual alarm.
 - d. Pump stations shall have a permanent weatherproof sign stating the pump station identifier, 24-hour emergency number and instructions to call in case of emergency. Simplex pump or vacuum stations serving a single-family residence shall have a placard or sticker placed inside the control panel with a 24-hour emergency contact number.
 - e. Screened vents for all wet wells.
 - f. The public shall be restricted access to the site and equipment.
 - g. Air relief valves shall be provided at all high points along force mains where the vertical distance exceeds ten feet.
13. The Permittee shall maintain on hand for immediate installation an adequate supply of spare, fully operational pump units of each type used in the system.

CERTIFICATION

Permittee: Aqua North Carolina, Inc.
Project: Westfall Phase 1A, 1B, & 1C

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Issue Date: 06/06/2014

This project shall not be considered complete nor allowed to operate until the Division has received this Engineer's Certification and all required supporting documentation. **Therefore, it is highly recommended that this certification be sent in a manner that provides proof of receipt by the Division.**

NOTE: If the permit is issued to a private entity with an Operational Agreement, then a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, Declarations/Covenants/Restrictions, and Bylaws that have been appropriately filed with the applicable County's Register of Deeds office shall be submitted with the certification.

PERMITTEE'S CERTIFICATION

I, _____, the undersigned agent for the Permittee, hereby state that this project has been constructed pursuant to the applicable standards & requirements, the Professional Engineer below has provided applicable design/construction information to the Permittee, and the Permittee is prepared to operate & maintain the wastewater collection system permitted herein or portions thereof.

Printed Name, Title

Signature

Date

The Permittee is responsible for tracking all partial certifications up until a final certification is received. Any wastewater flow made tributary to the wastewater collection system extension prior to completion of this Engineer's Certification shall be considered a violation of the permit and shall subject the Permittee to appropriate enforcement actions.

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION

☐ Partial

☐ Final

I, _____, as a duly registered Professional Engineer in the State of North Carolina, having been authorized to observe (☐ periodically, ☐ weekly, ☐ full time) the construction of the subject project for the Permittee, hereby state that to the best of my abilities, due care and diligence was used in the observation of the following construction: 80 pump stations with simplex pumps and on-site audible and visual high water alarms and approximately 100 linear feet of 1.5-inch pressure sewer; a 45-gallon per minute pump station with duplex pumps, on-site audible and visual high water alarms, telemetry, and a portable generator receptacle with telemetry as well as approximately 90 linear feet of 2-inch force main to serve 115 lots (31 by gravity) as part of the Westfall Phase 1A, 1B and 1C project, and in conformity with the project plans, specifications, and other supporting documents subsequently filed and approved. I certify that the construction of the above referenced project was observed to be built within substantial compliance and intent of the approved plans and specifications.

**North Carolina Professional Engineer's
Seal, signature, and date:**



**SEND THIS FORM & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS**

**NCDWR/SURFACE WATER PROTECTION
POINT-SOURCE – PERCS UNIT
1617 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699**

DWR Use Only:
Flow from this project is tributary to: