

Produced for The North Carolina Coastal Nonpoint Source Program by
The North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve

Addressing Microbial Pollution in Coastal Waters A Reference for Local Governments

Appendix III: Agency Contact Information

Basinwide Planning Program

Department, Division: NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Division of Water Quality (DWQ)

Location: Raleigh

Phone Number: (919) 733-5083

Web Site: <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/basinwide/>

Description: The Division of Water Quality manages all waters in the state using a basinwide approach – meaning streams, rivers, lakes and estuaries are evaluated within the river basin (major watershed) that contains them. Each plan describes monitoring and water quality activities in the basin and recommends management strategies to protect and restore water quality. To view the water quality plan for your river basin and see a more complete list of agencies that manage nonpoint source pollution and water quality, visit the Basinwide Plan for your river basin on the Web.

Coastal Services Center

Department, Agency: US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Location: Charleston, SC

Phone Number: (843) 740-1200

Web Site: <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/>

Description: The NOAA Coastal Services Center works with various branches of NOAA and other federal agencies to bring information, services, and technology to the nation's coastal resource managers. Training includes GeoSpatial Technology Courses and Coastal Management Training.

Division of Coastal Management, Central Office

Department: NC DENR

Location: Raleigh

Phone Number: 1-888-4RCOAST

Web Site: <http://www.nccoastalmanagement.net>

Description: The Division of Coastal Management (DCM) carries out the state's Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA), the Dredge and Fill Law and the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 in the 20 coastal counties, using rules and policies of the NC Coastal Resources Commission (CRC). The division serves as staff to the CRC. DCM is responsible for several programs, including: permitting and enforcement; CAMA land-use planning; public beach and waterfront access; NC Coastal Reserves; and grants for marine sewage pump-out. The division also collects and analyzes data for erosion rates, wetlands conservation and restoration, and to assess the impacts of coastal development. DCM headquarters are in Raleigh.

Division of Coastal Management, Elizabeth City, Morehead City, Washington & Wilmington District Offices

Department: NC DENR

Phone Number: (252) 264-3901, (252) 808-2808, (252) 946-6481, (910) 395-3900

Web Site: http://www.nccoastalmanagement.net/contact_dcm.htm

Description: Field offices in Elizabeth City, Washington, Morehead City and Wilmington. Each field office houses several DCM representatives who are responsible for permitting and enforcement, and a planner who provides assistance to local governments developing land-use plans.

Environmental Sciences Branch

Department, Division: NC DENR, DWQ

Location: Raleigh

Phone Number: (919) 733-9960

Web Site: <http://www.esb.enr.state.nc.us/default.htm>

Description: The Environmental Sciences Branch provides DWQ's Water Quality Section with scientific and technical support required to regulate and manage water quality in the state. This arm of DWQ conducts monthly ambient water quality monitoring at approximately 375 locations across the state. These monthly samplings include fecal coliform bacteria testing of selected lakes, rivers, streams and estuaries.

NC Coastal Nonpoint Source Program

Department, Division: NC DENR, DWQ

Location: Raleigh

Phone Number: (919) 733-5083

Web Site: <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/nps/CNPSCP/cnpscp.htm>

Description: The Coastal Nonpoint Source Program coordinates with state and local agencies to implement management measures for the control of nonpoint source pollution in coastal areas.

NC Cooperative Extension Service

Department, Universities: NC University System, NC State University and NC A&T State University

Location: Headquarters in Raleigh, but there is an Extension office in all 100 NC Counties

Phone Number: (919) 515-5893

Web Site: <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/>

Description: The NC Cooperative Extension is an educational partnership helping people put research-based knowledge to work for economic prosperity, environmental stewardship and an improved quality of life. The Cooperative Extension is involved in developing and implementing stormwater structural best management practices.

NC Department of Natural Resources, Central Office

Location: Raleigh

Phone Number: (919) 733-4984

Web Site: <http://www.enr.state.nc.us/index.html>

Description: The NC DENR is the lead stewardship agency for the preservation and protection of North Carolina's outstanding natural resources. The organization, which has offices from the mountains to the coast, administers regulatory programs designed to protect air quality, water quality, and the public's health. DENR also offers technical assistance to businesses, farmers, local governments, and the public and encourages responsible behavior with respect to the environment through education programs provided at DENR facilities and through the state's school system.

NC Department of Natural Resources, Washington & Wilmington Regional Offices

Phone Number: (252) 946-6481, (910) 395-3900

Web Site: <http://www.enr.state.nc.us/html/regionaloffices.html>

Description: One of six regional offices. Inland locations are in Asheville, Fayetteville, Mooresville and Winston-Salem. Contact information for these locations can be found on the DENR Web site.

NC National Estuarine Research Reserve

Department, Division: NC DENR, DCM

Location: Beaufort

Phone Number: (252) 728-2170

Web Site: <http://www.ncnerr.org>

Description: The NC National Estuarine Research Reserve's Coastal Training Program promotes informed coastal decisions through science-based training for professionals. This program, a partnership between NOAA and the NC DCM, delivers science-based training through Coastal Issues Workshops, live Internet broadcasting (Coastlive.org), a technical bulletin and brochure series, an online informational clearinghouse and online courses.

NC Sea Grant

Department, University: NC University System, NC State University

Location: Raleigh, Manteo, Morehead City and Wilmington

Phone Number: (919) 515-2454

Web Site: <http://www.ncsu.edu/seagrant/>

Description: The NC Sea Grant College Program molds the university functions of research, education and outreach into a program focused on the needs of agencies, people and businesses responsible for coastal and marine resources. Go to their Web site to see the variety of research they conduct and publications and technical assistance they offer.

On-site Wastewater Management

Department, Division: NC DENR, Division of Environmental Health (DEH)

Location: Raleigh

Phone Number: (919) 733-2895

Web Site: <http://www.deh.enr.state.nc.us/oww/index.htm>

Description: The Onsite Wastewater Section writes, oversees, and enforces the rules and laws regulating the design, siting and installation, repair, operation, and maintenance of onsite wastewater treatment systems for the protection of human and environmental health from microbial contamination.

Shellfish Sanitation and Recreational Water Quality Section

Department, Division: NC DENR, DEH

Location: Morehead City, Wrightsville Beach and Nags Head

Phone Numbers: (252) 726-6827, (910) 256-3035, (252) 480-8582

Web Site: <http://www.deh.enr.state.nc.us/shellfish/index.html>

Description: The Shellfish Sanitation Section monitors shellfish and shellfish harvesting waters in NC to evaluate the risk to public health from consuming shellfish meats, and make recommendations on whether harvesting should be allowed in certain areas. These activities are mandated by the US Food and Drug Administration to assure shellfish are safe for human consumption. They also monitor recreational beaches and other swimming areas in coastal counties to determine if microbial contamination poses a risk to swimmers.

