



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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December 18, 2018

Ms. Lynn Jarvis
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: SCH File # 19-E-4600-0118; Application of Edgecombe Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 75 MW Solar Facility in Edgecombe Co. Docket #EMP-101, Sub 0.

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

The above referenced environmental impact information has been reviewed through the State Clearinghouse under the provisions of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

Attached to this letter are comments made in the review of this document. Because of the nature of the comments, it has been determined that no further State Clearinghouse review action on your part is needed for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The attached comments should be taken into consideration in project development.

Sincerely,

Crystal Best

Crystal Best
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Region L



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MEMORANDUM

To: Crystal Best
State Clearinghouse Coordinator
Department of Administration

From: Lyn Hardison
Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service
Environmental Assistance and Project Review Coordinator
Washington Regional Office

RE: 19-0118
Environmental Review – Application of Edgecombe Solar, LLC. for the Certificate to
construct a 75 MW Solar Facility
Edgecombe County

Date: December 13, 2018

The Department of Environmental Quality has completed its review of the proposal for the referenced project. Based on the information provided, several of our agencies have identified permits that may be required and offered some valuable guidance to minimize impacts to the natural resources, aquatic and terrestrial wildlife resources within and around the project area. The comments are attached for the applicant's review.

If the applicant has any questions pertaining to NCDEQ permitting processes, please ask them to contact David Lee, Permit Assistance Coordinator, in the Department's Raleigh Regional Office, (919)791-4200. The proposed project is located within his geographic working territory.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Attachment





☒ North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ☒

Gordon Myers, Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lyn Hardison, Environmental Assistance Coordinator
NCDEQ Division of Environmental Assistance and Outreach (DEAO)

FROM: Maria T. Dunn, Coastal Habitat Coordinator
Habitat Conservation Division

DATE: December 14, 2018

SUBJECT: Edgecombe Solar, LLC, 75 MW Solar Facility, Docket #EMP-101 Sub 0, Edgecombe County, North Carolina.
OLIA No. 19-0118

Biologists with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) have reviewed the subject document and we are familiar with the habitat values of the area. Our comments are provided in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661-667e), and North Carolina General Statutes (G.S. 113-131 et seq.).

The applicant proposes to construct a 75 MW solar facility located off US Hwy 64 Alternate, east and west of the intersection with April Lane and west of the intersection with Alston Lane in Kingsboro, NC.

A map of the proposed project site indicates the majority of the solar facility is situated in open agricultural fields. In general, the NCWRC supports solar facilities located in open areas. However, the conversion of forests and wetlands to support solar development is causing increasing concern due to the loss of wildlife habitat, the fragmentation of wildlife habitat, and vegetative management needed post conversion for wetland and other forested areas. It appears, for the most part, that wooded habitats have been avoided.

The project area is subject to the NCDWR's Tar-Pamlico Basin buffer rules and is adjacent to jurisdictional features that serve that drain into the Tar River. The Tar River and tributaries are known to have numerous fresh water mussel species. Included in the USFWS Edgecombe County records are Dwarf wedgemussel (*Alasmidonta heterodon*), Tar River spiny mussel (*Parvaspina steinstansana*), Yellow lance (*Elliptio lanceolata*), Atlantic pigtoe (*Fusconaia masoni*), and Green floater (*Lasmigona subviridis*). Several other species important to the NCWRC and listed in the Wildlife Action Plan are Eastern Elliptio (*Elliptio complanata*) and Creeper (*Strophitus undulatus*). In addition to the freshwater mussels, Carolina madtom (*Noturus furiosus*) may be found in the area. NCWRC recommends a 200-foot

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native, forested buffer on perennial streams and a 100-foot forested buffer on intermittent streams, or the full extent of the 100-year floodplain, adjacent to features that contain threatened or endangered species. This is greater than the buffer requirements for the NCDWR's Tar / Pamlico Basin Buffer Rules, but maintaining undisturbed, forested buffers along these areas would reduce impacts to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife resources and improve water quality. Grassed buffers do not provide the necessary and highly valuable functions that forested buffers provide. Sediment and erosion control structures should also be located outside of these buffers.

In addition to the concerns above, the following statements should be observed:

1. As mentioned above, a 200-foot native, forested buffer on perennial streams and a 100-foot forested buffer on intermittent streams, or the full extent of the 100-year floodplain, adjacent to features that contain threatened or endangered species should be established.
2. Use bridges for all permanent roadway crossings of streams and associated wetlands to eliminate the need to fill and culvert, where practicable. If culverts must be used, the culvert should be designed to allow aquatic life passage. Fords may be appropriate and preferred for intermittent stream crossings or where crossings will be used only once or twice a year. For fords, crossings in riffles are preferred with the banks lowered upstream and downstream of the crossing. Stabilize the stream bottom with geo-textile fabric and rock; concrete should not be used for bed stabilization.
3. Avoid or minimize impacts to wetlands during construction. In addition to providing wildlife habitat, wetland areas perform important functions of flood control and water quality protection. US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permits and NCDWR Section 401 Certifications are required for any impacts to jurisdictional streams or wetlands. Temporarily disturbed wetland areas should be returned to original soils and contours, and reseeded with annual small grains appropriate for the season (e.g. oats, millet, rye, wheat, or rye grass) and should be allowed to revert to natural wetland vegetation.
4. If additional overhead transmission lines will be installed, then measures to minimize impacts to birds should be implemented. These can include increasing line visibility, insulating wires to cover exposed connections, and increasing the distance between wires so no contact with ground or other energized wire can be made. For more information see <http://www.fws.gov/birds/documents/powerlines.pdf>.
5. Consider establishing vegetative cover on the site that is beneficial to wildlife. Plantings should include native warm season grasses and/or wildflower seed mixes to create pollinator habitat within the project boundary. Shade-tolerant plants that are grow between 12 to 18 inches can be selected for planting both underneath and around solar panels. Further information and free technical guidance from the NCWRC is available upon request.
6. If site and/or transmission line maintenance is needed, avoid mowing between April 1 and October 1 to minimize impacts to nesting wildlife. We suggest a maintenance schedule that incorporates a portion of the area (e.g., one-third of the area) each year. Pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, and other chemicals should not be used in wetland areas or near streams.
7. If pesticides or chemicals will be used for site maintenance, then stormwater runoff from the site should be directed to bio-retention areas prior to discharge to streams or wetlands to provide additional protection for water quality and aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitats.

8. Sediment and erosion control measures should be installed prior to any land clearing or construction. The use of biodegradable and wildlife-friendly sediment and erosion control devices is strongly recommended. Silt fencing, fiber rolls and/or other products should have loose-weave netting that is made of natural fiber materials with movable joints between the vertical and horizontal twines. Silt fencing or similar materials that have been reinforced with plastic or metal mesh should be avoided as they impede the movement of terrestrial wildlife species. All sediment and erosion control measures should be routinely inspected and properly maintained. Excessive silt and sediment loads can have numerous detrimental effects on aquatic resources including destruction of spawning habitat, suffocation of eggs, and clogging of gills of aquatic species.
9. A plan should be developed that identifies the party responsible for decommissioning the facility as well as the conditions under which decommissioning will occur. In addition, the plan should emphasize that all equipment must be removed from the sites, and the land should be restored to pre-construction conditions.
10. Measures to mitigate secondary and cumulative impacts can be found in NCWRC's *Guidance Memorandum to Address and Mitigate Secondary and Cumulative Impacts to Aquatic and Terrestrial Wildlife Resources and Water Quality* (August 2002; http://www.ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Conserving/documents/2002_GuidanceMemorandumforSecondaryandCumulativeImpacts.pdf).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If our agency can be of further assistance, please contact me at (252) 948-3916 or at maria.dunn@ncwildlife.org.



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MICHAEL SCOTT
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Date: November 28, 2018

To: Michael Scott, Director
Division of Waste Management

Through: Janet Macdonald
Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch – Special Projects Unit

From: Bonnie S. Ware
Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch

Subject: SEPA Project #19-0118, NC Department of Commerce, Edgecombe County, North Carolina

The Superfund Section has reviewed the proximity of sites under its jurisdiction to the NC Department of Commerce project. Proposed project is for the application of Edgecombe Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 75 MW Solar Facility in Edgecombe Co.

No sites were identified within one mile of the project as shown on the attached report.

Please contact Janet Macdonald at 919.707.8349 if you have any questions.



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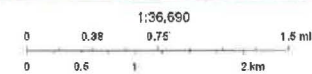
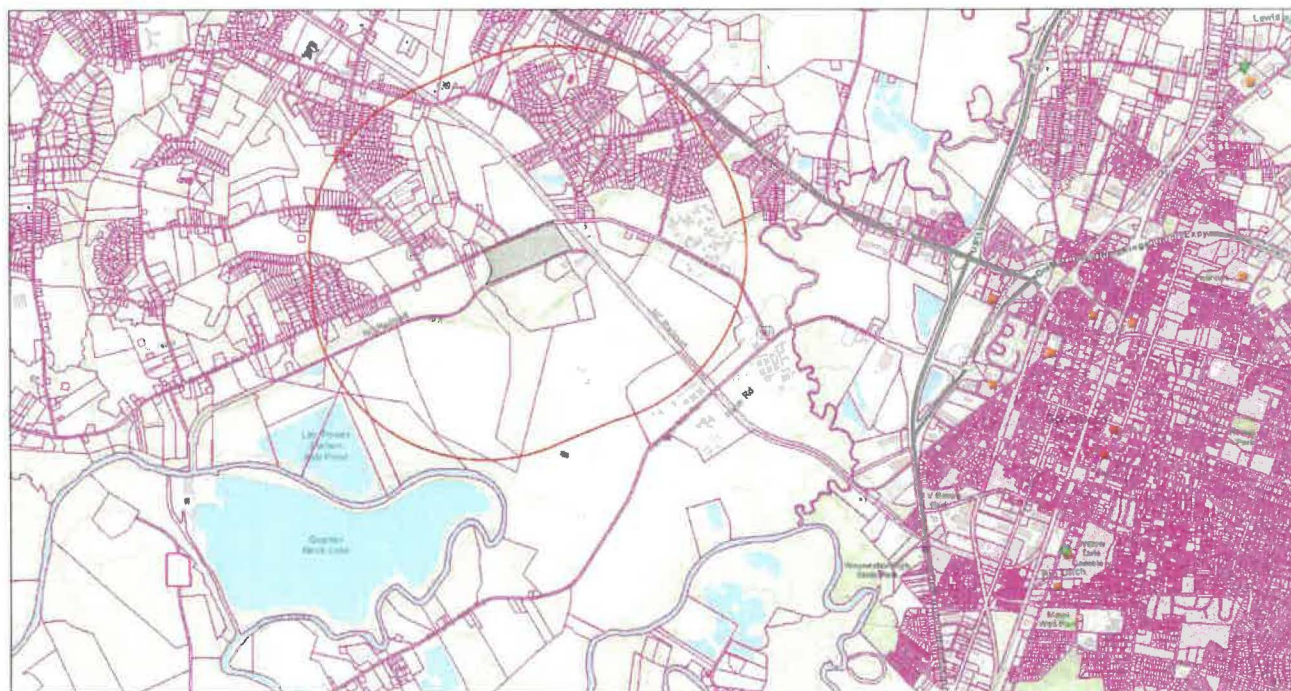


SEPA/NEPA Review Report

Area of Interest (AOI) Information

Area : 2,945.58 acres

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Sources: ERI, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, Geobase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Swisstopo, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, NC

19-0118 Edgecombe County

Summary

Name	Count	Area(acres)	Length(mi)
Certified DSCA Sites	0	N/A	N/A
Federal Remediation Branch Sites	0	N/A	N/A
Inactive Hazardous Sites	0	N/A	N/A
Pre-Regulatory Landfill Sites	0	N/A	N/A
Brownfields Program Sites	0	N/A	N/A

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT COMMENTS

Reviewing Regional Office: Raleigh
Project Number: 19-0118 Due Date: 12/12/2018
County: Edgecombe

After review of this project it has been determined that the DEQ permit(s) and/or approvals indicated may need to be obtained in order for this project to comply with North Carolina Law. Questions regarding these permits should be addressed to the Regional Office indicated on the reverse of the form. All applications, information and guidelines relative to these plans and permits are available from the same Regional Office.

	PERMITS	SPECIAL APPLICATION PROCEDURES or REQUIREMENTS	Normal Process Time (statutory time limit)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit to construct & operate wastewater treatment facilities, non-standard sewer system extensions & sewer systems that do not discharge into state surface waters.	Application 90 days before begins construction or award of construction contracts. On-site inspection may be required. Post-application technical conference usual.	30 days (90 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit to construct & operate, sewer extensions involving gravity sewers, pump stations and force mains discharging into a sewer collection system	Fast-Track Permitting program consists of the submittal of an application and an engineer's certification that the project meets all applicable State rules and Division Minimum Design Criteria.	30 days (N/A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	NPDES - permit to discharge into surface water and/or permit to operate and construct wastewater facilities discharging into state surface waters.	Application 180 days before begins activity. On-site inspection. Pre-application conference usual. Additionally, obtain permit to construct wastewater treatment facility-granted after NPDES. Reply time, 30 days after receipt of plans or issue of NPDES permit-whichever is later.	90-120 days (N/A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Use Permit	Pre-application technical conference usually necessary.	30 days (N/A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Well Construction Permit	Complete application must be received and permit issued prior to the installation of a groundwater monitoring well located on property not owned by the applicant, and for a large capacity (>100,000 gallons per day) water supply well.	7 days (15 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dredge and Fill Permit	Application copy must be served on each adjacent riparian property owner. On-site inspection. Pre-application conference usual. Filling may require Easement to Fill from N.C. Department of Administration and Federal Dredge and Fill Permit.	55 days (90 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit to construct & operate Air Pollution Abatement facilities and/or Emission Sources as per 15 A NCAC (2Q.0100 thru 2Q.0300)	Application must be submitted and permit received prior to construction and operation of the source. If a permit is required in an area without local zoning, then there are additional requirements and timelines (2Q.0113).	90 days
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Any open burning associated with subject proposal must be in compliance with 15 A NCAC 2D.1900	N/A	60 days (90 days)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demolition or renovations of structures containing asbestos material must be in compliance with 15 A NCAC 20.1110 (a) (1) which requires notification and removal prior to demolition. Contact Asbestos Control Group 919-707-5950	Please Note - The Health Hazards Control Unit (HHCU) of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, must be notified of plans to demolish a building, including residences for commercial or industrial expansion, even if no asbestos is present in the building.	60 days (90 days)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973 must be properly addressed for any land disturbing activity. An erosion & sedimentation control plan will be required if one or more acres are to be disturbed. Plan must be filed with and approved by applicable Regional Office (Land Quality Section) at least 30 days before beginning activity. A NPDES Construction Stormwater permit (NCG010000) is also usually issued should design features meet minimum requirements. A fee of \$65 for the first acre or any part of an acre. An express review option is available with additional fees.		20 days (30 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sedimentation and erosion control must be addressed in accordance with NCDOT's approved program. Particular attention should be given to design and installation of appropriate perimeter sediment trapping devices as well as stable Stormwater conveyances and outlets.		(30 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sedimentation and erosion control must be addressed in accordance with <u>Local Government's</u> approved program. Particular attention should be given to design and installation of appropriate perimeter sediment trapping devices as well as stable Stormwater conveyances and outlets.		Based on Local Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compliance with 15A NCAC 2H .0126 - NPDES Stormwater Program which regulates three types of activities: Industrial, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System & Construction activities that disturb ≥1 acre.		30-60 days (90 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Compliance with 15A NCAC 2H 1000 -State Stormwater Permitting Programs regulate site development and post-construction stormwater runoff control. Areas subject to these permit programs include all 20 coastal counties, and various other counties and watersheds throughout the state.		45 days (90 days)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Mining Permit	On-site inspection usual. Surety bond filed with DEQ Bond amount varies with type mine and number of acres of affected land. Affected area greater than one acre must be permitted. The appropriate bond must be received before the permit can be issued.	30 days (60 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dam Safety Permit	If permit required, application 60 days before begin construction. Applicant must hire N.C. qualified engineer to: prepare plans, inspect construction, and certify construction is according to DEQ approved plans. May also require a permit under mosquito control program. And a 404 permit from Corps of Engineers. An inspection of site is necessary to verify Hazard Classification. A minimum fee of \$200.00 must accompany the application. An additional processing fee based on a percentage or the total project cost will be required upon completion.	30 days (60 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oil Refining Facilities	N/A	90-120 days (N/A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permit to drill exploratory oil or gas well	File surety bond of \$5,000 with DEQ running to State of NC conditional that any well opened by drill operator shall, upon abandonment, be plugged according to DEQ rules and regulations.	10 days N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geophysical Exploration Permit	Application filed with DEQ at least 10 days prior to issue of permit. Application by letter. No standard application form.	10 days N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	State Lakes Construction Permit	Application fee based on structure size is charged. Must include descriptions & drawings of structure & proof of ownership of riparian property	15-20 days N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	401 Water Quality Certification	Compliance with the T15A 02H .0500 Certifications are required whenever construction or operation of facilities will result in a discharge into navigable water as described in 33 CFR part 323.	60 days (130 days)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Compliance with Catawba, Goose Creek, Jordan Lake, Randleman, Tar Pamlico or Neuse Riparian Buffer Rules is required. Buffer requirements: http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-permits/wastewater-branch/401-wetlands-buffer-permits/401-riparian-buffer-protection-program		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nutrient Offset: Loading requirements for nitrogen and phosphorus in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico River basins, and in the Jordan and Falls Lake watersheds, as part of the nutrient-management strategies in these areas. DWR nutrient offset information: http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/planning/nonpoint-source-management/nutrient-offset-information		
<input type="checkbox"/>	CAMA Permit for MAJOR development	\$250.00 - \$475.00 fee must accompany application	75 days (150 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	CAMA Permit for MINOR development	\$100.00 fee must accompany application	22 days (25 days)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abandonment of any wells, if required must be in accordance with Title 15A. Subchapter 2C.0100.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notification of the proper regional office is requested if "orphan" underground storage tanks (USTS) are discovered during any excavation operation.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plans and specifications for the construction, expansion, or alteration of a public water system must be approved by the Division of Water Resources/Public Water Supply Section prior to the award of a contract or the initiation of construction as per 15A NCAC 18C .0300 et. seq., Plans and specifications should be submitted to 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1634. All public water supply systems must comply with state and federal drinking water monitoring requirements. For more information, contact the Public Water Supply Section, (919) 707-9100.		30 days
<input type="checkbox"/>	If existing water lines will be relocated during the construction, plans for the water line relocation must be submitted to the Division of Water Resources/Public Water Supply Section at 1634 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1634. For more information, contact the Public Water Supply Section, (919) 707-9100.		30 days
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plans and specifications for the construction, expansion, or alteration of the _____ water system must be approved through the _____ delegated plan approval authority. Please contact them at _____ for further information.		

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Other Comments (attach additional pages as necessary, being certain to comment authority)

Division	Initials	No comment	Comments	Date Review
DAQ	MRF	<input type="checkbox"/>	See checked boxes above.	12/10/18
DWR-WQROS (Aquifer & Surface)	RB &	<input type="checkbox"/>	& Site will need a stream determination. If wetland, riparian buffers or stream impacts are proposed, this project will need to comply with/secure a 404 permit from the USACE, obtain a 401 Water Quality Certification authorization and a riparian buffer authorization.	12/4/18 / /
DWR-PWS	NA	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA	/ /
DEMLR (LQ & SW)	CDA	<input type="checkbox"/>		11/26/18
DWM – UST	MRP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		12/6/18
Other Comments		<input type="checkbox"/>		/ /

REGIONAL OFFICES

Questions regarding these permits should be addressed to the Regional Office marked below.

☐ **Asheville Regional Office**
2090 U.S. 70 Highway
Swannanoa, NC 28778-8211
Phone: 828-296-4500
Fax: 828-299-7043

☐ **Fayetteville Regional Office**
225 Green Street, Suite 714,
Fayetteville, NC 28301-5043
Phone: 910-433-3300
Fax: 910-486-0707

☐ **Mooresville Regional Office**
610 East Center Avenue, Suite 301,
Mooresville, NC 28115
Phone: 704-663-1699
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☒ **Raleigh Regional Office**
3800 Barrett Drive,
Raleigh, NC 27609
Phone: 919-791-4200
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☐ **Washington Regional Office**
943 Washington Square Mall,
Washington, NC 27889
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☐ **Wilmington Regional Office**
127 Cardinal Drive Ext.,
Wilmington, NC 28405
Phone: 910-796-7215
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☐ **Winston-Salem Regional Office**
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MS CINDY WILLIAMS
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The attached project has been submitted to the N. C. State Clearinghouse for intergovernmental review. Please review and submit your response by the above indicated date to 1301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1301.

If additional review time is needed, please contact this office at (919)807-2425.

AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED: ☒ NO COMMENT ☐ COMMENTS ATTACHED

SIGNED BY:

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SIGNED BY: *Angela Stanley*

DATE: 12-6-18

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Scott Walston
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MS CARRIE ATKINSON
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C. Moya

DATE: *Nov. 30, 2018*

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DESC: Application of Edgecombe Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 75 MW Solar Facility in Edgecombe Co. Docket #EMP-101, Sub 0. - View document at <http://starwl.ncuc.net/NCUC/portal/ncuc/page/Dockets/portal.aspx>, Type EMP-101 Sub 0 in the Docket Number search line.

Located at approximately 600 acres of land on the south side of US Highway 64 Alternate West, east of the intersection with April Lane, and west of the intersection with Alston Lane, near Kingsboro, NC

The attached project has been submitted to the N. C. State Clearinghouse for intergovernmental review. Please review and submit your response by the above indicated date to 1301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1301.

If additional review time is needed, please contact this office at (919)807-2425.

AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED: ☐ NO COMMENT ☒ COMMENTS ATTACHED

SIGNED BY: 

DATE: 11/20/18

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Roy Cooper, Governor
Susi Hamilton, Secretary
Walter Clark, Director, Land and Water Stewardship

NCNHDE-7577

November 20, 2018

Attn: Crystal Best
North Carolina Clearinghouse

RE: Clearinghouse 19-0118

Dear North Carolina Clearinghouse:

The North Carolina Natural Heritage Program (NCNHP) appreciates the opportunity to provide information about natural heritage resources for the project referenced above.

A query of the NCNHP database indicates that there are records for rare species, important natural communities, natural areas, and/or conservation/managed areas within the proposed project boundary. These results are presented in the attached 'Documented Occurrences' tables and map.

The attached 'Potential Occurrences' table summarizes rare species and natural communities that have been documented within a one-mile radius of the property boundary. The proximity of these records suggests that these natural heritage elements may potentially be present in the project area if suitable habitat exists. Tables of natural areas and conservation/managed areas within a one-mile radius of the project area, if any, are also included in this report.

If a Federally-listed species is documented within the project area or indicated within a one-mile radius of the project area, the NCNHP recommends contacting the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for guidance. Contact information for USFWS offices in North Carolina is found here: <https://www.fws.gov/offices/Directories/ListOffices.cfm?statecode=37>.

Please note that natural heritage element data are maintained for the purposes of conservation planning, project review, and scientific research, and are not intended for use as the primary criteria for regulatory decisions. Information provided by the NCNHP database may not be published without prior written notification to the NCNHP, and the NCNHP must be credited as an information source in these publications. Maps of NCNHP data may not be redistributed without permission.

Also please note that the NC Natural Heritage Program may follow this letter with additional correspondence if a Dedicated Nature Preserve, Registered Heritage Area, Clean Water Management Trust Fund easement, or an occurrence of a Federally-listed species is documented near the project area.

If you have questions regarding the information provided in this letter or need additional assistance, please contact Rodney A. Butler at rodney.butler@ncdcr.gov or 919-707-8603.

Sincerely,
NC Natural Heritage Program

Natural Heritage Element Occurrences, Natural Areas, and Managed Areas Intersecting the Project Area
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Element Occurrences Documented Within Project Area

Taxonomic Group	EO ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Last Observation Date	Element Occurrence Rank	Accuracy	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
Amphibian	3793	Necturus lewisi	Neuse River Waterdog	2018-02-27	B	3-Medium	---	Special Concern	G2	S2
Crustacean	29727	Orconectes carolinensis	North Carolina Spiny Crayfish	1986-05-12	H?	3-Medium	---	Special Concern	G3	S3
Freshwater Bivalve	25964	Elliptio roanokensis	Roanoke Slabshell	1990-07-30	H?	3-Medium	---	Special Concern	G3	S3
Freshwater Fish	16882	Noturus furiosus	Carolina Madtom	1985-05-17	H?	3-Medium	---	Threatened	G2	S2

Natural Areas Documented Within Project Area

Site Name	Representational Rating	Collective Rating
TAR/Lower Tar River Aquatic Habitat	R1 (Exceptional)	C2 (Very High)
Tarboro Floodplain	R3 (High)	C5 (General)

No Managed Areas Documented within the Project Area

Definitions and an explanation of status designations and codes can be found at <https://ncnhde.natureserve.org/content/help>. Data query generated on November 20, 2018; source: NCNHP, Q4 Oct 2018. Please resubmit your information request if more than one year elapses before project initiation as new information is continually added to the NCNHP database.

Natural Heritage Element Occurrences, Natural Areas, and Managed Areas Within a One-mile Radius of the Project Area
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Mayfly	583	Baetisca obesa	a mayfly	1988-03-02	H?	3-Medium	---	Significantly Rare	G5	S1

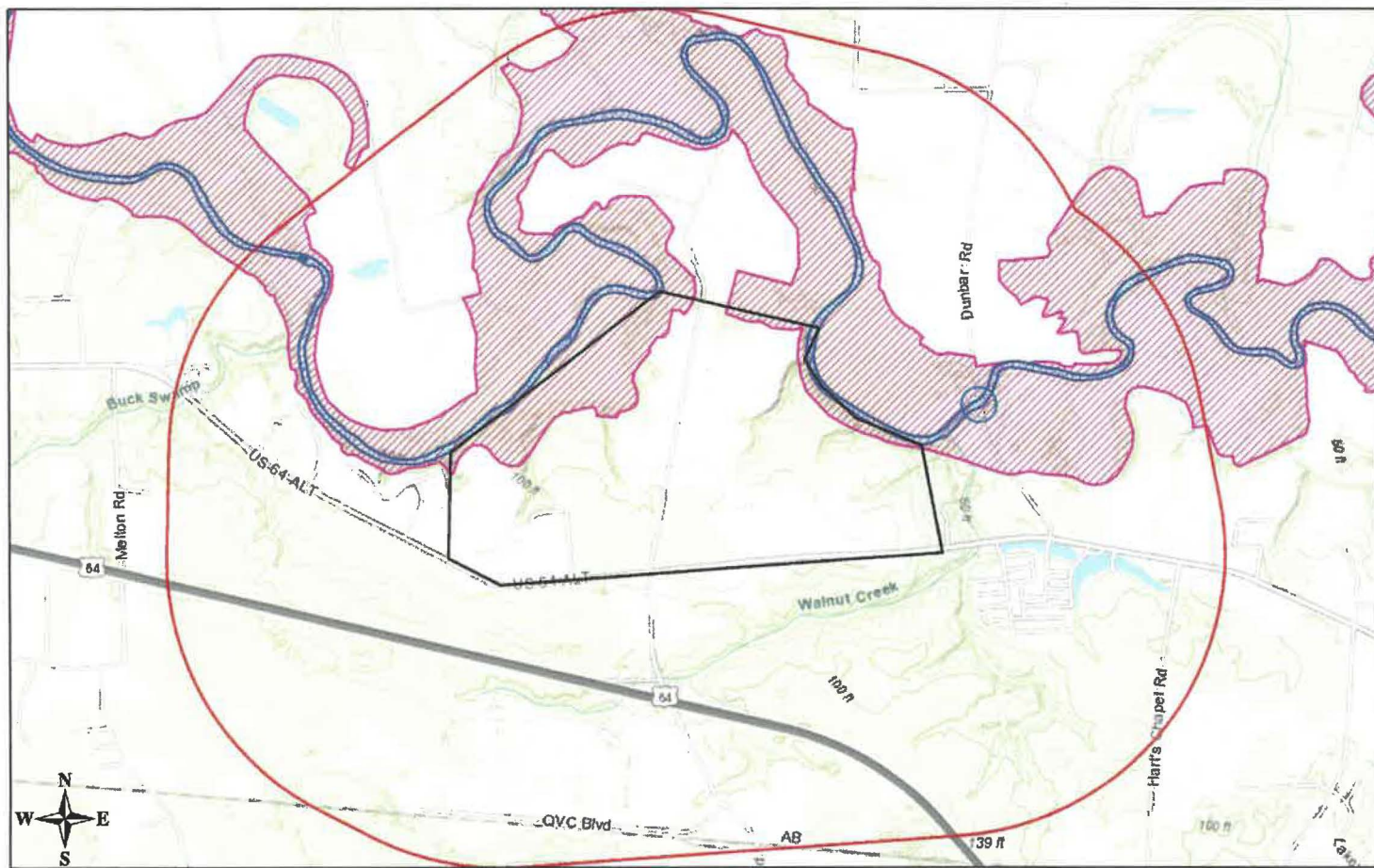
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- Project Boundary
- Buffered Project Boundary
- Natural Heritage Element Occurrence (NHEO)
- NHP Natural Area (NHNA)

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Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community