



# Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program

Public Involvement Office

## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Neuse River Basin Regional Council Members

FROM: *Joan*  
Joan Giordano, Outreach Coordinator

SUBJ: Postponement of Next Meeting

DATE: April 22, 2002

Hi folks:

Following discussion with Chairman McLawhorn, the decision to postpone our April 26<sup>th</sup> Neuse River Basin Regional Council meeting to May 24<sup>th</sup> has been made. Hopefully, and depending on availability, the meeting will be held at the Wayne Center in Goldsboro, beginning at the usual time. A reminder memo and agenda will be sent as the time draws closer.

I hope this meeting postponement does not inconvenience you greatly. Thank you for your understanding and, as always, for your continued dedication and commitment to protecting the natural resources of eastern North Carolina.



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TO: Neuse River Basin Regional Council Members (NRBRC)

FROM: Joan Giordano, Outreach Coordinator

SUBJ: Next Meeting

DATE: May 7, 2002

Hi Folks:

As indicated in my memo to you dated April 22<sup>nd</sup>, it was necessary to postpone the April 26<sup>th</sup> scheduled meeting, to May 24<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, at the time of this postponement, the dates for holding public meetings to solicit citizen input for updating the Neuse Basinwide Water Quality Plan (now in draft version) had not yet been determined.

It appears from the enclosed flyer announcing these public meetings, which I received today, that one of the meetings is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>. I also received a letter from Charles Pittman alerting Chairman McLawhorn and me to the fact that May 24<sup>th</sup> is the Friday preceding the Memorial Day holiday, and it might not be a meeting day when many RC members could attend.

Based on the above, I would suggest that those interested in attending one of the Basinwide Public Meetings do so, and that we dispense with our plans to hold the (NRBRC) meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>. I believe this will accommodate everyone's needs. Following consultation with Chairman McLawhorn, we will again reschedule our regular RC meeting, and notify you.

Thanks for your patience and understanding!

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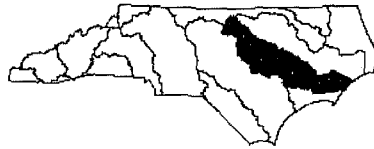
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# Public Meeting Announcement and Notice of Release of *Draft Neuse River Basinwide Water Quality Plan*



**May 20, 2002 Goldsboro (7:00 pm) May 21, Raleigh (1:30 pm)**  
**May 24, 2002 New Bern (12:30 pm)**

## **Why are Public Meetings Being Held?**

The North Carolina Division of Water Quality (DWQ) has prepared a draft *Neuse River Basinwide Water Quality Plan* as a tool to help restore and protect water quality in the Neuse River basin. Public meetings are held to answer questions about the draft plan and to obtain comments on the plan. The draft plan will be revised as needed based on public comments and presented to the Environmental Management Commission for approval in July 2002.

## **What is the Neuse River Basinwide Water Quality Plan?**

The NC Division of Water Quality (DWQ) prepares basinwide water quality plans for each of the state's 17 major river basins. The first *Neuse River Basinwide Water Quality Plan* was completed in 1993. The second was completed in 1998. DWQ updates the plans every five years, and the revised *Neuse Plan* is to be completed in 2002. The plan will provide an overview of the river basin including hydrology, land use, population, growth trends, natural resources, wastewater discharges, animal operations and water usage information.

The plan also presents general water quality information including summaries of monitoring data and use support ratings in the basin. There are goals and recommendations for improving water quality, as well as information about water quality improvement initiatives at the local level.

## **How Can I Get More Information or Submit Comments?**

The meeting will open with a short presentation by DWQ staff on the highlights of the draft Neuse River Basinwide Water Quality Plan. [Copies of the draft plan will be available at the public meetings; however, you are encouraged to review the document prior to attending.] The presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. Time will then be available for you to make verbal comments on the plan and express ways that DWQ may be able to help you improve water quality throughout the basin. DWQ is interested in hearing your comments on the basinwide plan. We encourage you to submit written comments to the address below:

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**NC DENR WATER QUALITY PLANNING**  
**1617 MAIL SERVICE CENTER**  
**(919) 733-5083 Ext. 575**  
[Cam.McNutt@ncmail.net](mailto:Cam.McNutt@ncmail.net)

**To obtain a copy of the draft plan,** contact  
Cam McNutt or visit the Basinwide  
Planning Program website at  
<http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/basinwide/>

***Verbal and Written Comments Will Be Accepted Through June 5, 2002!***



<p><b><u>Goldsboro Workshop</u></b>  May 20, 2002  7:00 PM – 9:00 PM  Wayne Center 208 West  Chestnut Street  (252) 731-1520</p>	<p><b><u>Directions:</u></b>  Take highway 70 east from Raleigh to Goldsboro, stay on Business 70 and go under overpass. Turn right at light onto George Street. The Wayne Center will be on the left at the third light. Turn left at the next intersection. Turn left again into the Wayne Center parking lot.</p>
<p><b><u>Raleigh Workshop</u></b>  May 21, 2002  1:30 PM – 3:30 PM  Archdale Building Ground  Floor Hearing Room  (919) 733-5083 ext.558</p>	<p><b><u>Directions:</u></b>  The Archdale building is the tall white building in downtown Raleigh, north of the state capital. From Interstate 40 west take Wade Avenue Exit 289 into Raleigh. Right exit Wade Avenue onto Glenwood Avenue then turn right onto Glenwood Ave. At the first light turn left onto Peace Street. The building is at the intersection of Peace and Salisbury. From I-40 east follow the inner beltline (I-440) to the Wilmington Street exit. Take Wilmington Street into downtown Raleigh. The Archdale Building will be on the left at the end of Wilmington Street.</p>

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<p><b><u>New Bern Workshop</u></b>  May 24, 2002  12:30 PM – 2:30 PM  Craven Community College  Oringer Auditorium  (252) 638-4131</p>	<p><b><u>Directions:</u></b>  From Hwy 70 take the Glenburnie Road Exit. Go south on Glenburnie Road. After the road curves east turn right onto College Court. Turn right in front of the other campus buildings and follow the road to the last building, Oringer Auditorium.</p>
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