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MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Technical Specialists designated by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission to Implement Animal Waste Regulations (15A NCAC 2T .1300)

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SUBJECT: NINTH Guidance MEMO

Implementing the Environmental Management Commission's Regulations for Animal Waste Management (15A NCAC 2T .1300)

In an effort to continue to address questions from technical specialists and provide uniform interpretations to technical specialists regarding the requirements of the animal waste management rules, the 1996 session of the General Assembly formalized the creation of an interagency committee. This committee, the SB 1217 Interagency Group, is made up two representatives from each of our agencies.

Please find attached the NINTH Guidance MEMO as adopted by the SB 1217 Interagency Group.

We support the revisions to the NINTH Guidance Document and each of our agencies will continue to work with the committee in the development of future guidance. Most of the guidance was provided in previous memos. The new or changed guidance is noted in bold type and underlined.

In cases where there may be contradictions with past guidance issued by any of the respective agencies, this Guidance will take precedence.