

Agenda Item: 14-09 **Request Approval to Proceed to Public Comment with Rules Review of 15A NCAC 02B, 02H, 02T and 02U in accordance with SL 2013-413 (HB74)**

Explanation:

The Water Quality Committee, at its January 2014 meeting, approved the Division of Water Resource's recommendation to proceed with the rules review of 15A NCAC 02B (116 rules), 02H (119 rules), 02T (108 rules), and 02U (32 rules) in accordance with SL 2013-413. An initial determination of "necessary with substantive public interest" is proposed for these 375 rules which cover the majority of the EMC's water quality programs. If approved to proceed, the DWR will conduct a public comment period for these rules, and return to the WQC in July with a status report, and then to the EMC in September with a final recommendation for the EMC's action.

Recommendation:

That the EMC approve 15A NCAC 02B, 02H, 02T, and 02U rules to proceed to the public comment step of rules review required by SL 2013-413.