

**Agenda Item:** 14-03 **Request Approval of Delegation of the Neuse Buffer Program to Johnston County and Delegation of Further Approval Authority for Previously Delegated Local Governments in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico to the Director**

**Explanation:** A request has been received for the EMC and WQC to grant delegation of the Neuse Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 02B .0233 and .0242) to Johnston County.

Staff also requests permission for the Director to approve any subsequent program amendments that previously delegated local governments in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico Basins may propose. The Director will provide notice of the request to the Water Quality Committee and would forward unique future programs revisions of concern to the Water Quality Committee for review.

**Recommendation:** DWR staff recommends approval of the County's delegation request.