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Interactive maps ease planning process for towns, developers, citizens

RALEIGH – State officials today announced the release of nine interactive maps that allow users to find facilities and activities permitted through state water quality programs that could affect water use and planning.

The N.C. Division of Water Resources created the interactive maps and placed them on its website at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wq/home/maps>.

“These maps are a good way to give our customers current information about permitted facilities and their locations in a timely fashion,” said Tom Reeder, director of the N.C. Division of Water Resources.

The permitted facility maps show the location of many facility and activity types, including:

- Animal feeding operations such as permitted swine, cattle, horse and wet poultry facilities.
- Groundwater well maps that depict geothermal heating and cooling, large capacity water supply and groundwater remediation.
- Municipal and industrial wastewater treatment and discharge systems. These include major facilities that discharge 1 million gallons of treated wastewater a day and minor facilities that discharge less than that; and sewage collection systems.
- Municipal and industrial land application systems. These are facilities that apply treated wastewater and/or biosolids to the land.
- Stormwater facilities, including municipalities and industries with federal or state stormwater discharge permits. The state Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources will maintain this map.
- Wetlands permitting. This includes projects with water quality certifications for wetland or stream impacts, wetland or streamside buffer authorizations, or buffer variances.

Facilities on the maps can be searched by location, permit type, facility name, permit number, permit status, county, administrative region or river basin. Map information is designed to be viewed using a street map or aerial photography.

The maps were developed, in part, to complement the DENR Permit Application Tracker. The tracker allows people to check the status of pending environmental permit applications until 30 days after their permit issuance. The permit tracker can be found online at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/deao/permit-tracker>.

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