

## **Summary of Water Allocation Committee Meeting**

October 13, 2004, 11:15 AM  
Conference Room #3, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Archdale Building  
Raleigh, NC

### **Agenda**

#### **Action Items**

##### **I. Southern Coastal Plain EMC/DWR/LRCOG Final Agreement**

The committee presented an agreement between the Environmental Management Commission, the Division of Water Resources, and the Lumber River Council of Governments. The agreement is intended to “assure that ground water levels and withdrawals (in the Southern Coastal Plain) are monitored and recorded, that a regional plan for long-range, sustainable water supply sources is developed, and that ground water level declines are managed to avoid damage to the aquifers.”

Smithfield foods requested that the second bullet be modified to recognize a potential partnership between Smithfield and Bladen County. The committee had no objection to the partnership. However, as Smithfield has been identified as the particular area of concern related to water depletion in the aquifer, the committee was interested that Smithfield’s responsibility to participate in the agreement should continue to be emphasized. John Morris of the Division of Water Resources agreed to have language added to the agreement to address this concern.

The committee voted to accept the agreement and recommend its adoption by the EMC with the specified additional language.