

SPOTTED A POLLUTION PROBLEM? TAKE PICTURES AND REPORT IT!

To effectively protect our watershed, *we need citizens like you* to keep their eyes on the river and let the proper authorities know when you see a water pollution problem. Use the information below to ask stream related questions or to report water quality problems, stream mismanagement, or emergencies on a local and state level. *Your voice counts!*

When calling in a report, please try to do the following: include **the date you saw the problem, the location, description, and digital photographs** if possible. Please also inform the Haw River Assembly of any pollution problems observed; as we keep a record of water quality problems in the Haw watershed *Thank you for your help and dedication in protecting the river!*

State Government Resources:

For NC Environmental Assistance and information:

Department of Environmental Quality

(877) 623-6748 <http://deq.nc.gov/>

Regional Contacts for Water Issues:

For Water Quality Questions and Water Pollution Problems, including reporting fish kills, poor stream conditions, turbidity, point and non-point source pollution, chemical spills and other emergencies:

Raleigh Regional Office: (919) 791-4200 **for Chatham, Durham, Orange and Wake counties**

Winston-Salem Regional Office: (336) 776-9800 **for Guilford, Rockingham, Caswell and Alamance counties**

During business hours (M-F, 8am-5pm) call appropriate DEQ regional office listed above.

AFTER HOURS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES: (such as large pollution spills, dam breaks, major pipeline or sewage spills)

Emergency Management Hotline: (800) 858-0368

Highway Patrol (spills on roads): (919) 733-7952

Sedimentation and Erosion

Local Contacts for Sediment Runoff and Erosion Reporting

City of Burlington: (336) 222-5050

City/County of Durham: (919) 560-0739

City of Greensboro: (336) 373-2158

City of Reidsville: (336) 349-1065

Town of Apex: (919) 249-3413

Town of Cary: (919) 469-4347

Town of Chapel Hill: (919) 245-2586

Chatham County (including Pittsboro): (919) 545-8343

Guilford County: (336) 641-3803

Orange County: (919) 245-2587

Wake County: (919) 856-5531

If no local program is listed, see county list at left to call the Division of Land Quality at the State Regional Office :

Raleigh Regional Office: (919) 791-4200

Winston-Salem Regional Office: (336) 776-9800

Agricultural or forestry practices are exempt from the NC Sedimentation Control Act, but erosion resulting in sediment deposited in streams should be reported to the Raleigh or Winston-Salem Regional offices and to:

NC Division of Soil and Water Conservation: (919) 733-2302 *or*

NC Forest Service Contact Information: (919) 857-4811

Sediment Runoff/ Erosion Reporting and Prevention

State Office <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/erosion-sediment-control>

To phone in a report to the state: 1-866-STOPMUD