

Action Item: 14-44 **Request for Adoption of Hearing Officer's Recommendations on New Stormwater Rule and Other Water Quality Rule Amendments for Oil and Gas Operations**

Explanation: A Public Hearing was conducted on July 1, 2014 in Sanford, North Carolina, and public comment period conducted from June 2, 2014 to September 1, 2014 to collect public comments on a proposed new stormwater rule for oil and gas operations and revisions related to oil and gas operations to four other water quality rules. The proposed new rule and rule amendments are in response to the General Assembly's directive in Session Law 2012-143 for the EMC to develop rules to regulate oil and gas exploration and development. Dr. Robert Rubin, member of the EMC, served as the Hearing Officer.

Recommendation: That the Commission adopt the proposed rules with some revisions in response to comments.