

**Agenda Item:** 14-29 **Request for Approval to Submit Rules Review Report to the Rules Review Commission for Subchapters 02B, 02H, 02T, and 02U in accordance with S.L. 2013-413 (HB74)**

**Explanation:** In accordance with General Statute 150B-21.3A, the EMC at its March 2014 meeting, made an initial determination of “necessary with substantive public interest” for 15A NCAC 02B (116 rules), 02H (119 rules), 02T (108 rules), and 02U (32 rules). A comment period was held from March 17, 2014 to May 21, 2014 to accept comments on the rules and its initial determination. During the public comment period, 871 comments/other statements were received. Approximately 50 were considered “public comment” as defined in G.S. 150B-21.3A(a)(5). The following response will apply, that the EMC will consider and/or address all comments during the rule re-adoption process.

**Recommendation:** That the Environmental Management Commission keep the determinations as “necessary with substantive public interest” and submit the Existing Rules Report and supporting documents to the Rules Review Commission for consideration at its October 16, 2014 meeting.