

February 26, 2008

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Chris O'Keefe, Director
New Hanover County Planning Department
230 Government Center Drive
Suite 150
Wilmington, North Carolina 28403

Dear Mr. O'Keefe:

On behalf of Carolinas Cement Company LLC, I am writing to inform you that we intend to construct and operate a Portland cement manufacturing plant at 6411 Ideal Cement Road near Castle Hayne. This is the site of our existing cement terminal; Portland cement was previously manufactured at this site by Ideal Cement but was shut down in 1982. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, New Hanover County is the only local government having jurisdiction over any part of the land on which the facility and its appurtenances are to be located.

In accordance with § 143-215.108(f) of the North Carolina General Statutes (enclosed), we hereby request that you issue a determination as to whether your municipality has in effect a zoning or subdivision ordinance that is applicable to the proposed facility. Additionally, please issue a determination as to whether the proposed use would be consistent with applicable zoning or subdivision ordinances. For your convenience, I have included a form with which you may remit your determination and a copy of the draft air permit application. As a means of demonstrating proof of transmittal, please sign, title, stamp, and date the enclosed form and mail to both the facility mailing address and the checked air quality office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (540) 992-3674, extension 21.

Sincerely,

James S. Willis, III
Corporate Environmental Manager

Enclosures:

N.C.G.S. § 143-215.108(f)
Zoning Consistency Determination Form
Procedural memo from Laura Butler dated July 31, 2000
Draft Air Permit Application