

**15A NCAC 01C .0406 SAMPLING, SURVEY, MONITORING, AND RELATED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

Sampling, survey, monitoring and research activities do not require the preparation of environmental documents. These activities include, but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Aerial photography projects involving the photographing or mapping of the lands of the state;
- (2) Biology sampling and monitoring of:
  - (a) Fisheries resources through the use of traditional commercial fishing gear, electricity, and rotenone; and
  - (b) Wildlife resources through the use of traditional techniques, including but not limited to traps, drugs, and firearms;
- (3) Soil survey projects involving the sampling or mapping of the soils of the state;
- (4) Establishing stream gaging stations for the purpose of measuring water flow at a particular site;
- (5) Placement of monitoring wells for the purpose of measuring groundwater levels, quantity, or quality;
- (6) Gathering surface or subsurface information on the geology, minerals, or energy resources, of the state.
- (7) Placement and use of geodetic survey control points;
- (8) Other routine survey and resource monitoring activities, or other temporary activities required for research into the environment that do not have adverse effects; and
- (9) Investigation and assessment of sites contaminated with regulated substances.

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