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Amee,

Marisa Rhian (DEP) and I inspected the CPA 010A-03 site Wednesday (10/21/09) with the owner, Tom Mims, and two of his consultants, Mike Cotter and Fred Crabill. The inspection focused on the northwest portion of the application site that was not formerly used for clay settling and which lies within the footprint of DEP's Integrated Habitat Network (IHN) conceptual plan (see attached). We found no quality upland habitat in the area of interest, all of it being either heavily grazed pasture or dense cogon grass monoculture. The inter-connected reclaimed wetlands and ponds that locally form part of the headwater for Bird Branch are of good quality, but they are outside the planned work areas and would be subject to the project's subsequent wetland permitting. We therefore have no issues with the proposed land use change.

Thanks for allowing additional time for this necessary on-site and face-to-face IHN assessment.

Tim

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