

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between the
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control,
the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and
Clemson University

Whereas, South Carolina is fortunate to have an abundance of water resources that contribute greatly to our quality of life and that support industries such as agriculture, manufacturing, recreation, and tourism.

Whereas, rapid growth in South Carolina and neighboring states require thoughtful planning and management of our water resources.

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has responsibility for administering the new Surface Water Withdrawal Permitting and Reporting regulations and other regulations that ensure the protection of the State's water resources.

Whereas, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has responsibility for long-term water planning, including updates to the State Water Plan.

Whereas, these agencies are working together to construct a comprehensive framework to encompass elements such as diverse use of surface water, groundwater, river basins, and supply contingencies.

Whereas, as part of that effort, SCDHEC and SCDNR are cooperating in the development of tools for assessing the State's surface water resources. The information obtained from such assessment will inform comprehensive water planning efforts.

Whereas, SCDHEC and SCDNR seek development of a robust stakeholder process to ensure that interested parties can provide meaningful input in this comprehensive water planning undertaking.

Whereas, the South Carolina Water Resources Center in the Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson University (Clemson) is uniquely qualified to create a work plan for stakeholder participation in this process.

Therefore, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Clemson University enter this Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) and agree as follows:

1. SCDHEC and SCDNR shall continue to work cooperatively in overseeing the comprehensive assessment of the State's water resources.

2. SCDHEC and SCDNR shall provide relevant information for the Stakeholder process work plan such as stakeholder lists and information on similar stakeholder efforts.

3. Clemson shall develop a work plan for a stakeholder process to ensure meaningful input in this comprehensive undertaking, with an anticipated completion date of March 3, 2014.

4. The work plan shall identify stakeholders, suggest how the science and modeling from the assessment and other sources may be used for stakeholder input, propose the number and location of meetings, suggest potential sources of financing for the stakeholder process, and address how the stakeholder process work plan should be implemented.

5. Each party shall be responsible for only its costs in carrying out the provisions of this MOU.

6. This MOU shall be effective when signed by authorized officials SCDHEC, SCDNR and Clemson.

7. This MOU shall remain in force until the stakeholder work plan included herein has been completed.

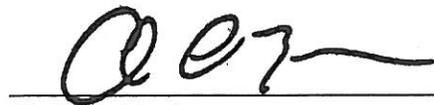
8. This MOU may be amended or extended by agreement of all parties.

9. This MOU may be terminated by SCDHEC, SCDNR or Clemson with no penalty; however, the parties agree to provide 30 day notice before cancellation.



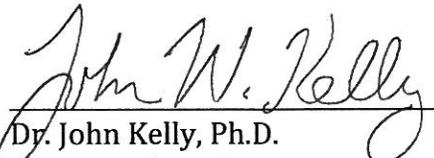
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