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Subject: Sec. Wilson Statement on Wake Stone

In response to the DEQ announcement (below), Secretary Reid Wilson made this statement (which will be shared with reporters covering the story):

“On behalf of North Carolina's state parks, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources strongly opposes the judge’s order to issue the permit and the settlement between the Department of Environmental Quality and Wake Stone Corporation that may allow a second quarry adjacent to William Umstead State Park. The Department of Environmental Quality did not consult with the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources before signing the agreement.

“Unquestionably, a second quarry would damage two units of the state parks system, Umstead State Park and the East Coast Greenway State Trail, which runs through the park. For decades to come, a new quarry bordering the park would bring more blasting noise, more air pollution, more water pollution, more truck traffic, harm to wildlife, and a degraded experience for the roughly one million visitors to the park each year.”

If we receive any press inquiries, please send them to Michele Walker and cc me. This is the only statement from DNCR/State Parks on this issue and we will not be doing interviews or additional press on this.

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DEQ reaches settlement in Wake Stone litigation
Raleigh- The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has reached a [settlement agreement](#) with Wake Stone Corporation regarding the Triangle Quarry Mining Permit 92-10. After a careful review of its options for appeal of the Office of Administrative Hearings decisions on the [merits of the permit denial](#) and the [award of attorneys’ fees](#), DEQ moved forward with a settlement to resolve both issues. The agreement results in the end of the litigation between DEQ and Wake Stone pending in Wake County Superior Court. Wake Stone is required to operate the expanded quarry site under the terms of the [permit modification issued on September 8, 2023](#). The [permit](#) and related documents can be found [here](#).

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