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Mr. Rawls has served as Chief of the Surface Water Protection Section of the Division of Water Quality, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR) since 2005. As Section Chief, he has also served as the Chairman of the Water Pollution control System Operators Certification Commission (WPCSOCC). The WPCSOCC established procedures for examination and certification of operators of water pollution control systems and provides classification of water pollution control systems.

Mr. Rawls has served in the Division of Water Quality for 22 continuous years, holding various positions: Environmental Technician I, Environmental Technician V, Environmental Specialist II, and Surface Water Protection Section Regional Supervisor of the Fayetteville Regional Office.

As a field representative in the DWQ Central Office, Mr. Rawls gained experience in various areas to include permits, compliance and enforcement. He has worked with citizens, environmental groups, elected officials, corporate representatives and the US Environmental Protection Agency to address various surface water-related environmental issues.

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