

## Walch, John

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013 10:53 AM  
**To:** Walch, John  
**Cc:** tdk@geologicalresourcesinc.com; coxfour@embarqmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: Planter's Warehouse

Mr. Walch, This will serve to acknowledge receipt of your letter. I thank you for the same. I will discuss with my consultant. Please understand this has been a long and costly process. It is our desire to obtain a resolution of this matter a.s.a.p. We will be in touch with your office.

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**From:** Walch, John [<mailto:john.walch@ncdenr.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013 10:24 AM  
**To:** Dennis Worley  
**Cc:** Matthews, Dexter; Jesneck, Charlotte; Henderson, Ginny  
**Subject:** Planter's Warehouse

Mr. Worley-

I am sending you this email regarding the Planter's Warehouse Site based on your recent request to Charlotte Jesneck. Staff from the Inactive Hazardous Sites Branch have reviewed the information included in the October 19, 2012 Geological Resources, Inc. report on the Planter's Warehouse Site in Tabor City. As you know, the ammonia concentration detected in MW- 2 during the last sampling event (2.1 mg/l) exceeds the Interim Maximum Allowable Concentrations (IMAC) established under 15A NCAC 2L.0202 (1.5 mg/l) for groundwater. The Site is not eligible for a no further action reclassification until contaminant concentrations fall below the standard.

However, ammonia concentrations in MW-2 have decreased dramatically in the last 2 sampling events. There is a good possibility that the concentration will drop below the standard in the next several months. This well has the only contamination remaining above cleanup levels based on the data in the October 2012 report. Therefore, we recommend you resample MW-2 for ammonia in approximately six months to see if the concentration is below the standard. Once ammonia concentrations in MW-2 are below the groundwater standard of 1.5 mg/l, you must have 3 additional, consecutive, quarterly samples that demonstrate the concentrations of ammonia remain below the groundwater standard and are not increasing. The three additional quarterly samples are necessary because fluctuations in concentrations are common due to rainfall events, seasonal changes in the water table, etc. You can see the data you provided shows that ammonia concentrations have both increased and decreased in this well since sampling began in May 2008.

Note that we have not conducted a complete file review as this is a low priority case for the Branch and we use our limited resources addressing only the highest risk sites. The statements in this email are based on the data in the October report alone. If there are other areas of suspected or known contamination they would have to be addressed as well. When the data shows the groundwater concentrations are consistently below the standard, you may request a No Further Action Status review at that time. There is more information on the no further action process on our website at <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/sf/ihs/ra/nfa> .

This process aside, assuming that there are no other environmental issues at this Site, the Branch sees no reason why the site could not be redeveloped for any use other than the possible restriction of groundwater use. If you have any additional questions please contact me at 919-707-8356.

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