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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

From: Marc Hamel, Rail Project Development Engineer
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Subject: NEPA Categorical Exclusions: Category C Projects Equipment Rehabilitation and Purchase

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division is planning to rehabilitate equipment and purchase vehicles as described below. These projects qualify as undocumented Categorical Exclusions under the approved **Category C List, #14, Bus and rail car rehabilitation** and **# 17, The purchase of vehicles by the applicant where the use of these vehicles can be accommodated by existing facilities or by new facilities which themselves are within a CE.** No additional environmental documentation or permitting is required.

- **Raleigh, Wake County: P-2918: Rehabilitate Equipment.** This project will rehabilitate seven rail cars associated with the Pediment Corridor Service 4th Frequency. The rehabilitation is necessary to provide equipment necessary for the additional frequency.
- **Raleigh, Wake County: P-2918: Rebuild Equipment.** This project will rebuild two F59 locomotives. These are midlife re-builds and are required for emission upgrades. This project will extend the life of the two locomotives currently used for the Pediment Corridor Service. Upgrades to the locomotives' prime movers will meet EPA Tier 1 emissions standards. Upgrades to the head end power generators will meet EPA Tier II standards. This project will reduce overall air impacts from the use of these locomotives.
- **Raleigh, Wake County: P-2918: Vehicle Purchase.** This project will purchase four new 4000HP locomotives for the Piedmont Service 4th and 5th Frequencies and WNC or Selma to Raleigh. This vehicle purchase will provide the needed motive power for the additional frequencies.

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