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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning Division
Environmental Branch

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This scoping letter is being promulgated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) in compliance with public coordination requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The purpose of this correspondence is to inform the public on the status of the Brevard County, Florida, Mid-Reach Segment, Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Federal Project (Mid-Reach Project), and to provide additional opportunity for comment.

The Mid-Reach Project has been Congressionally authorized, however Federal construction funds have not been appropriated. Based on the current budget cycle, the earliest Federal construction funds could be appropriated in a bill is Fiscal Year 2017. On the other hand, State and/or local funds could be advanced for construction in Fiscal Year 2016. The Mid-Reach Project consists of approximately 7.8 miles of beach, and is located between Patrick Air Force Base and the community of Indialantic. The proposed work would reduce storm damages for buildings and public infrastructure along the Mid-Reach by maintaining the beach and/or rebuilding the dune. The original study stated that beach quality sand from an offshore borrow site, Canaveral Shoals, would be used to construct this project via truck haul placement. However, the Corps and Brevard County, the Non-Federal Sponsor for this project, are investigating the possibility of using sand from commercial upland quarries as well as Canaveral Shoals. Quarried sand would be required to meet the same State and Federal criteria as sand from Canaveral Shoals, which means that the placed sand must have similar characteristics as the naturally occurring sand on the Mid-Reach Segment beach. The quarried sand would be truck hauled and placed on the beach in the same manner proposed for sand from Canaveral Shoals. The trucks would access the beach at several locations along State Road A1A.

The Corps welcomes your views and comments on the proposed use of commercial quarries as an additional source of sand. Your concerns will be appropriately considered and discussed in a draft Environmental Assessment which will update the original Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this project. Please send your comments or inquiries to Mr. Paul Stodola at the letterhead address within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. You can also send your comments to us via email at Paul.E.Stodola@usace.army.mil

Please let us also know if you would like to receive future notifications on this project. If you do not wish to receive future notices, please send an e-mail to Mr. Stodola asking that your name and address be removed from the project notification database for this project. You may also indicate if you would like to receive all updates electronically, rather than by mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eric P. Summa
Chief, Environmental Branch