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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning and Policy Division
Environmental Branch

APR 17 2014

Ms. Melissa Long
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
NE District Office
7777 Baymeadows Way West, Suite 100
Jacksonville, Florida 32256

Dear Ms. Long:

The US Army Corps of Engineers hereby notifies you that we intend to continue maintenance dredging the US Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island Slipway (Duval County) as authorized by the 403.813(3) F.S. exemption (Enclosure 3).

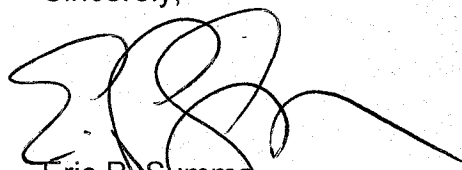
The scope of work entails routine dredging of approximately 90,000 yd³ of non-beach quality material annually with disposal of the material at the upland Dredged Material Management Area (DMMA) Dayson Island. Drawings depicting the dredging area, depths and disposal area are provided for your reference (Enclosure 1). This activity was previously verified as exempt under DEP File No. 16-183955-007-EE (Enclosure 2) and most recently maintained in summer of 2013.

One of the primary purposes of this update is to inform you that future events may include return water discharge from the DMMA. The above referenced exemption specifically stated that no return water discharge is anticipated. However, since that letter was written, the language of 403.813 F.S. has been revised to include mixing zones of up to 150 meters for turbidity at the point of discharge from the upland facility (reference 403.813(3)(b)). It is acknowledged that the discharge from the DMMA is within the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve Outstanding Florida Water (OFW). As stated in the Special Protection for OFW, 62-302.700 F.A.C. and Antidegradation Permitting Requirements, specifically 62-4.242(2)(e) F.A.C., any activity that is exempted from permit programs administered by the Department is not subject to the requirements of Rule 62-4.242. Accordingly, daily water quality monitoring will be performed to ensure the turbidity standards of 62-302 F.A.C. are being met at the dredge and discharge area.

Department verification of exemption is not required for activity under the 403.813(3) exemption, however please confirm receipt of this notice via the form Acknowledgement Letter. Several recent Acknowledgement Letters for similar activities are provided for your reference (Enclosure 4). My staff will notify the Department and provide final plans and specifications at least 30 days prior to any maintenance dredging events at this location.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Geoff Klug at (904)232-3608.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Summa', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric P. Summa
Chief, Environmental Branch

Enclosures

Cc: Aaron Sarchet