



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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June 9, 2014

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Tampa Permits Section  
SAJ-2011-00551 (IP-TEH)

Ms. Michele Baker  
Pasco County Board of County Commissioners  
7530 Little Road, Suite 320  
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

Mr. John Post, Jr.  
Florida Department of Transportation  
Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
Post Office Box 613069  
Ocoee, Florida 34 761

Dear Ms. Baker and Mr. Post:

This is in reference to your Department of the Army permit application requesting authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to impact waters of the United States in association with a project known as the "Ridge Road Extension" (SAJ-2011-00551 (IP-TEH)).

In correspondence dated February 6, 2014, you were notified that your December 18, 2013 submittal did not provide a full evaluation of the alternatives identified by the Corps. It was requested that you provide this analysis within 30 days. Per your request, on March 6, 2014, the Corps extended the deadline by which the analysis was to be submitted to June 8, 2014.

As of this date, you have not provided a full evaluation of the alternatives identified by the Corps. By letter dated May 22, 2014, you requested an unspecified amount of additional time to provide this information. In a recent meeting with your newly-hired consultants, Dawson & Associates, we were advised of your intent to commence this analysis after project subcontractors have completed their proposals.

Based on the length of time that has passed since the Corps has requested the analysis, the fact that you have not commenced the required analysis, and your uncertainty as to when the analysis will be complete, the Corps is not in a position to grant the requested extension. Therefore, by action of this letter, the application is withdrawn. This action will not prejudice future permit requests. The Corps project manager, Tracy Hurst, will remain available to you to answer any questions you may have as your team prepares the analysis of alternatives.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Tracy Hurst at the letterhead address, by telephone at 813-769-7063 or by e-mail at Tracy.E.Hurst@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,

  
for Donald W. Kinard  
Chief, Regulatory Division

Copy Furnished:

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Mr. David Barrows, Dawson & Associates, 1225 I Street NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20005