

**Appendix E**  
**Water Quality Certification**



August 08, 2023

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District  
Care of Erica Fritz  
69A HAGOOD AVE  
CHARLESTON, SC 29403

Re: Certification in Accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District  
Care of Erica Fritz  
Maintenance dredging of the Town Creek Federal Navigation Project  
Charleston County  
P/N: SAC CW-2023-0001

Dear Sir or Madam:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has reviewed plans for this project and determined there is a reasonable assurance that the proposed project will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Certification requirements of Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 401, we certify that this project, subject to the included conditions, is consistent with applicable provisions of Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-101.

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This certification is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant must take all necessary measures to prevent petroleum products, oil, tar, trash, debris, and other pollutants from entering waters, wetlands, or adjacent areas.
2. Once the applicant initiates a project, the applicant must complete the work in an expeditious manner to minimize the period of disturbance to the environment.
3. As proposed, the applicant must limit nearshore placement of material to October 1st to June 15th to minimize potential impacts to loggerhead sea turtle hatchlings leaving the beach.

DHEC reserves the right to impose additional conditions on this Certification to respond to unforeseen, specific problems that might arise and to take any enforcement action necessary to ensure compliance with State water quality standards.

Sincerely,

Nathan Haber, Director  
Division of Water Quality  
Bureau of Water