



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
69A HAGOOD AVENUE
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29403-5107

March 17, 2016

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Dear Ms. Lewis:

The US Army Corps of Engineers is preparing a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) related to a proposed renourishment at Myrtle Beach. The Myrtle Beach Project was authorized for construction by Section 101 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990, Public Law 101-640, dated November 28, 1990 (WRDA 90): "MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA. The authorized project requires the construction of separate protective beach in three separate reaches, North Myrtle Beach (Reach 1), Myrtle Beach (Reach 2), and Garden City/Surfside Beach (Reach 3)." The total project reach is 25.3 miles. An Environmental Assessment (EA), Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and other environmental compliance documentation for an upcoming renourishment on Myrtle Beach Reach 3 were completed in 2016 and supplemental coordination with SCDHEC OCRM is underway. At the time, Reach 1 was not included because funding for Reach 1 was not available. Documentation for Myrtle Beach Reach 3 is still available for reference and comment at the website given below.

The Reach 1 project is a periodic renourishment of a previously approved USACE Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project at North Myrtle Beach and part of emergency repairs to this reach for damage caused by recent storms. The project provides for renourishment of approximately 3.3 miles of shoreline. Preliminary investigations of the quantity of sand required to rebuild the construction template reveal that about 362,000 cubic yards of sand from the Little River borrow site will be placed along North Myrtle Beach. The Little River borrow area lies approximately 1.7 miles southeast of the town of North Myrtle Beach, and 2.0 miles southwest of Little River Inlet. The borrow area primarily lies within SC-State jurisdictional waters, landward of the Federal 3 - nautical mile line. All work is expected to be completed in the general timeframe of July 2017 - June 2018. The EA will be released as part of a joint public notice with you agency (SCDHEC-OCRM). The EA may be accessed at:

<http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/NEPADocuments.aspx>.

The Reach 3 Garden City and Surfside Beaches project is a periodic renourishment of a previously approved USACE Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project at North Myrtle Beach and part of emergency repairs to this reach for damage caused by recent storms. The project provides for



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renourishment of approximately 7.7 miles of shoreline. Preliminary investigations of the quantity of sand required to rebuild the construction template reveal that about 1,000,000 cubic yards of sand from the Surfside borrow site will be placed along Reach 3 Myrtle Beach. The borrow area is located in Federal waters (>3 nautical miles offshore) on the Outer Continental Shelf. All work is expected to be completed in the general timeframe of July 2017 - June 2018.

Per CFR 930.39, the USACE is requesting a Federal Consistency review and concurrence with the USACE's determination that the proposed project at Reach 1 and Reach 3 will be undertaken in a manner consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of South Carolina's Coastal Zone Management Program. This determination is based upon an evaluation of the relevant enforceable policies of the State of South Carolina's Coastal Zone Management Program: (1) Wildlife and Fisheries Management, (2) Dredging, (3) Erosion Control, (4) Activities in Areas of Special Resource Significance, and (5) Beach and Shoreline Access.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and assistance in this matter. If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the project, please do not hesitate to contact Jesse Helton at (843)-329-8145 or Jesse.S.Helton@usace.army.mil.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diane Perkins", is positioned above the typed name.

Diane C. Perkins, AICP
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