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Rolando Gomez, Project Manager
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Re: Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) File Number MI-493,
Martin County Bathtub Beach CCCL Permit Application, RAI #2 Response

Dear Mr. Gomez,

The attached documents provide responses to the FDEP's November 26, 2008 RAI#2 on behalf of Martin County for the project referenced above. Please note that we have also provided a CD with electronic copies of the RAI response documents except for the revised site survey.

The FDEP required the Bathtub Beach CCCL application for an emergency fill project. At the time the emergency began, Martin County contacted the FDEP for a field permit to place sand to control ongoing erosion that threatened County infrastructure. The FDEP informed the County that it would approve a field permit for placement of no more than 1,000 cubic yards of sand. Because the County anticipated placing a greater volume, the FDEP indicated that the County must apply for a CCCL permit. The County responded with submission of a CCCL permit application.

Ongoing erosion caused by ocean waves during the emergency sand placement washed away most of the sand placed in the fall of 2008, and erosion has continued. The County has applied for a Joint Coastal Permit (JCP application No 0163447-002-JC) for a larger project at the same location to provide a long-term beach fill solution. Because the CCCL permit application is a requirement only due to the volume of sand placed during an emergency, and because the County is submitting a JCP application for a comprehensive project at the same site for which it has submitted a \$9,000 JCP application fee, the County is requesting waiver of the CCCL permit application fee.

Please contact Kathy Fitzpatrick, Martin County (772-288-5429, KFtizpat@martin.fl.us) or me (904-731-7040, dstites@taylorengeering.com) with any questions. If you email, please address your email to both of us.

Best regards,



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Attachments

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