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Subject:

Further Guidance Regarding Hurricane Recovery - Environmental Considerations and Coordination

On behalf of Carolyn Ismart, Manager of CEMO, the information below is being sent to you regarding further guidance on environmental considerations and coordination during hurricane recovery efforts as a follow-up to the memorandum dated May 19, 2005 with referenced attachments sent previously to the Districts from Assistant Secretary Thibault.

We are forwarding additional guidance involving sea turtle nesting recently received from Ms. Robbin Trindell, Biological Administrator with the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. Ms. Trindell notes that Florida Statute prohibits work during the sea turtle nesting season (May 1 through October 31) without appropriate consultation with their agency. FDOT District Offices should contact Ms. Trindell at (850) 922-4330 or by e-mail at: robbin.trindell@myfwc.com to assist if any work is being considered on the turtle nesting beaches during hurricane recovery efforts. She also can provide guidance on appropriate types of street lighting involving sea turtle nesting if that is needed.

As noted in Assistant Secretary Thibault's correspondence, the District Environmental Management Office can assist the District Emergency Coordination Officer in identifying and coordinating any necessary consultations in the event of hurricane and storm damage to possible threatened and endangered species habitat areas. This is provided for your information and coordination. Please share this information with your District Emergency Coordination Officers as well.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please give me a call.

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