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Monica Gourdine  
Program Operations Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
545 John Knox Road, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Re: Office of Design, Specifications  
Section **007**  
Proposed Specification: **0070800 Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public  
– Structures Over Navigable Waters.**

Dear Ms. Gourdine:

We are submitting, for your approval, two copies of the above referenced Supplemental Specification.

These changes were proposed by Larry Ritchie of the State Construction Office to inform the Contractor of the Coast Guard's notification requirements when temporarily changing moveable bridge operations and beginning any work on structures over navigable waters. These requirements are not included as conditions in the Coast Guard permit; therefore, they are included as plan notes. Incorporating the language into the specifications will eliminate the need for the plan notes.

Please review and transmit your comments, if any, within two weeks. Comments should be sent via email to SP965TT or [trey.tillander@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:trey.tillander@dot.state.fl.us).

If you have any questions relating to this specification change, please call me at 414-4140.

Sincerely,

Signature on file

V. Y. "Trey" Tillander, III, P.E.  
Manager, State Specifications and Estimates Office

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Attachment

cc: Florida Transportation Builders' Assoc.  
State Construction Engineer

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC –  
STRUCTURES OVER NAVIGABLE WATERS.**

(REV ~~2-14-13~~ 4-19-13)

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~~In the event of accidental blocking of the navigation channel, immediately notify the U.S. Coast Guard of the blockage and upon removal of the blockage.~~ *When working on drawbridges/moveable bridges, requests for temporarily changing drawbridge the operating requirements for the moveable bridge operating requirements must be submitted in writing to the Coast Guard Seventh District Bridge Office Branch, Miami, Florida, 90 days before the start of any action.*

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