



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Southeast Regional Office

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May 1, 2015

(Sent via Electronic Mail)

Lt. Colonel John T. Litz, District Engineer
USACE Charleston District
69A Hagood Avenue
Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

Dear Colonel Litz:

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) reviewed the projects described in the public notice(s) listed below.

Based on the information in the public notice(s), the proposed project(s) would **NOT** occur in the vicinity of essential fish habitat (EFH) designated by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council or NMFS. Present staffing levels preclude further analysis of the proposed activities and no further action is planned. This position is neither supportive of nor in opposition to authorization of the proposed work.

<u>NOTICE NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>NOTICE DATE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
2015-0476-SIR	Berkeley County	April 16, 2015	May 1, 2015

Please note these comments do not satisfy your consultation responsibilities under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. If the activity "may effect" listed species or critical habitat that are under the purview of NMFS, consultation should be initiated with our Protected Resources Division at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

Pace Wilber (for)

Virginia M. Fay
Assistant Regional Administrator
Habitat Conservation Division

