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.

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| NOTICE NO. | APPLICANT | NOTICE DATE | DUE DATE |
| 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