

ORIGINATION FORM

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Specification Title: Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public

Specification Section, Article, or Subarticle Number: Section 7-8.1

Why does the existing language need to be changed? The existing language needs to be changed to inform the Contractor of the Coast Guards notification requirements for temporarily changing drawbridge operations and beginning any work on structures over navigable waters. These requirements are not listed in the Coast Guard permit as conditions so they end up as plan notes to ensure they are met. Incorporating this language into the Specification should eliminate two plan notes associated with all projects under the regulatory authority of the Coast Guard.

Summary of the changes: “Requests for temporarily changing drawbridge operating requirements must be submitted in writing to the Coast Guard District Bridge Office 90 days before the start of any action. Notify the Coast Guard District Bridge Office at least 60 days prior to the start of any operations.”

Are these changes applicable to all Department jobs? If not, what are the restrictions?
Applicable to all Department jobs on structures over navigable waters.

Will these changes result in an increase or decrease in project costs? If yes, what is the estimated change in costs? No change in costs anticipated.

With who have you discussed these changes? Rudy Powell, State Construction Engineer; Carrie Standbridge, District 2 Construction Engineer; Michael Leiberum, U.S. Coast Guard

What other offices will be impacted by these changes? Design

Are changes needed to the PPM, Design Standards, SDG, CPAM or other manual? No

Is a Design Bulletin, Construction Memo, or Estimates Bulletin needed? No

Contact the State Specifications Office for assistance in completing this form.

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: March 11, 2013

TO: Specification Review Distribution List

FROM: Trey Tillander, State Specifications Engineer

SUBJECT: Proposed Specification: **0070800 Legal Requirements and Responsibility to the Public – Structures Over Navigable Waters.**

In accordance with Specification Development Procedures, we are sending you a copy of a proposed specification change.

This change was proposed by Larry Ritchie of the State Construction Office to inform the Contractor of the Coast Guard's notification requirements when temporarily changing drawbridge 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 share this proposal with others within your responsibility. Review comments are due within four weeks and should be sent to Mail Station 75 or to my attention via e-mail at SP965TT or trey.tillander@dot.state.fl.us. Comments received after **April 8, 2013**, may not be considered. Your input is encouraged.

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Attachment

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

(REV 2-14-13)

ARTICLE 7-8 (Page 63) is deleted and the following substituted:

7-8 Structures over Navigable Waters.

7-8.1 Compliance with Federal and Other Regulations: Where erecting structures in, adjacent to, or over, navigable waters, observe all regulations and instructions of Federal and other authorities having control over such waters. Do not obstruct navigation channels without permission from the proper authority, and provide and maintain navigation lights and signals in accordance with the Federal requirements for the protection of the structure, of false work, and of navigation.

~~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.~~ *Requests for temporarily changing drawbridge operating requirements must be submitted in writing to the Coast Guard District Bridge Office 90 days before the start of any action. Notify the Coast Guard District Bridge Office at least 60 days prior to the start of any operations.*

When work platforms are indicated in the permit for construction, submit work platform construction plans to the appropriate Coast Guard District for approval. Obtain approval prior to beginning construction on the platform.

7-8.2 Maintenance of Channel: Where the work includes the excavation of a channel or other underwater areas to a required section, maintain the section from shoaling or other encroachment until final acceptance of the project.

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.

