

Specification Section 104

Subarticle 104-6.4

ORIGINATION

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COMMENTARY

Revisions necessary to comply with the new USFWS indigo snake standard protection measures.

INTERNAL COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

(Please note all comments and responses are verbatim as received. The Specifications Office does not alter typos or grammar.)

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Name: Emy Delgado

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COMMENT: The specification proposes changes to only temporary protection from erosion. However, the FWS Standard Protection measures does not specify that net-free is only applicable to temporary protection. The FWS Standard Protection implies both temporary and permanent. Please clarify.

RESPONSE: The issue of temporary v permanent BMPs was discussed with the USFWS. In our discussions, it was demonstrated that there is a need for plastic erosion mats and FDOT's Specifications Section 571 covers the permanent installations and does not allow for any exposed netting. Temporary installation is the concern for these types of BMPs and FDOT agreed to remove the use of these types of BMPs from use on construction projects. THE USFWS agreed that the Standard Protection Measures for the indigo snake needs clarification for the temporary v permanent erosion control measures. Until the Standard Protection Measures are revised, FDOT is relying on the email response from the USFWS below:

"In the interim, it is understood that FDOT's specifications for installation and maintenance with adequate soil cover will avoid wildlife entanglement (and tripping, UV exposure, etc.)."

ACTION TAKEN:

No action necessary.