

Origination Form

Specifications

Submittal Information			
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Summary:

not applicable

Justification:

The Office of Environmental Management recommends updating SP0070104-9 to remove duplicative language and avoid conflicts with the environmental General Notes currently used to regulate shading impacts on seagrasses. The proposed language specify that Contractor equipment capable of shading seagrass may not remain in place for longer than two (2) weeks. Revising the special provision will streamline documentation and ensure consistent application of this requirement across Contract Documents.

Do the changes affect other types of specifications?

Special Provisions

List Specifications Affected:

SP0070104-9

Other Affected Documents/Offices	Contacted	Yes/No
Other Standard Plans		No
Florida Design Manual		No
Structures Manual		No
Basis of Estimates Manual		No
Approved Product List		No
Construction Office		No

Maintenance Office		No
Materials Manual		No
Traffic Engineering Manual		No

Are changes in line with promoting and making progress on improving safety, enhancing mobility, inspiring innovation, and fostering talent; explain how?

The revisions remove duplicative language and avoid conflicts with the environmental General Notes currently used to regulate shading impacts on seagrasses.

What financial impact does the change have; project costs, pay item structure, or consultant fees?

None

What impact does the change have on production or construction schedules?

none

How does this change improve efficiency or quality?

Revisions to the special provision will streamline documentation and ensure consistent application of this requirement across Contract Documents.

Which FDOT offices does the change impact?

all

What is the impact to districts with this change?

None

Does the change shift risk and to who?

N/A

Provide summary and resolution of any outstanding comments from the districts or industry.

Comments and Responses are available on the Track the Status of Revisions hyperlink located on the Specifications landing page: <https://www.fdot.gov/specifications/default.shtm>

What is the communication plan?

Through the established specification revision process (e.g., Internal and Industry Review)

What is the schedule for implementation?

The Standard Specifications eBook and Workbook are effective July 1st every year.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC – LAWS TO BE OBSERVED – COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND OTHER WILDLIFE REGULATIONS (SEAGRASS BEDS).

(REV 6-23-26)

SUBARTICLE 7-1.4 is expanded by the following:

The Department has determined that seagrass beds are located within or nearby the project area. The approximate location of the seagrass beds is provided in the Plans.

Contractor equipment including but not limited to floating platforms, scaffolding, etc. that may impart shading to seagrasses may not remain in place for a duration longer than 2 weeks. Do not place material or equipment, including barge anchorage and turbidity barriers, over or within seagrass beds to prevent ~~shading and~~ scour impacts.

Avoid seagrasses whenever possible and operate at no wake speeds when transiting areas containing seagrass beds. Maintain a minimum one-foot vessel clearance over seagrass beds.