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SUBJECT

US Army Corps of Engineers (Fish Passage Requirements)
GDOT Guidance for compliance

In May 2007, The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) revised the Nationwide 404 Permit Regional Conditions. The revision included provisions for considering fish and aquatic organism passage when designing and constructing culverts within streams that are classified as "Jurisdictional Waters of the US". The Office of Road Design, in conjunction with the Offices of Environment/Location, Bridge Design, Construction and Maintenance, has developed guidelines that address the USACOE Permit requirements.

Attached to this letter is a summary of revisions made to the Department's Drainage Manual. The entire revised Manual can be found at the Department's R.O.A.D.S webpage found at:

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/doingbusiness/PoliciesManuals/roads/Pages/default.aspx>

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact our hydraulics expert, Brad Ehrman, P.E., Office of Road Design, at 404-631-1978.

Attachment: 2007 Nationwide 404 Permit Regional Conditions
Summary of revisions made to chapters 3 and 9 of the Drainage Manual
Revised sections of the Drainage Manual
Guidance for an Ecologist to determine the need for fish passage – to be published in the Environmental Procedures Manual
New Construction Detail D-48

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