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Subject: Coastal Program Permit Requirements-SAEP

Hi-

I have checked further on OLISP permitting requirements. At present it appears the investigative subsurface work to be conducted in the tidal flats will require a State permit, which has an expedited time of over 45 days for issuance due to public notice requirements. This will have to be imbedded in the implementation schedule.

OLISP permit staff recommend a pre-application meeting to discuss the proposed work and ensure the permit application is complete. It is possible that minimally invasive work would not need a permit, but that would be a best possible outcome of the preapplication meeting. If monitoring well casings are to be left in the flats, even for a few months, these may be interpreted as structures which would require State permitting.

I have a copy of a recent permit issued to Sikorsky for some more extensive monitoring well installation, which I will bring to the RI/FS meeting as an example of the application information requirements. A staff level contact who handled the Sikorsky permit and could answer questions is Michael Grzywinski, at 860.424.3034, however he might not be the final assigned Analyst for SAEP permit issuance.

My recommendation is to get the scope and technical approach for the tidal flats subsurface work finalized during the first few weeks of RI/FS activity. I suggest a pre-application permit meeting be scheduled with OLISP as soon as possible, once the specific site sampling methods are worked out for the flats. Given the timeframes involved if this isn't kept moving we may lose the sampling season.

-Ken

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