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C. Earl Hunter, Commissioner

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Public Notice
Wetland Section

Re: SCDHEC-OCRM Critical Area Permit Applications

In order to facilitate efficient processing of critical area permit applications, beginning **September 22, 2008**, SCDHEC-OCRM will screen critical area applications more stringently for administrative completeness. An application will be deemed administratively incomplete unless all requisite items are submitted to the Department. The requisite items are listed in the Critical Area Regulations under R.30-2.B

Staff will determine the completeness of an application upon receipt and will notify the applicant (or agent of record) in writing if the application is **incomplete**. The notification will identify deficiencies on an accompanying checklist. Additionally, the fee check will be voided and returned with the notification. SCDHEC-OCRM will hold the incomplete submittal for **thirty days** from the date of the notification. If after thirty days, SCDHEC-OCRM has not received all of the requisite information, the application will be deemed withdrawn and the submittal will be destroyed. SCDHEC-OCRM will not keep copies.

SCDHEC-OCRM's technical review for each application will begin only when a complete application package has been submitted. The assigned project manager may require additional technical information prior to being able to place the project on SCDHEC-OCRM public notice. The required newspaper notice must meet the requirements of R.30-2.B(7). The project manager for the region will coordinate with the applicant/agent on when to timely publish the newspaper notice.

The critical area permit application is available at local SCDHEC-OCRM offices or on-line at http://www.scdhec.net/environment/OCRM/permit/docs/FORMS/Critical_Area/DHEC_3898.pdf

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As of **September 22, 2008**, SCDHEC-OCRM will require an OCRM-approved critical area line to be shown on the submitted application drawings. An approved critical area line must be depicted on a survey performed by a professional surveyor and reviewed by the Department in order for the Department to validate the location of the boundaries of the coastal waters or tidelands critical area on the survey. Department Staff must approve the line prior to submittal of the permit application. Furthermore, the as-built survey should also reflect this line.

You may contact the Wetland Section Coordinator at 843-953-0233 if you have any questions about this notice.

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