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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Engineering Administrators  
**FROM:** Leland D. Colvin, P.E., Deputy Secretary for Engineering  
**DATE:** September 19, 2016  
**RE:** SCDOT Fuel Conservation Measures

In response to the Colonial pipeline leak that impacts the supply of both gas and diesel fuel to South Carolina, the following conservation measures will be implemented immediately statewide. These measures will remain in effect until further notice from this office and until the risk of fuel re-supply has been alleviated.

Please suspend our largest fuel consuming maintenance operations as noted below:

- In-house mowing
- Shoulder/Ditching operations
- Reclamation operations
- Chip seal operations

Please ensure that all active work sites are in a safe condition and take all necessary steps to safe up active work sites. While these operations are suspended, please have the impacted crews perform any necessary yard, vehicle, and equipment maintenance. In addition, this is a good opportunity to review safety practices, vehicle pre-trip inspections, and our new work zone requirements. We will continue to perform our critical safety operations as normal during this conservation effort.

In addition, a SCDOT announcement is forthcoming for all employees to practice fuel conservation measures to include: limiting vehicle and equipment idling, eliminate non-critical travel, ride sharing, and teleconferencing. I ask each of you to practice additional conservation measures as you see fit.

We will continue to analyze this situation to determine the length of time we utilize these conservation measures and if additional measures are needed. We realize these actions are very cautious, but with Tropical Storm Karl in the Atlantic, we have to ensure adequate supplies for any needed emergency response.

I appreciate all you do for SCDOT and the motoring public. If you have any questions or concerns please let me or Andy know.

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