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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

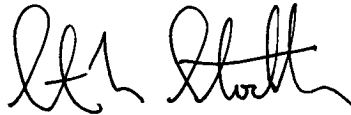
This is in response to your letter dated December 1, 2015, concerning the response by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the storms in early October 2015. Specifically, you asked for assistance in expediting the restoration and renourishment process for eligible beaches. The Corps has completed field investigation and is expeditiously preparing Project Information Reports (PIR) for eligible projects to determine whether a project will be funded for rehabilitation.

Eight local sponsors of Corps projects throughout the state have requested rehabilitation assistance under the authority of Public Law 84-99 as implemented by the Corps Civil Emergency Management Program. The eight projects are a mix of federal Flood Risk Management (FRM) projects and federally authorized and constructed Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) projects. The Corps Charleston District has performed the necessary field investigation to determine the extent of damages and is in the process of preparing PIRs for each project. In preparing the PIRs, the Corps balances local interests and concerns, stewardship of funds, environmental sensitivity, and sound engineering judgment. Until the PIRs are completed and processed, the Corps cannot state with certainty what the recommendation for any project will be. Should a PIR make a recommendation to fund a project, it will then compete for federal funds through a prioritization process.

By December 30, 2015, the Charleston District will transmit the completed PIRs to the South Atlantic Division (SAD) for review. Following review at SAD, all PIRs associated with CSRM projects are transmitted to Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. for review and approval. PIRs associated with FRM projects may be approved by the SAD Commander unless the PIRs are determined to be highly complicated or represent unusual circumstances. In that case, the PIR is sent to Corps Headquarters for review and approval. The Corps will continue to coordinate and share information as appropriate with the local sponsors, your office, and the South Carolina Congressional delegation.

Thank you for your interest in the Corps Civil Works program. If you need additional information, please contact me or a member of your staff may contact Ms. Stacey Brown, Deputy Chief, South Atlantic Division Regional Integration Team, at (202) 761-4106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Stockton', written in a cursive style.

Steven L. Stockton, P.E.
Director of Civil Works