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Subject: RE: Dam Questions from The State

I think that we need to be careful about how we answer the budget questions because DHEC is one of those agencies whose budget has not fully "recovered" from the recession.

On the dam budget issue, I would like to say that:

The Executive Budget relies heavily on recommendations from agencies as to what their most pressing needs are for resources. The Department had not, in previous years, expressed the degree of concern about the operations of the dam safety program that would elevate it to the level of receiving additional appropriations. The FY 2016-17 Executive Budget fully funded the Department's request for 7 dam safety professionals, but the Governor understands that the Department may need to request additional resources in the future.

E is self-evident. Of course we think it will help, that's why we put the recommendation in.

From: Adams, Chaney
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 11:24 AM
To: Glaccum, David; Baker, Josh
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David and Josh-

We received the following questions from The State.

I have provided draft answers for a few, could you please look over my answers and let me know if you have any edits? Could you also provide guidance on the others involving the budget? I think B and C can be answered together.

We are on deadline so we would like to have answers here by 2pm.

Much thanks.

A) What is Gov. Haley's position on the need to bolster funding for DHEC's dam safety program?

On background:

Gov. Haley nearly \$600 thousand in her 2016-2017 executive budget, to bolster DHEC's Dam Safety Program and provide for additional field inspections and dam reclassification inspections.

B) Why was more money not included in the budget prior to last year to bolster the program?

C) Sen. Sheheen has questioned whether Gov. Haley and former Gov. Mark Sanford put enough emphasis on funding for the dam safety program. Can you respond to this?

D) Why does the governor think dams failed during last fall's flood? Is it only because of the heavy rain? Or could a

lack of state inspections and other regulation be a contributing factor?

"It was clear in the wake of last years 1,000 year flood that we needed to re-think the way we maintain dams in South Carolina. That's why Gov. Haley worked with DHEC and included money in her budget for the agency to bolster their Dam Safety Program-- adding inspectors and engineers to maintain and monitor dams more regularly."

E) Does the governor believe that extra money in the budget for next year will help improve the dam safety program?