

**INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

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**List of Updates:**

- **Commerce;**
  - **Other.**
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**Commerce:**

**Bridgestone Grand Opening** – Beth attended the Bridgestone Off Road Radial Tire Plant Grand Opening in Aiken County today. The video remarks from Governor Haley were well-received, and her work in bringing the plant to South Carolina was mentioned repeatedly. The plant will eventually have 550 employees, and Bridgestone’s investment in Aiken County, announced as both the expansion of the Passenger Tire Plant and the new Off Road Radial Tire Plant, remains the single largest capital investment amount in South Carolina history (\$1.2 billion). ORR Tire Plant Manager Ron Brooks mentioned that he would like to host the Governor for a tour of the facility soon, as her schedule permits.

**Other:**

**Wrapping up the PDAP Council** – The Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council’s Final Report is due to the Governor and Inspector General on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Our office will receive a draft copy of the report today or tomorrow for review. Recall that legislation will be required (to make prescribers use the prescription drug monitoring program database, called PMP), so we are also looking into which legislators would be interested in sponsoring the bill. Co-Chair Dr. Louis Costa has had varying degrees of discussion with the following legislators and reports that, “The vast majority are ostensibly in favor of the PMP mandate, some very strongly so:”

- Senators: Bryant, Cromer, Campsen, Peeler, Thurmond, Grooms, Cleary, Davis, Gregory, Massey, Shealy, and Delleney.
- House Members: Ridgeway, Kris Crawford, and Atwater.

**Folly Beach and Harbor Deepening** – The Mayor of Folly Beach, Tim Goodwin, asserts that the severe erosion at Folly is caused primarily by the jetties that stabilize the entrance to the Charleston Harbor. Folly would like the Corps to include a mitigation study to address the existing erosion and also the additional erosion expected from the harbor deepening, because the Mayor believes his town will suffer the most from the expansion. The Mayor is requesting that Folly be included in the discussions with the Corps and the Port regarding mitigation issues, such as sediment management and periodic nourishments. The Mayor is requesting any assistance the Governor could provide so that Folly could participate in these conversations. Attached separately is the Mayor’s letter to the Corps.

**Litter** – A meeting has been set with Secretary Oakley and Director Stirling to discuss litter in early December with the Governor.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HALTI!**

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