

CITY OF PORT RICHEY DREDGING PROJECT
PROGRESS REPORT

Prepared for the:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Environmental Resource Permit No. 51-0238686-002

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As per specific condition #8 (D) of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Environmental Resource Permit No. 51-0238686-002: To the best of Taylor Engineering's knowledge, this report represents a true and accurate description of the activities conducted during the period covered by this report.

A. Date permitted activity was begun; if work has not begun on-site, please indicate.

To date, no permit related activities have been performed by the City of Port Richey or any of the city's authorized agents.

On July 30, 2009, Taylor Engineering, Inc., on the behalf of the City of Port Richey, requested a modification of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Permit File Number: 51-0238686-002. Specifically, the city requested that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection alter the wording of specific conditions 13 — 15, 30, 47 and 70 to reflect that each requirement would take effect "within 90 days prior to commencement of dredging activities."

B. Brief description and extent of the work (i.e. dredging, filling, monitoring, transplanting, management, maintenance, etc.) completed since the previous report or since the permit was issued. Show on copies of the permit drawings those areas where work has been completed.

To date, no permit related activities have been performed by the City of Port Richey or any of the city's authorized agents.

C. Brief description and extent of the work (i.e. dredging, filling, monitoring, transplanting, management, maintenance, etc.) anticipated in the next three months. Indicate on copies of the permit drawings those areas where it is anticipated that work will be done.

Because the quantity and quality of limestone within the dredging template will play a critical role in determining the cost of the dredging project and because the quantity and quality of rock within the dredging template had not been previously accessed the City of Port Richey authorized Taylor Engineering to consult with Ardaman & Associates to perform a geotechnical exploration (location, depth, thickness, and degree of weathering) within the dredging channels. The results of this geotechnical exploration indicate that the majority of the rock found with permitted dredging templates can only be removed using mechanical dredging equipment. The quantity of limestone located within the dredging template is estimated to range from 10,000 to 16,000 cubic yards.

Taylor Engineering anticipates that within the next month, December 2009, the City of Port Richey will authorize Taylor Engineering to begin a permit modification request regarding several permit items. The results of that process will directly dictate the upcoming project schedule.

Taylor Engineering will contact Ms. Kristina Evans and Ms. Maryellen Edwards of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Southwest District prior to submitting a written permit modification request in order to set up a meeting to discuss the city's proposed modifications to the current permit.