



EMERGENCY FINAL ORDER (EFO) AUTHORIZATIONS (DOCKS, BOATLIFTS, BULKHEADS, ETC.)

I need to make repairs, what can I do without talking to or notifying DEP?

The EFO's intention is to let people repair what was legally there immediately before the hurricane. Anyone can do the following:

- Repair (either temporarily or permanently) structures and drainage systems that have not been completely destroyed.
- Repair structures on state owned submerged lands that are water dependent, like a residential dock.
- IF I AM A GOVERNMENT ENTITY - Restore elevations and contours of uplands, wetlands and submerged lands and navigation channels by local, regional, and state governments.
- Remove debris and trash, sunken vessels, vegetation, and structural remains that have been deposited into waters or wetlands, so long as no dredging or filling occurs.
- Repair, restore, or replace structures, land, and submerged contours to the conditions that were authorized or otherwise legally existed prior to the Hurricane.

I need to make repairs or rebuild, what do I have to get authorization for?

Certain activities that need to occur in order to recover property, protect property from further damage, maintain navigation, or protect public health, safety and welfare may not qualify for the exemptions mentioned above. If that is the case, your activity may qualify for a Field or an Individual Authorization/Permit.

What activities may qualify for a Field or an Individual Authorization?

- Replacement of structures that are completely destroyed.
- Pre-existing non-water dependent activities on state owned submerged lands.
- Regrading, dredging or filling uplands, wetlands and submerged lands, if not a government entity.
- Trimming or altering of mangroves.
- Removal of debris, sunken or grounded vessels, vegetation, and structural remains that have been deposited in to waters, wetlands or uplands if it requires filling or dredging.
- Other activities that cause minimally adverse impacts as determined by the Department.

How do I request a Field or Individual Authorization?

Provide a notice to the applicable District office of the Department that includes:

- Description of the work requested.
- DEP Facility I.D. for the location (if applicable).
- The name, address, and telephone number of the contact person for the work requested.

District Contact Information

<https://floridadep.gov/districts>

Northwest District

850-595-8417

NWD_ERP_Applications@FloridaDEP.gov

Northeast District

904-256-1700

DEP_NED@FloridaDEP.gov

Central District

407-897-4100

DEP_CD@FloridaDEP.gov

Southwest District

813-470-5700

SW_ERP@FloridaDEP.gov

Southeast District

561-681-6600

SED_Permitting@FloridaDEP.gov

South District

239-344-5600

SD_ERP_Permitting@FloridaDEP.gov

Southeast District Branch Office -

Marathon 305-289-7070

SED_Permitting@FloridaDEP.gov



Where do I send my Notice requesting a Field or Individual Authorization?

Email your request to your local District office – see District contact information above. Please include “Emergency Field Authorization” in the subjectline of all emails.

What happens after I submit my Notice?

Department staff will conduct a site inspection and issue a Field Authorization if the activity qualifies. The Field Authorization may include specific conditions and an expiration date.

What is the deadline for my request for Field or Individual Authorization?

The due date is dependent upon the storm specific Emergency Order dates and extensions. Please contact your local District office for the due date – see District contact information above.

What specific exemptions (those that don’t require notification) am I allowed?

- The installation and repair of mooring pilings and dolphins associated with private docking facilities or piers and the installation of private docks, piers and recreational docking facilities, or piers and recreational docking facilities of local governmental entities when the local governmental entity’s activities will not take place in any manatee habitat, any of which docks:
 - Has 500 square feet or less of over-water surface area for a dock which is located in an area designated as Outstanding Florida Waters or 1,000 square feet or less of over-water surface area for a dock which is located in an area which is not designated as Outstanding Florida Waters.
- The replacement or repair of existing docks and piers, except that fill material may not be used and the replacement or repaired dock or pier must be in the same location and of the same configuration and dimensions as the dock or pier being replaced or repaired.
- The restoration of seawalls at their previous locations or upland of, or within, 18 inches waterward of, their previous locations.

What State Lands Authorization do I need to conduct repairs associated with the DEP Exemption?

These activities are granted a Letter of Consent (authorization to be located on State own lands) provided all the terms and conditions of those rules are met, including restrictions for activities performed within aquatic preserves.

What activities are not authorized in the Emergency Area?

The Emergency Order does not authorize the construction of structures that did not legally exist prior to the Hurricane. Legally existing includes prior permitted or exempt activities as well as certain projects that are considered grandfathered. Contact your local District office for further information.