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**Subject:** CWA 404g Permitting

Hi Jack,

Following the Army Corps' July 30 announcement, the EPA/USACE/White House will be hosting a call tomorrow for state DNR's/ Governors, etc. Your office should receive call in info shortly. We are also doing additional press, and as a result of the EPA's/USACE and the State of Florida's collaboration on this effort, **we'd love to get a quote from Gov. Scott to use in the release.** I know he has expressed strong interest in the delegation of 404g permitting authority, and the initiation of the EPA's rulemaking process to modernize the assumption process could result in the largest transfer of federal environmental permitting responsibility to the states since the signing of the Clean Water Act in 1972, and the potential to save billions in duplicative permitting costs and years off project timelines.

Some additional background below:

To provide greater clarity to states and tribes, EPA has initiated a rulemaking to modernize the Section 404 state assumption process in order to achieve greater efficiencies in infrastructure and other permitting decisions while continuing to protect the environment. This rulemaking effort responds to recommendations provided by the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology in 2017. EPA continues to engage with states, tribes and stakeholders to gather input prior to issuing a proposed rulemaking.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks,  
Preston

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