

Jonathan Huels Discusses the Implications of Florida Assuming Section 404 Permitting

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In an article published by the Orlando Business Journal, Shareholder Jonathan Huels discussed how real estate developments in Central Florida wetlands may be affected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to give the state of Florida Section 404 permitting authority.

"It is anticipated that the state's assumption will result in a more efficient and timely permitting process by eliminating duplicative review requirements found in the current regulatory framework," said Huels. "This should result in the reduction in the review and processing timelines for Section 404 permit applications."

Huels further commented, "However, it should be noted the state's assumption does not include all of the jurisdictional waters in Central Florida or the state, in general. The Army Corps of Engineers will retain jurisdiction of the Section 404 program for projects that propose any dredge and fill of navigable waters and adjacent wetlands that are or could be used for interstate or foreign commerce, including all the state's tidal waters."

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