

**Appendix F**  
**Coastal Zone Consistency**

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection Correspondence, June 29, 2006**



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RE: Federal Aviation Administration – Final Environmental Impact Statement  
Proposed Relocation of the Panama City-Bay County International Airport  
Panama City, Bay County, Florida.  
SAI # FL200605152296C (Reference SAI # FL200412070282C)

Dear Ms. Lane:

The Florida State Clearinghouse, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has coordinated a review of the referenced final environmental impact statement (EIS).

The Division of Forestry of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) notes that while Pine Log State Forest is located outside the study area, the location of an airport within 1.5 miles of the forest may impact staff's ability to conduct its prescribed burn program due to smoke management concerns. The nearby location of the airport may reduce the number of days available to conduct prescribed burns and will require the use of modified burning techniques. Coordination and cooperation between the FDACS Division of Forestry's Chipola River District and the Airport Authority can overcome any issues associated with the continued use of prescribed fire in Pine Log State Forest. Development of workable and accommodating solutions to similar problems has occurred elsewhere in the state. As a technical matter, please note the following correction that should be made in the EIS: in the second sentence of the first paragraph in section 5.11.2.3, "Pine Log State Park" should be revised to "Pine Log State Forest." The Airport Authority is advised to continue coordination with the FDACS division of Forestry to resolve prescribed burn issues.

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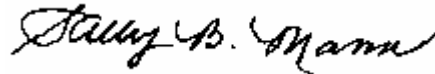
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Based on the information contained in the EIS and comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the state has determined that, at this stage, the subject project is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP). The State has issued a Notice of Intent to issue an Ecosystem Management Agreement (EMA) and all related state environmental permits for the airport project, including permits for the construction and operation of stormwater management facilities, the construction and operation of a wastewater collection system and treatment plant, and a Wetland Resource Permit (WRP) for dredging and filling in waters of the state.

Issuance of the WRP will constitute the state's final concurrence that the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the FCMP. The foregoing comments regarding the final EIS do not affect the FAA's ability to rely on issuance of the WRP as the state's final consistency concurrence. The WRP will also serve as the state's water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. For further information on the EMA, state regulatory permits, and conservation easement for the mitigation area, please contact Mr. Larry O'Donnell in the Department's Northwest District Office in Pensacola.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the final EIS. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Lauren P. Milligan at (850) 245-2170.

Yours sincerely,



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