



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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Regulatory Division  
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Sara Zografos  
Maine Turnpike Authority  
2360 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine 04102

Dear Ms. Zografos:

This is in reference to the Authority's continued interest in replacing the southern barrier toll plaza on the Maine Turnpike at York, Maine.

In 2007 the Corps identified a basic project purpose for the project. Based on continued coordination with your office and interested parties since then, we have determined that a revision to the project purpose is now appropriate. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing barrier toll plaza on the Maine Turnpike at York, Maine with highway speed electronic tolling lanes and cash (non-EZ pass) lanes to address safety deficiencies, settling/subsidence, facility deficiencies including substandard tolling equipment, existing and projected traffic volumes, and traveler impacts and expectations. We will use this revised basic project purpose to review future alternatives analyses to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to waters and wetlands and to comply with the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Jay Clement at 207-623-8367 at our Manchester, Maine Project Office.

Sincerely,

*Jay L. Clement for*

Frank J. Del Giudice  
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Section  
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