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Corps Identifies and Corrects Violation, Presses Forward with Turtle Project

WILMINGTON, N.C.— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers took quick action to correct a violation by one of its project contractors. On Friday, January 19, a Corps construction manager saw an unauthorized causeway of fill dirt being built at the Yellow Banks. The Corps manager stopped the operation and reported the violation to state officials. Corrective action began immediately.

Within four days, the causeway was removed and the area was restored. The contractor, Bean Stuyvesant of New Orleans, reported that a subcontractor began building the causeway to provide a working platform for heavy digging equipment. The N.C. Division of Coastal Management and the Division of Land Resources verified the completed clean up on Friday, January 26.

Sand is being removed from the Yellow Banks as part of an \$11 million Corps project to build a sea turtle nesting site at Oak Island.

