

To: Authorized Recipients of Bridge Inspection Reports

Bridge Inspection Reports prepared by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) have been determined to be exempt from general distribution as a public record. In order to provide a reasonable level of information regarding Florida's bridges, the following process will be followed when inquiries are received.

1. Requestors of bridge inspection report information should be referred to the FDOT web site home page (www.dot.state.fl.us). A link has been provided showing relevant, appropriate information for all bridges within the State.
2. Any requests for further information must be referred to the Department's Tallahassee Legal Office (850-414-5270) for appropriate response. Requests may also be e-mailed to the Department's General Counsel, Alexis Yarbrough, at alexis.yarbrough@dot.state.fl.us
3. All parties (consultants, contractors and local jurisdictions) authorized to receive bridge related documents MUST execute the confidentiality form prescribed by our procedure and available on the web site.
4. A notice will be sent to all individuals, consultants, contractors and local jurisdictions reminding them of their obligation to maintain all bridge documents in a confidential status.

I am hopeful that the majority of bridge condition inquiries can be satisfied by referral to the web site. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

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