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## **Florida's Sea Level Impact Project Study Requirement Takes Effect July 1.**

### **Highlights**

- The state of Florida will require that “state-financed constructors” conduct a sea level impact project (SLIP) study prior to commencing construction of a coastal structure effective July 1, 2022. The SLIP study must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and comply with the requirements of the DEP SLIP study rule, Chapter 62S-7.
- The SLIP study must take into account potential relative local sea-level rise and increased storm risk during the expected life of the coastal structure or 50 years, whichever is less. The study may require sign-off by a professional engineer.
- DEP may seek injunctive relief to cease construction or recover state funds expended on the coastal structure if SLIP requirements are not satisfied.

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