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**Subject:** RE: WDI mayor Collier

Thanks...we may want to also remind him that the oil at this stage is tar balls which are predominantly sand and what oil is remaining in the tar balls is weathered and not toxic to humans or animals. So their critical habitat is safe regardless if it gets blown over the island.

I think he or other officials need an education that in critical habitats we are even more careful and that doing an amenity standard is the worst thing we could do. I am highly disappointed in our ADEM partners. They should have known this and educated their own local leaders, but they have failed to do so rather than succumb to other pressures. If the Mayor would like, we can offer up some wildlife and NOAA experts that can help educate folks. He has to have some faith that we are the experts here and if we call something, there is an obviously good explanation. We don't just make this stuff up as we go.

Captain H.

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CAPT,  
Good morning,  
I spoke with Senior Chief Saunders last night. He was able to get in contact with Mayor Collier. Senior advised he had a good ole "country boy to country boy" chat. The Mayors major concern is if we do not clean the island any storm that comes through will take any product off the beach and redistribute onto other critical habitats. With it being a barrier island it doesn't take a hurricane to wash over. Senior again emphasized, that we are committed to the clean up and we are just on a pause to determine what standard of clean needs to be done on the island. It sounds like this got started by AL feeling that since the NEBA says "no further treatment" and we are currently following the NEBA then we are "cutting and running". It is true that we are following the NEBA at the present time, but only until we can determine the best course of action. Senior advised we are looking at the other barrier islands and possible cleaning the way the NPS areas are cleaned. It seemed that Mayor Collier was pleased but apprehensive. (Senior, jump in if I missed something)  
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