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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2007 4:59 PM
To: Gambino, Mike (DERM)
Subject: RE: Ouside Employment

Mike,

Thank you for your request for opinion. As I understand it, you have an opportunity to teach a three day course that would result in certification for those municipal employees enrolled in the course. I am assuming for purposes of this opinion that you have nothing to do with the actual certification process – that it is automatic upon completion of the class.

Provided you take leave – as you indicated you would – apply for outside employment and report the income you earn from this class by July 1, 2008, you would be in compliance with the county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

If you have any additional questions or wish to discuss the above opinion with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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From: Gambino, Mike (DERM)
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2007 11:21 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Melendez, Marcia (DERM); Valdes, Dorian (DERM); Blanco-Pape, Marina (DERM)
Subject: Ouside Employment

Hello Robert,

I have been asked to teach a course on stormwater management by the Florida Stormwater Association. They have offered to pay me, and it would consist of a three day course in the daytime. I would have to use annual leave to teach the course. Marcia Melendez of DERM asked me to Email you for guidance.

Of course I would apply for outside employment through my department, but would this type of teaching constitute a conflict of interest?

The class would certify municipal personnel to be stormwater operators, that is they will learn how stormwater management systems work and what maintenance is needed for them. My current position does not supervise maintenance workers; I do handle a variety of stormwater and floodplain management projects and issues.

Could you give me your opinion on this? If you need to speak to me I can be reached at 305-372-6473.

Thanks for your help in this matter!