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Actually, there is FY17 funding guidance! Here it is.

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Good morning all! As a follow to yesterday's message, I am attaching the Final National Estuary Program PE Guidance that is referenced in the 2017-2019 NEP Funding Guidance.

Have a great day!

Bernice

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## MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** 2016 NEP Accomplishments and the FY 2017 - 2019 National Estuary Program Funding Guidance

**FROM:** Bernice L. Smith, Chief

Coastal Management Branch

**TO:** National Estuary Program Directors

This is the time of the year that EPA acknowledges our NEP Strategic Plan measure accomplishments that are reported annually to OMB and Congress. First, thank you for protecting and restoring a total of 70,462 acres of habitat in 2016! The largest category of acres protected and restored was forest/woodland at 25,166 acres! Kudos to Nancy Laurson for her leadership in influencing the migration of the NEPORT database that hosts the habitat data, as well as receiving, quality checking and reporting habitat results!

While we fell short of our 100K habitat acreage annual target, I realize you face many administrative, coordination, and funding challenges in working with multiple stakeholders at the Federal, State, or local levels, that influence the timing of habitat restoration project implementation. Nevertheless, we appreciate your perseverance! Thanks also to the EPA Regions for their tireless assistance!!

You are also commended for leveraging a total of $1.14 billion, resulting in an average leveraging ratio of 24:1 in 2016. Attached please find a summary of your leveraging activities, for more information. Thanks for your continued influence in your communities as you attract the needed expertise and resources to advance your CCMP priorities! A shout out to Vince Bacalan for his guidance, data quality checking, analysis and reporting of these results!

I realize you are now preparing for 2017 workplan activities and have been awaiting information on reporting requirements and new EPA assistance agreement policies. I am happy to share the FY 2017 - 2019 National

Estuary Program Funding Guidance. Just to highlight a few items--first, in previous years, there has been a Guidance for Regional Coordinators, and one for NEP Directors; you will notice that those are now combined into one document.

Second, as you know, the National Estuary Program was reauthorized by Congress on May 20, 2016. The new law includes §320(g)(4) that requires the issuance of competitive awards. The competitive grant program under section (g)(4) is under development, and is not addressed by this Guidance.

Third, the Guidance does not include final NEP funding allocation amounts because those amounts are not yet available. EPA will provide the final NEP allocations as soon as they are available. Finally, thanks to Jamal Kadri for leading the effort to streamline this Guidance, with the support from Headquarters and Regional staff. You will find that the Guidance also incorporates some of your suggestions.

Again, keep up the good work! If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (202) 566-1244 or via e-mail at smith.bernicel@epa.gov.

Best regards,

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