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DPNR ISSUES HURRICANE PREPARATION GUIDANCE FOR CONTRACTORS, DEVELOPERS, AND HOMEOWNERS

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) is urging residents, contractors, developers, and homeowners to take the necessary precautions and begin storm preparations ahead of the approach of Tropical Storm Dolly.

Guidance for Contractors, Developers, and Home Builders

DPNR is also advising all contractors, developers, and home builders to inspect construction sites and immediately implement additional erosion and sediment control measures in areas that have been cleared, graded, filled, or otherwise disturbed.

Property owners and contractors should identify areas vulnerable to erosion and take corrective action where necessary. Recommended measures include:

- Preservation of natural vegetation
- Drainage swales and diversions
- Temporary and permanent seeding
- Soil sealers and binders
- Erosion control mats
- Retaining walls
- Stabilized construction entrances and exits
- Silt fencing
- Sediment traps
- Mulches, mats, and geotextiles

Construction materials, equipment, and any loose items that could become airborne during high winds should be removed or properly secured to prevent damage to neighboring properties and critical infrastructure.

Wind Turbine Safety Reminder

Commissioner Oriol is also reminding residents who have wind turbines installed on their properties to lower turbine towers before the arrival of severe weather. Property owners should ensure that setback areas surrounding the turbines are free of structures or objects that could be damaged or become airborne debris during storm conditions.

Reporting Concerns

Residents wishing to report environmental concerns or potential hazards may contact the Division of Environmental Enforcement at (340) 774-3320 or (340) 773-5774.

DPNR will continue to monitor Tropical Storm Dolly and encourages all residents to stay informed through official government advisories and emergency management updates.