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RE: Sea Turtle Lighting Exam

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Congratulations on successfully completing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Official Marine Turtle Exterior Lighting Course and Exam. You are part of a select group of individuals who have taken the time to learn how we can better share the beach with these magnificent and ancient reptiles.

Remember to "keep the beach dark" and eliminate short wavelength (white) light sources visible from the nesting beaches. Direct the light only where you need it such as walkways and stairs. Long wavelength (yellow, amber, red) light sources help maintain our night vision and are minimally disruptive to nesting turtles.

During training, you received the FMRI Technical Report: Understanding, Assessing, and Resolving Light-Pollution Problems on Sea Turtle Nesting Beaches. Refer to your copy whenever questions arise regarding specific light fixtures and bulb types. Please keep in mind that sea turtles also orient toward brightness cues, so even LPS and yellow "bug" lights must be downward directed and well shielded from the beach.

As always, if we can be of further assistance in any way, please don't hesitate to call us at (850) 922-4330.