

## July 2007 Employee of the Month

Temperince Morgan  
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In May 2007, Temperince was asked to obtain the necessary permits to allow muck removal from several areas around Lake Okeechobee to take advantage of the low lake levels during the drought. The permit applications were submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the United States Army Corps of Engineers on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection permit was received on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers permit was received on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The turnaround time on this was extraordinary, and speaks to Temperince's skill in working both within and outside the District to coordinate and facilitate such important projects. To further show the depth of her commitment, she was unable to be in the office most of the week due to a family emergency and continued to work on this from home.

Temperince is recognized throughout the agency as a "can do" person. Some of her duties under the Lake Okeechobee and Estuary Recovery Program include her participation in the development of the state-wide fertilizer ordinance and landscape model code to reduce nutrient applications throughout the Lake Okeechobee watershed. The request to obtain the muck removal permits came on top of her standard work coordinating the Lake Okeechobee and Estuary Recovery Program