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Damien,  
Times and emotions are tense and riding high.  
Thank you for providing me with "your side of the story" and please be careful out there. Many of us are under a very big magnifying glass at the current moment.

I'll get back to you with more later.

Be good.....say hi to your Mom and Dad for me next time you call home.

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Greetings,

On Saturday, September 18, 2010, I was installing a 350' closure and filter fencing around NH67 (at R43) with co-workers Andy Abate and Chris Williams. As we were installing filter fence, we noticed a man (Kevin McCabe) standing on the dunes taking photographs and/or video with his digital camera. McCabe was approximately 50 yards from our location, on the outside of our expanded closure. I found McCabe's presence and actions to be extremely disrespectful, as he was capturing video/images with out our consent and later questioning our policy and knowledge of the species we protect. McCabe shouted (due to the distance between us) comments to us informing us that what we were doing was pointless and how he "has studied sea turtles

for 15 years in 7 different countries and never seen anything like this." McCabe continued to show concern for the filter fence being installed, in regards to the 15' swell expected later in the evening. I ensured McCabe that we were aware of the conditions and the nest and filter fence would be fine. McCabe left line of sight and returned moments later questioning the nest location, as he was aware of the nest being relocated. Having a strong feeling that McCabe was trying to dig for information to use against the park and trying to instigate confrontation, I instructed McCabe to contact headquarters and Cyndy Holda with any further questions. As McCabe continued to ask the question of nest relocation, I continued to reply "Have a good day, Sir" eventually cutting him off in his questions and being assertive, to show him I was not tolerating his presence or harassment of myself and my crew.

NH60 was originally laid July 29, 2010 at R43 (35.23547,-75.52645) and relocated straight back at the base of the dunes (35.23566,-75.52720) by Mike Piatak, as Hurricane Earl's swell approached and posed a threat to several remaining nest along the seashore. NH60 boiled (approximately 65 hatchlings emerged) last night, September 19, 2010 and is expected to have continued success. The filter fence has not presented our staff or the hatchlings with any problems and is constantly adjusted based on changing tides and swells that are ever changing along the seashore.

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