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JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

MAR 26 2007

Regulatory Division  
Special Project/Enforcement Branch  
Enforcement Section  
1997-4169 (sc)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

1. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The District Engineer, Jacksonville District, proposes to issue an Order assessing a Class I Administrative Penalty against the Archdiocese of Miami for an alleged violation of a permit granted under the Clean Water Act.

2. PERMIT INVOLVED AND ALLEGED VIOLATION: A Department of the Army (DA) permit, number 199704169(IP-EJ), was issued to the Archdiocese of Miami on August 18, 1998, and expired on May 5, 2003. The permit authorized the discharge of fill over approximately 44.42 acres of jurisdictional wetlands for the expansion of an existing cemetery facility.

The project is located in wetlands adjacent to the existing Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery, north of 25<sup>th</sup> Street, east of the Florida Turnpike Extension, within a portion of Section 30, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Folio numbers 35-3030-001-0030, 35-3030-001-0020, 35-3030-001-0010 & 35-3030-001-0050, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The permit was violated as follows: The Permittee conducted fill activities after the construction phase of the existing permit expired. Approximately 1.9 acres of impacts have occurred after May 5, 2003.

3. AUTHORITY FOR PROCEEDING: This administrative penalty proceeding is initiated under the authority of 33 U.S.C. §1319(g) and 33 CFR Part 326.6. The procedure for assessing civil penalties in cases such as this is set out in the statute and the regulation. Following the discovery and investigation of a violation of a permit, notice is given to the Permittee, the appropriate state agency, and the public. The Permittee, the state, or any member of the public may file comments within 30 days. If requested by the Permittee, a hearing will be held before a Presiding Officer who will submit a report and recommend a decision to the District Engineer. The District Engineer will issue a Final Order on the case to the Permittee. Public participation in the hearing is permitted if a hearing is held.

4. PENALTY PROPOSED: The amount of the penalty proposed in this case is \$5,500. However, this proposal is subject to revision in the interests of justice after all evidence and comments have been received and reviewed. The amount of the penalty that the District Engineer is authorized to assess as a Class I penalty is \$11,000 per violation and not more than \$27,500 total. In a case involving multiple violators, each violator is subject to a separate, not joint, penalty.

5. REQUEST FOR HEARING: The Permittee has 30 days following receipt of this formal notice of proposed penalty to request a hearing. Written request, by the Permittee, for a hearing should be directed to the District Engineer within this designated comment period and must state the specific reasons for requesting a public hearing. The request should specify, in summary form, the factual and legal issues in dispute and the specific grounds for defense. The Permittee has a right to present evidence at the hearing; however, he may not challenge the permit condition(s) or limitation(s), which is the subject matter of this Order.

6. COMMENTS/ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD: During the 30-day comment period, any person may submit written comments on the Proposed Penalty Order. These comments should be sent to the District Engineer within this designated comment period. Any submitted comments will be included in the administrative record relating to the Proposed Order. All information submitted by the Permittee and persons commenting on the Proposed Order will be placed in the administrative record, which will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the Regulatory Division Office, Jacksonville District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (The administrative record is subject to provisions of law restricting the disclosure of confidential information.)

7. PUBLIC HEARING: The Permittee and all persons who file comments will be given notice of any hearing held on this case. The Permittee and all commenters will have a reasonable opportunity to be heard and to present evidence at such hearing, if a hearing is held.

8. FINAL DECISION: If the Permittee does not request a hearing, the District Engineer may issue the Final Order on this violation on or after 30 calendar days following receipt of this formal notice by the Permittee.

9. POST DECISION HEARING/APPEAL: Any Final Order issued under these procedures shall become effective 30 calendar days following its issuance unless (1) a petition to set aside the Order and to hold a hearing is filed by any person who commented on the Proposed Order and the petition is granted, or (2) an appeal to the United States District Court is taken under 33 U.S.C. §1319(g) (8).

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