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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosts public meeting on Levee 31 North (L-30) Seepage Management Pilot Project

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will hold a public meeting **Tuesday, Jan. 13**, to present information for public review and comment on the Levee 31 North (L-30) Seepage Management Pilot Project Draft Integrated Pilot Project Design Report with Environmental Assessment.

The meeting will be held at the South Florida Water Management District Miami Field Station, 9001 NW 58th Street Miami, Florida, beginning at 7 p.m.

The 45-day comment period ends Jan. 21, 2009.

The purpose of the L-31N (L-30) Seepage Management Pilot Project is to investigate management technologies for use in controlling seepage from Everglades National Park (ENP) and Water Conservation Area (WCA) 3B.

The project goal is to resolve critical uncertainties associated with technologies for controlling seepage from natural areas in ENP and WCA 3B. Uncertainties the pilot project will address include constructability, reliability, the ability to implement, monitoring capabilities, costs and scheduling.

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The project calls for installing and monitoring a seepage barrier in the southern portion of the L-30 levee in Miami-Dade County, FL. After two years of monitoring, a Technical Data Report that assesses the viability of the technology for the development of full-scale seepage management features will be prepared. The technical information obtained from monitoring and data gathering will be used to address uncertainties prior to recommending full-scale implementation of seepage management measures adjacent to WCA 3B and ENP.

The Corps welcomes the public's views and comments about the L-31N (L-30) Seepage Management Pilot Project. Please attend the meeting or send comments and suggestions by email to SMPPComments@evergladesplan.org.

The public can also submit comments by mail to:

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For more information, please visit our web site at www.evergladesplan.org/pm/projects/docs_36_L31N_seepage_ppdr.aspx or call the Jacksonville District Corporate Communications Office at 904-232-1953.

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