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## **U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REDUCES RELEASES FROM LAKE OKEECHOBEE**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) took steps this morning to prevent future high-volume releases of water from Lake Okeechobee as part of a transition approach to maintain a downward trend on the lake.

At 7 a.m. today the Corps reduced releases measured at the St. Lucie Lock and Dam (S-80) on the St. Lucie Canal from a constant 3,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 2,500 cfs measured. It simultaneously reduced releases measured at Moore Haven Lock and Dam (S-77) on the Caloosahatchee River from a constant 6,500 cfs to 4,500 cfs.

As a result of this year's very active hurricane season and overall above-normal rainfall the Kissimmee and Okeechobee basins and Water Conservation Areas (WCA) 2 and 3 now have excessively high water levels for this time of year. Today's lake level is 16.16 feet, in Zone D of the WSE (Water Supply/Environment) regulation schedule. WSE is the federal guideline used by the Corps to operate the lake.

Water level data for Lake Okeechobee and the Central and Southern

Florida Project can be found on the water management section page at

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/h2o/>.

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