

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS P.O. BOX 4970 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32232-0019

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

Planning and Policy Division Environmental Branch

2 & AUG 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulation, this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed G-3273 Planned Deviation. The project is located in Miami-Dade County in south Florida.

The intent of this Proposed G-3273 Planned Deviation is to temporarily raise the G-3273 trigger stage from 6.8 feet, NGVD to 7.5 feet, NGVD when the water level in WCA-3A is above 12.0 feet, NGVD and expected to exceed the period of record average and the S-331 Pump Station is operating at full capacity in order to increase flows into Northeast Shark River Slough through S-333, S-355A, and S-355B. This deviation will assist to lower water levels in WCA-3A for flood risk management purposes.

The Corps is requesting an expedited review under Florida's Coastal Management Program (FCMP) to coincide with the 30-day National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Review. This expedited review is requested so that this measure for reducing water levels within WCA-3A can be implemented once triggers have been reached.

The EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact are available for your review on the Corps Planning and Policy Division, Environmental Branch:

http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/EnvironmentalDocuments.aspx#Dade

A printed copy of the report is also available at the following public library locations:

Miami-Dade Public Library 700 N Homestead Blvd. Homestead, FL 33030 Miami-Dade Public Library 101 West Flagler Street Miami, FL 33130 Any comments you may have may be submitted in writing to the letterhead address or via email within 30 days of the date of this Notice of Availability. Questions concerning the project, requests for hard copies or comments can be submitted to Ms. Amy Thompson at the letterhead address or to Amy.D.Thompson@usace.army.mil. Ms. Thompson may also be reached by telephone at 904-232-1545.

Sincerely, Eric P[®] Summa Chief, Environmental Branch