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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

Planning and Policy Division Environmental Branch

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulation (33 CFR 230.11), this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for an operations field test that will include relaxation of the Gage-3273 (G-3273) constraint and operation of water control structures S-356 and S-357N. The field test is the first in a series of sequential efforts that are intended to incorporate constructed features of the Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park and Canal 111 South Dade projects into system-wide Central and Southern Florida Project operations. The field test proposed within the EA would occur within Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The EA and Proposed FONSI are available for your review on the Corps Environmental planning website, under Miami Dade County, and the field test website:

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

http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EcosystemRestoration/G3273andS356PumpStationFieldTest.aspx

A copy of the report is also available at the following libraries:

Miami-Dade Public Library Main Branch 101 West Flagler Street Miami, FL 33130 Miami-Dade Public Library Homestead Branch 700 N Homestead Blvd. Homestead, FL 33030 Any comments you may have must be submitted in writing to the letterhead address within 60 days of the date of this letter. Questions concerning the proposed G-3273 Constraint Relaxation/S-356 Field Test and S-357N Operational Strategy can be submitted to Mrs. Melissa Nasuti at the letterhead address or to Melissa.A.Nasuti@usace.army.mil. Mrs. Nasuti may also be reached by telephone at 904-232-1368.

Sincerely,

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