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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) at 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 modifications to the current water operating schedule of S-190 for purposes of providing additional water storage in the North and West Feeder Canals and higher groundwater levels within the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation. S-190 acts as the primary water discharge structure in the Feeder Canal Basin located in southeastern Hendry County. The two major canals associated with the Feeder Canal Basin are the North Feeder Canal, and the West Feeder Canal. These two canals merge in the lower southeastern corner of the basin and discharge south through the S-190 structure and into the L-28 Interceptor Canal, and eventually Water Conservation Area 3A. S-190 maintains water stages north of the structure in the North and West Feeder Canals.

The EA and Proposed FONSI are available for your review on the Corps Environmental planning website:

http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/Environ mentalDocuments.aspx

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

Clewiston Public Library Main Branch 120 W Osceola Ave Clewiston, FL 33440 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 action 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, W Gina Paduano Ralph, P.h.D Chief, Environmental Branch