DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

LOW-IMPACT ALTERATIONS TO USACE FEDERALLY AUTHORIZED CIVIL WORKS PROJECTS CONDUCTED BY NON-FEDERAL SPONSORS OR INDEPENDENT REQUESTORS

***IN ACCORDANCE WITH* SECTION 14 OF THE RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT OF 1899 (CODIFIED AT 33 U.S.C. § 408 ["SECTION 408"])**

I have reviewed the Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the known Section 408 requests and anticipated future requests. This Finding incorporates, by reference, all discussions and conclusions contained in the PEA enclosed hereto. Based on information analyzed in the PEA, reflecting pertinent information obtained from agencies having jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise, I conclude that the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and does not require an Environmental Impact Statement. Reasons for this conclusion are in summary:

a. Pursuant to 33 USC (Section 408), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, has reviewed proposed Section 408 requests and anticipated future requests by non-Federal sponsors or independent entities to make low-impact alterations to Federally authorized Civil Works projects and has determined that these requests would result in minor environmental impacts.

b. Coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service shall be completed prior to approval of Section 408 requests per Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

c. When required, a Florida State or Commonwealth of Puerto Rico permit for Section 408 requests are issued to the requestor. All requirements within the permit shall be met.

d. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and appropriate Federally recognized tribes shall be completed prior to construction.

e. Measures to eliminate, reduce, or avoid potential impacts to environmental and cultural resources shall be implemented.

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