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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning Division
Environmental Branch

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Ms. Mary Ann Poole
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255 154th Street
Vero Beach, Florida 32968

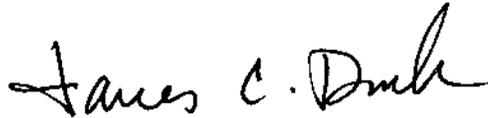
Dear Ms. Poole:

This is regarding our Tamiami Trail General Reevaluation Report and Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (GRR/SEIS). It is a feature of the Congressionally authorized Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park Project (MWD) which consists of structural modifications and additions to the existing Central and South Florida (C&SF) Project required for improvement of water deliveries for ecosystem restoration in Everglades National Park. The authorized plan calls for only minor modification of Tamiami Trail by increasing the elevation of about 3,000 linear feet of the roadbed. The existing culvert system was thought adequate to efficiently pass the maximum desired volume of water. Additional analysis indicates that the existing culverts are not adequate to do so. Therefore additional water conveyance methods are being analyzed.

Mr. Tim Towles, of your staff, has been briefed on the project and attended a site visit and meeting on September 13 and 14. He indicated that there would be species of State concern that should be considered in our project environmental impact assessment. Pursuant to this, please provide a list of species of concern that might occur within the project area. Also please provide any species occurrence/life history information that would be pertinent.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Jim Baker, of my staff at telephone number 904-232-2698.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Duck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "D".

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

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