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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, South Atlantic Division (ATTN: CESAD-PDS-P)

SUBJECT: Martin County, Florida, draft Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR): Request for exclusion from Type I Independent External Peer Review (IEPR)

1. Reference CESAJ-PDS-P Memorandum dated 5 November 2010, subject above.
2. The referenced Memorandum requests exclusion from Type I IEPR.
3. Jacksonville District is verifying the economics of the remaining periodic nourishment in light of a new offshore borrow area and revised construction template. Identifying a new borrow source for the periodic nourishment or updating the project's NEPA document do not necessarily trigger a requirement for IEPR or a request for an exclusion. At this time consideration for the need for IEPR is premature. Should verification of the project economics or the NEPA update ultimately result in the need to reformulate the project such that a modification of the authority is required, a risk-informed decision regarding the conduct of IEPR or the possibility of exclusion from IEPR would then need to be evaluated.

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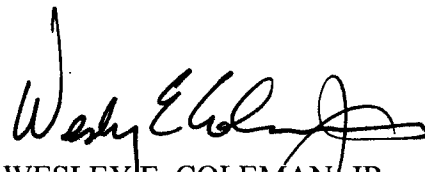
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MEMORANDUM FOR CECW-SAD (Ms. Brown)

SUBJECT: Martin County, Florida, Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction (HSDR) Project, Draft Limited Reevaluation Report (LRR) with Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS): Request for Exclusion from Type I Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) Process

1. Reference Memorandum, CESAD-PDS-P, dated 5 November 2010, subject as above.
2. The Jacksonville District is verifying the economics of the remaining periodic nourishment cycles for the HSDR project in light of a new offshore borrow area and a revised construction template that is more suitable for turtle habitat. These efforts do not result in a reformulation of the authorized project, and no additional authorization is required at this time. The existing Environmental Impact Statement is being supplemented to document the new borrow area.
3. The authorization for the project by Section 101(a)(8) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1990 included periodic nourishment at an average annual cost of \$472,300 for periodic nourishment over the 50-year life of the project. Identifying a new borrow source for the periodic nourishment or updating the project's NEPA document do not necessarily trigger a requirement for IEPR or a request for an exclusion. At this time, consideration of the need for IEPR is premature. Should the verification of the project economics ultimately result in a need to reformulate the project or increase the project cost such that a modification of the authority is required, a risk-informed decision regarding the conduct of IEPR or the possibility of exclusion from IEPR would need to be evaluated.



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