



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Planning and Policy Division  
Environmental Branch

22 JUL 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District and Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resources Management are proposing to examine the feasibility of using sand from a variety of potential borrow sources for the renourishment of beaches in Miami-Dade County for the remaining life of the Federal Project. Corps is gathering information to define issues and concerns that will be addressed in an Assessment to be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The sand sources are based on the "Southeast Florida Sediment Assessment and Needs Determination (SAND) Study" prepared in partnership between the State, the Corps and the effected Counties and completed in 2013. A copy of the Report is posted on the Corps' website: <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/ShoreProtection.aspx>

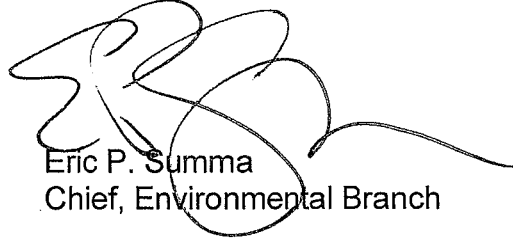
A scoping meeting to present and discuss the production of an Environmental Assessment (EA) document for the proposed project will be held in each of the five counties between Miami-Dade and St. Lucie (to include Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie). Examination of the impacts of the proposed dredging of the sand from the proposed borrow areas will be the major focus of the assessment. The alternatives being considered include: 1) no action; 2) beach renourishment with a new sand source not previously considered in the Corps planning documents. Alternative sand sources may include, but are not limited to:

- material remaining in previous Miami-Dade County borrow areas
- upland sand sources
- deepwater sites offshore of Miami-Dade County
- borrow areas offshore of Palm Beach County
- borrow areas offshore of Martin County
- borrow areas offshore of St. Lucie County
- borrow areas offshore of Broward County
- flood and ebb shoal at Bakers Haulover Inlet
- sand relocation from the accreting South Beach area to eroding areas
- carbonate materials (aragonite) from foreign sources.

Issues that are anticipated include concern for nearshore hardbottom communities, water quality, threatened and endangered species, and cultural, commercial, and recreational resources.

We welcome your questions, comments, concerns and suggestions. The USACE believes that this study will benefit significantly from your involvement. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Terri Jordan-Sellers at phone number (904) 232-1817, or email at [Terri.Jordan-Sellers@usace.army.mil](mailto:Terri.Jordan-Sellers@usace.army.mil). Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



Eric P. Summa  
Chief, Environmental Branch

Enclosures

**Meeting Dates, Time and Locations.**

**Monday , August 12, 2013 - Dade County - 630-800pm**

City of Miami Beach Commission Chambers  
1700 Convention Center Drive, 3rd Floor  
Miami Beach, FL

**Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – Palm Beach County - 630-800pm**

Town of Palm Beach Council Chambers  
360 South County Road  
Palm Beach, Florida

**Wednesday, August 14, 2013 – Martin County - 630-800pm**

Wolfe Center Room at Indian River State College  
2400 SE Salerno Road  
Stuart, FL 34997

**Thursday, August 15, 2013 – Broward County - 630-800pm**

Fort Lauderdale Beach Community Center  
3351 NE 33rd Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

**Friday, August 16, 2013 – St. Lucie County - 630-800pm**

St. Lucie County Commission Chambers  
Roger Poitras Administration Annex  
2300 Virginia Avenue  
Fort Pierce, FL 34982