## **Monitoring Optimization Project**

Comprehensive **Monitoring Plans for Structures** Surrounding **Everglades National** Park

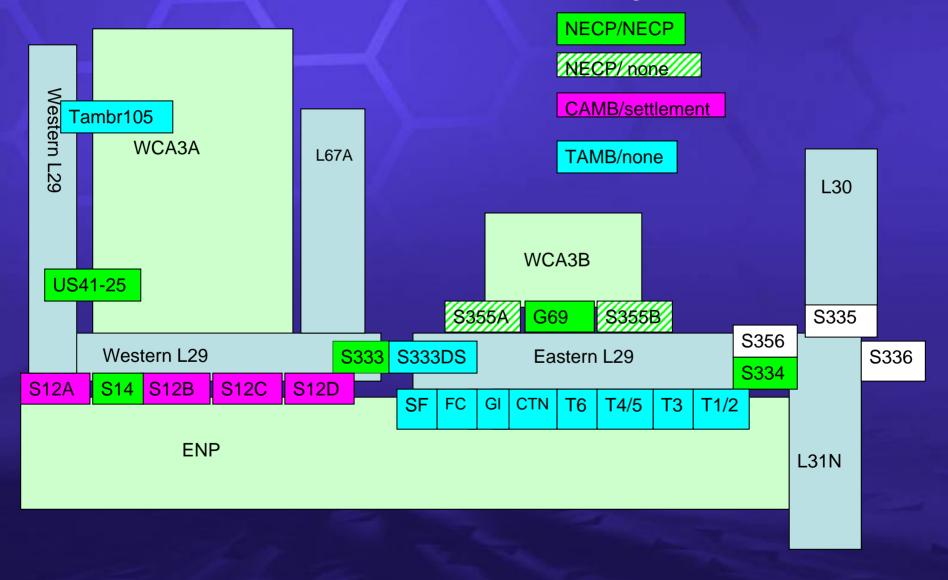
A joint project of the SFWMD, ENP, ACOE and FDEP

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## The Problem

- Three Mandates (NECP, SA, EO).
- Five Projects (TAMB, CAMB, NECP, C111D, ENP).
- Forty Four Structures.
- >70 miles of canals.
- No consistent parameter list.
- No integration in the same geographic area.
- No leveraging of complementary work.

## Conceptual Map of Structures Along the Northern Boundary of ENP



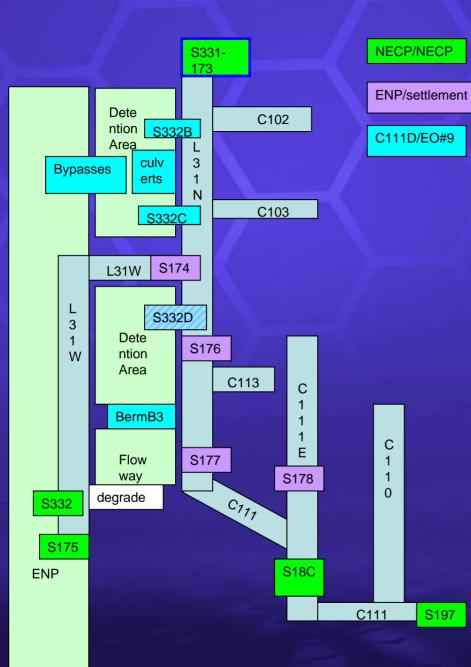
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- Cl
- Alkalinity
- Ca
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- Na
- K
- APA
- Chlorophyll

• S334, S14, S355s & G69 BWF

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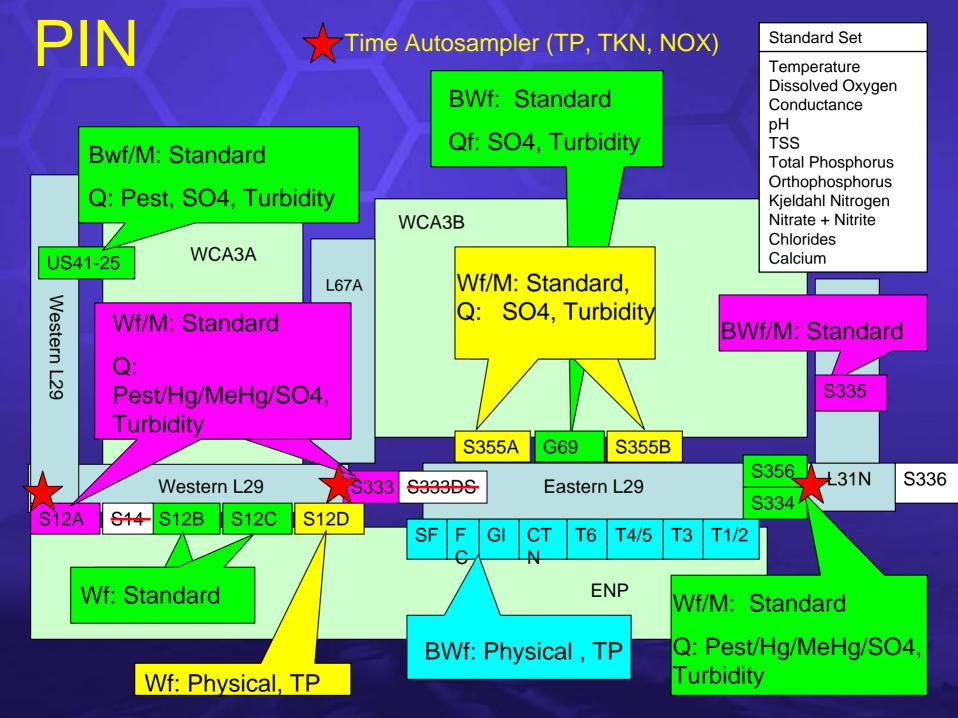
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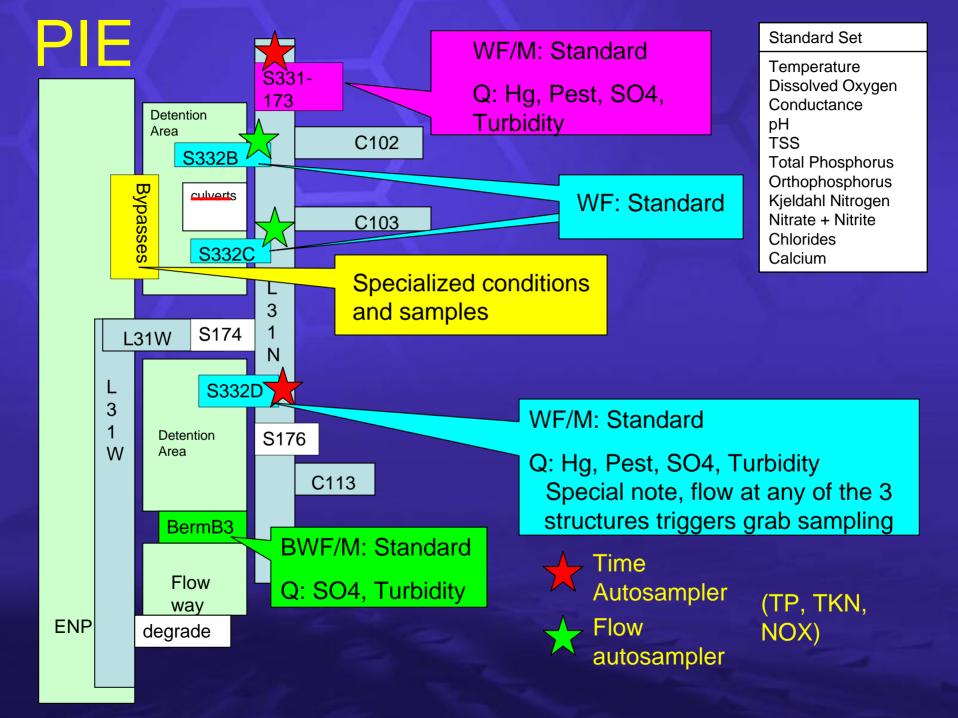


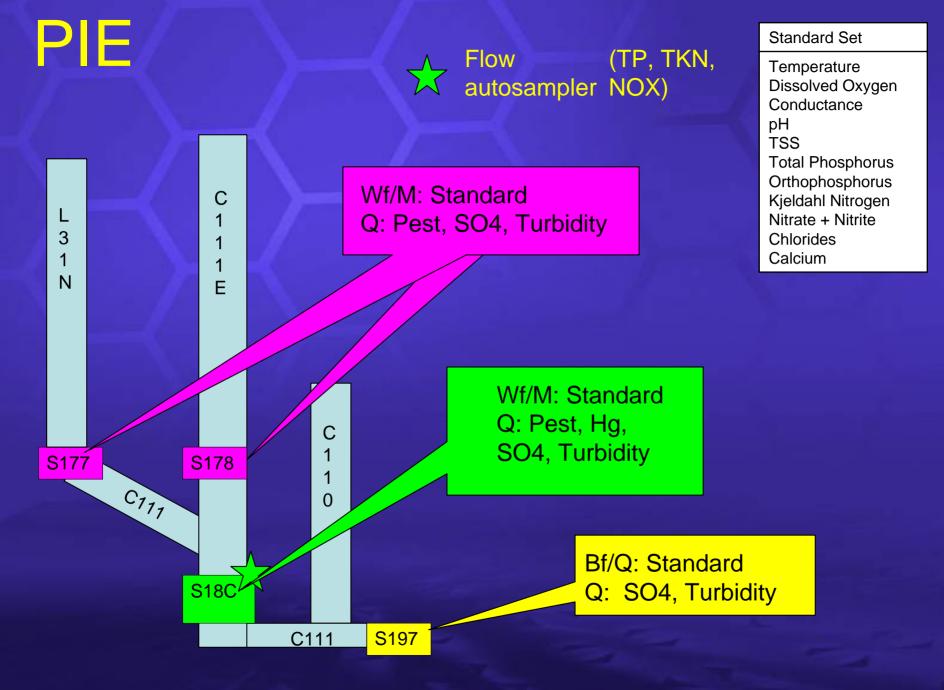
**Conceptual** Map of **Structures** Along the Eastern **Boundary of** ENP

# **Goal and Process**

- Create a master monitoring plan for the area
  - Examine mandates.
  - Standardize parameter lists.
    - Adjust frequencies and locations.
    - Increase parameters of high value.
    - Reduce parameters of limited value.
  - Explore the use of surrogate stations.
  - Explore the use of critical stations.
  - Limit special sampling.
  - Involve partner agencies: ENP, FDEP, and ACOE.







# **Optimization Benefits**

- Standardizes monitoring set for area
  - Reduces ions.
  - No trace metals.
  - Eliminates atypical parameters (TDS, DOC, TDPO4, NO2, NH4).
  - Focuses pesticides, mercury and sulfate on critical stations.
  - Eliminates questionable biological analyses (APA, Chlorophylls).
- Increases frequency at strategic stations.
- Decreases frequency at secondary stations.
- Leverages trips.

# Cost Analysis (Test Year 2005)

Area Existing New Design

Staff Time \$144K \$120K (\$12K/month) (\$10K/month)

Lab analysis \$109K \$112K

Total

\$253K

\$232K

#### **Other Benefits**

- Reduces projects/monitoring plans from four to two, which reduces project management.
- Centralizes data under two project codes.
- Fulfills the intent of three mandates in a comprehensive integrated manner.
- Reduces confusion over mandate interpretation/integration.
- Provides a vehicle to absorb future projects in the area and guides future parameter sets.
- Better targeted and timed collection provides more data for analysis and models.
- Standardized sets reduce errors.

#### Implementation

- 10/06 TOC approves PIE and PIN.
- 12/06 Modify FDEP EO/permits.
- 01/07 All grab samples transferred to PIE/PIN plan.
- 01/07 Autosamplers at S333, S332B, S332C, S18C and S331-173 transferred to PIE/PIN.
- 03/07 Infrastructure/autosampler at S332D-S174-S176 (S332DX) installed.
- 04/07 S332DX activated, S332D and S174 deactivated.
- 07/07 Infrastructure and autosamplers at S12A and S356 installed (ACOE or SFWMD?).
- 09/07 ENPAS project ends. Autosamplers at S12C, C102, C103, C113, S176, S177, S178, C111E and S18CN deactivated.
- 09/07 S12A and S356 activated under PIN.

