Deviations from Water Control Plans

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Water Control Plans and Regulation Schedules

- Set Water Management Operating Criteria for Project
- Designed to meet multiple project purposes (flood control, water supply, environmental)
- Developed through analysis
- Requires NEPA process
Provisions for Deviations

- Emergency deviations
- Unplanned minor deviations
- Planned deviations
Planned Deviations

- Request
- Develop Plan
- Determine Applicable Laws and Regulations
  - NEPA
  - ESA
Planned Deviations cont’d

- Coordinate with Affected Parties
- Complete Documentation
- Recommend or Decline to Pursue
- Seek South Atlantic Division Approval
- Implementation
Zone A1

Zone A2

Zone B

Zone C

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CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA INTERIM REGULATION SCHEDULE
WATER CONSERVATION AREA NO. 1
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
DATED: 03 MAY 1995
WCA-1 Stage
(10/23/04 - present)
Proposed WCA-1 Temporary Deviation

- Deviate from regulation schedule requirement to precede water supply releases from WCA-1 with an equivalent volume of inflow until stages have declined to 16.0 feet, NGVD
- The intent is to allow water supply withdrawals out of WCA-1 while above 16.0 in Zone B
Estimated Timeline for WCA-1 Temporary Deviation

- October 25 - Meeting with USFWS (Loxahatchee), FWCC, SFWMD, LWDD, Corps
- October 26 - Corps sends information to USFWS
- November 18 - Response from USFWS to Corps
- November 19 - Response to SFWMD
Reasons considered for not pursuing WCA-1 Temporary Deviation

• With the current recession rate, WCA-1 is expected to reach 16.0 by late December. Assuming NEPA process has begun, it would take between 30 to 45 calendar days for completion. Therefore, temporary deviation is not feasible at this time.
Other Options to Explore

• Make maximum practicable C-51 releases to meet water supply demand taking into consideration LWDD structural limitations
• STA-1W performance reliability
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