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Mr. Ernie Marks
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Marks:

I am responding to your letter dated March 26, 2018 transmitting the Central Everglades Planning Project, Post Authorization Change Report, Integrated Feasibility Study and DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement for review and processing under the provisions of Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, as amended. My office conducted a concurrent review of this report with the Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This letter is provided to inform you of the results of the review.

In accordance with Section 203 of WRDA 1986, I am responsible for determining whether the report, and the process under which the report was developed, complies with Federal laws and regulations applicable to feasibility studies of water resources development projects. Based on the recommendations of my staff, I have determined that the project identified in the Integrated Feasibility Study and DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement is feasible and fully recognize the importance of this project to the restoration of the Everglades system. The results of my review and conditions for implementation are documented in the enclosed Review Assessment.

I have simultaneously submitted my Review Assessment to the Office of Management and Budget for clearance to submit to Congress. My staff will keep you regularly informed of our progress to complete the clearance process and submit your study to Congress.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.D. James", is positioned above the typed name.

R.D. James
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)

Enclosure