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From: Principals to the Consent Decree
Peter Antonacci, Executive Director, South Florida Water Management District
Col. Jason Kirk, District Engineer, Jacksonville District, Army Corp of Engineers
Rolf Olson, Manager, A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
Pedro Ramos, Superintendent, Everglades National Park
Jonathan Steverson, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

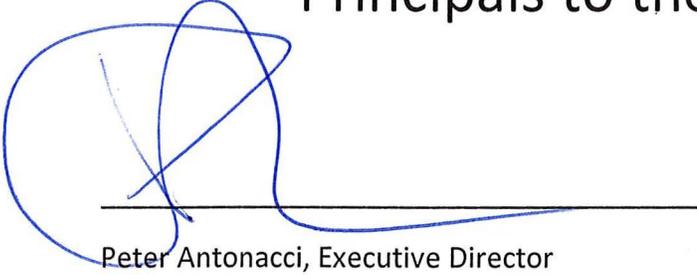
Re: Direction to TOC Representatives

To assist in determining how to move forward and complete the deliberative process in the event of future exceedances, the Principals offer the TOC representatives (panel) the following guidance to implement the procedures outlined by the Consent Decree in either Appendices A or B and Appendix C. This guidance is not intended to replace or serve as the complete evaluation process established in the Consent Decree and the TOC representatives should carefully review the requirements of Appendices A, B, and C prior to initiating a review of a future exceedance to ensure that all relevant data are considered.

As Principals, we suggest that there are at least three questions that the TOC should consider in response to an exceedance. The first, has the TOC sufficiently evaluated the relevant information for a better understanding of what might have caused the exceedance? (See Appendix A at A-3 to A-4 and Appendix B at B-4 to B-5). The second, has the TOC determined that there is substantial evidence that the exceedance is due to error or extraordinary natural phenomena? (See Appendix A at A-4 and Appendix B at B-5). The third, if there is no substantial evidence that the exceedance was due to error or extraordinary phenomena has the TOC applied Appendix C to consider what additional remedies may need to be taken? (See Appendix C at C-4.)

We appreciate the collaborative approach that the TOC representatives have taken in evaluating relevant information for a better understanding of what might cause an exceedance and the briefings we have received in this regard. We collectively encourage continued cooperation among the TOC members.

Principals to the Consent Decree



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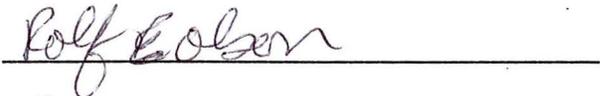
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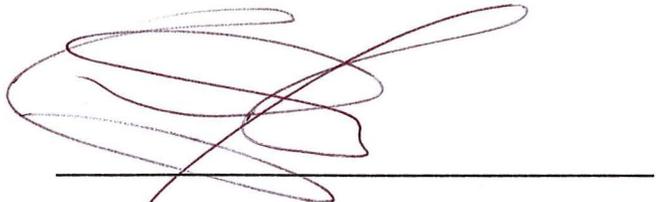
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