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The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Mulvaney:

I am submitting my Review Assessment of the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) Central Everglades Planning Project Section 203 Integrated Feasibility Study and DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement, for clearance. The enclosed draft letters to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure convey my feasibility determination and conditions for implementation, as required by section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended.

I have determined that SFWMD's tentatively recommended plan contained in the Integrated Feasibility Study and DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement is feasible from an engineering and construction viewpoint. However, I have identified technical, policy, and legal concerns that are detailed in the enclosed Review Assessment. Concerns associated with the plan and design of the project can be addressed through an evaluation/validation effort in the next project phase, subject to authorization by Congress. Conditions for construction of the project include the following: completion of further detailed technical studies to validate the design and cost estimate; completion of NEPA and environmental compliance activities; and compliance with water quality requirements.

In accordance with OMB Circular A-19, please advise my office whether my Review Assessment is cleared for submission to Congress.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R.D. James", is positioned above the typed name.

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

Enclosures