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Representatives of the Settling Parties have met and discussed the status of the pending July 2003 TOC recommendations.

The representatives of the Settling Parties believe that all of the TOC's consensus-based technical recommendations shall be implemented without exception by the appropriate agencies. We agree that the South Florida Water Management District is implementing appropriate measures in response to the TOC's recommendations to reduce phosphorus loads to the Refuge; and the Fish and Wildlife Service is implementing the TOC's recommendations to enhance monitoring and modeling of the Refuge. Significant progress is being made and these actions should proceed.

Accordingly, we request that the TOC representatives receive a briefing at its April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on the progress that is being made. Specifically, we request that the South Florida Water Management District present more details on the progress being made to implement its Long-Term Plan to reduce loads to the Refuge. Similarly we request that the Fish and Wildlife Service present in more detail the status of implementing additional monitoring and modeling for the Refuge. We believe that all interested parties will benefit from a more full discussion of the implementation of these recommendations which we support fully. Further, we urge you to continue to cooperate in a collaborative manner as these recommendations are being implemented so that we may ensure the protection of the Refuge and Park resources consistent with the requirements of the Consent Decree. We believe this is the correct course of action at this time and we appreciate the work that is being accomplished.

Lastly, we request that the TOC members individually report to their respective representatives of the Settling Parties on the progress being made in this area to implement these positive developments.

No further action by the TOC is required with regard to its July 23, 2003 recommendations.