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Routine Inspection of S-65E Navigation Lock Scheduled *The S-65E navigation lock will close next Monday through Thursday*

WHAT: A comprehensive inspection of the S-65E navigation lock on the Kissimmee River just north of Lake Okeechobee will require the lock to be closed to boat traffic from Monday, December 3 through Thursday, December 6.

The S-65E navigation lock allows navigation between Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River. A detailed inspection, including underwater work by divers, will determine the condition of the navigation lock to ensure continued reliable operation of the navigation lock.

WHEN: The work will begin on Monday, December 3 and conclude in time to resume boat traffic by Friday. Suspension of lock operations is necessary to ensure the safety of the divers conducting the inspection.

The work will not affect the flood protection provided by the S-65E flood-control gates.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.