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SFWMD Moving Water, Preparing for More Locally Heavy Rainfall *Friday's forecast focuses substantial rain in the Miami-Dade region*

Miami, FL – Canals and flood control structures in the Miami-Dade County area are prepared to handle more heavy rainfall forecast to fall through Friday.

Meteorologists with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) expect local maximums of up to 3 inches of rain today through Friday afternoon.

Water managers have taken actions including:

- Continuing to move runoff from this week's rainfall through SFWMD's regional canals
- Placing and/or keeping appropriate canals in the low range to accommodate stormwater runoff
- Coordinating as needed with local drainage districts and municipalities in areas where heavy rainfall is forecast

Rainfall during the past 24 hours occurred primarily along the coast, with gauges from Palm Beach to Miami-Dade counties showing local maximums of 1 to 2 inches.

Lake Okeechobee stood at 16.01 feet NGVD today, up 0.14 feet from Wednesday and 0.23 feet during the past three days of rain.

The SFWMD system is operating as designed, and water managers continue to closely monitor conditions and make adjustments as necessary.

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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.