



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
701 San Marco Boulevard
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32207-8175

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

MAR 28 2016

Planning and Policy Division
Environmental Branch

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulation (33 CFR 230.11), this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) and Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a Temporary Emergency Deviation to Alleviate High Water Levels in Water Conservation Area 3A (WCA 3A). Due to the very strong El Nino this dry season, WCA 3A has experienced unseasonably high water levels. In addition, the operational limitations of the current approved Water Control Plan severely limits releases at the southern boundary of WCA 3A. Therefore, the Jacksonville District is initiating a temporary deviation for 90 days to increase the operational trigger level in the L-29 Borrow Canal to elevation 8.5 feet, National Geodetic Vertical Datum 1929 between structure S-333 and S-334 and other necessary changes to the Central and Southern Florida Project operations that are required to support this change. These operational changes will allow for the full discharge capacity through S-333 helping to mediate the high water in WCA 3A. The other operational changes will mediate any concern with increased seepage from Everglades National Park into the South Dade Conveyance System.

The emergency deviation within the Supplemental EA would occur within Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, Florida. This Supplemental EA is being provided for public review pursuant to the NEPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulation (33 CFR 230.11). The Supplemental EA and Proposed FONSI are available for your review on the Corps Environmental planning website:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/EnvironmentalDocuments.aspx>

A copy of the report is also available at the following libraries:

Miami-Dade Public Library
Main Branch
101 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33130

Miami-Dade Public Library
Homestead Branch
700 N Homestead Blvd.
Homestead, FL 33030

Any comments you may have must be submitted in writing to the letterhead address within 30 days of the date of this letter. Questions concerning the emergency deviation can be submitted to Mrs. Melissa Nasuti at the letterhead address or to Melissa.A.Nasuti@usace.army.mil. Mrs. Nasuti may also be reached by telephone at 904-232-1368.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason J. Spinning". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jason J. Spinning
Acting Chief, Environmental Branch