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The Honorable R.D. James
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
108 Army Pentagon, 3E446
Washington, DC 20310-0108

Subject: Notice of Approval of the State of Florida's Clean Water Act Section 404 Program

Dear Assistant Secretary James:

I am pleased to inform you that today I approved Florida's assumption of the Clean Water Act Section 404 program which will regulate the discharge of dredged or fill material into certain waters of the United States. Florida will begin administering this program upon publication of EPA's approval in the Federal Register.

I want to thank you and your staff for your commitment to continuing coordination efforts to ensure a smooth transfer of permitting responsibilities in waters assumed by the State. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (404) 562-345 or have a member of your staff contact Ms. Jeaneanne Gettle, Director of Region 4's Water Division, at (404) 562-9345 or Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Mary S. Walker
Regional Administrator

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