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Major General William H. Graham Jr.
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Department of the Army
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Subject: Response to Letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regarding the State of Florida's Request to Assume Administration of a Clean Water Act Section 404 Program and Notice of EPA Decision

Dear General Graham:

Thank you for your letter dated November 24, 2020, indicating the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District has no comments regarding Florida's request to assume administration of a Clean Water Act Section 404 program. We appreciate the Corps' close coordination with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in the development and execution of a Memorandum of Agreement regarding implementation of Florida's Section 404 program.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that Florida's program has the necessary authority to operate a CWA Section 404 program in accordance with the requirements found in CWA Section 404(g-l) and EPA's implementing regulations. Accordingly, the EPA is approving Florida's assumption of the CWA Section 404 program and Florida will begin administering this program upon publication of the EPA's approval in the Federal Register.

We appreciate the Corps' 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) 562-9345 or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Kelly Laycock of my staff at (404) 562-9262 or 404Assumption-FL@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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