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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Extension to the current expiration date of the Site Management and Monitoring Plan for the Port Everglades Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site

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Pursuant to the Water Resources Development Act Amendments of 1992 to the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (USACE), published the Site Management and Monitoring Plan (SMMP) for the Port Everglades Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (Port Everglades ODMDS) on May 22, 2009. The EPA and the USACE conducted a review of the SMMP in 2015 while assessing the need to expand the existing site for disposal of new work material. Based on that review, the EPA in consultation with the USACE tentatively determined that no changes were warranted for the use of the existing site for containment of operations and maintenance material disposal.

The process to complete the expansion of the Port Everglades ODMDS has taken longer than initially anticipated and may not be completed when the current 2009 SMMP expires on May 21, 2019. Between May 2019 and completion of expansion activities, the USACE may need to use the site and therefore would need to know the terms of an applicable SMMP.

Through this memorandum, which will serve as an addendum to the 2009 SMMP, the EPA and the USACE are extending the expiration of the current SMMP for up to one year (i.e., to May 21, 2020) or until such time as a final rulemaking for an expansion of the ODMDS and associated new SMMP is completed and goes into effect, whichever happens first. The EPA and the USACE have reviewed the existing SMMP and have determined that no revision is necessary in order to support extension of up to one year while an expansion and associated new SMMP are being reviewed by the state and other federal agencies and stakeholders.

Any questions related to the extension of the current SMMP for the Port Everglades ODMDS may be addressed to the Site Manager, Dr. Wade Lehmann at (404) 562-8082 or lehmann.wade@epa.gov or Mr. Aaron Lassiter at (904) 232-3642 or james.a.lassiter@usace.army.mil.

April 2, 2019

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