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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division

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PUBLIC NOTICE
LETTERS OF PERMISSION CATEGORIES
SECOND ADDENDUM

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CE) issued public notices on May 21, 1996 and August 2, 1996 notifying the public of the categories of work which may be evaluated as a Letter of Permission (LOP). The August 2, 1996 public notice advised that the following category had also been approved for review as a LOP: "The placement of fill material in freshwater wetlands for residential development, not to exceed 0.2 acre." It should be noted that this category was initially approved for use in the State of Florida on August 16, 1989 without any areas of the State being excluded. Specific areas were excluded from use of the above-noted LOP category in the August 2, 1996 public notice.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: LOPs are individually reviewed Department of the Army permits, which are coordinated with adjacent property owners and applicable State and Federal environmental resources agencies. A project-specific public interest review is completed by the CE prior to making a final decision to issue or deny applications reviewed under LOP procedures. When determined necessary to more thoroughly evaluate impacts and/or to provide greater opportunity for public input, projects being evaluated as a LOP may be elevated to an individual permit.

CURRENT ADDENDUM: This addendum establishes timeframes available to the public and agencies for providing written response to LOP coordination letters and modifies the list of areas excluded from use of the above-noted LOP category (i.e., up to 0.2 acre of fill in freshwater wetlands for residential development).

COORDINATION PERIOD: In keeping with the minimimum coordination period for any standard permit, 15 days, the coordination period for all catgories of evaluation under a Letter of Permission will be 15 days. Federal commenting agencies, under the existing

Memorandum of Agreements, may request a full 30 day review by telephone.

MODIFICATION OF EXCLUSION AREAS: The following is the revised list of areas excluded from use for the above-noted freshwater wetland fill LOP category:

a. Wetlands in or adjacent to Outstanding Florida Waters (OFWs) as defined in Florida Statutes 17-3.041.

b. Wetlands adjacent to (i.e., abutting) National Parks, National Wildlife Sanctuaries, National Reserves, and National Marine Sanctuaries.

c. Wetlands within the State of Florida designated Green Swamp and Big Cypress Swamp Areas of Critical State Concern.

d. The Florida Keys*.

e. Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands*.

*Note: Separate LOP procedures for these areas are being developed and will be advertised on Public Notice in the near future.

Specific questions concerning this matter may be addressed to Marie Burns at the letterhead address or call 904-232-3943. General questions for geographic areas may be addressed to staff in the appropriate regulatory offices. Phone numbers and addresses for Jacksonville District Regulatory Offices are shown on the attached map.

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