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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Regulatory Division  
General Permits

**PUBLIC NOTICE** *MAY 26 2004*

**STATE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT III-R1**

**Administrative Extension**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** To simplify and speed evaluation of Department of the Army permit applications, the Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, promulgates General Permits to authorize a variety of minor activities. Each general permit is valid for a 5-year period. The State Programmatic General Permit III-R1 (SPGP III-R1) is a general permit issued to the State of Florida, which authorizes it to issue the Federal authorization for minor work located in waters of the United States, including navigable waters.

**BACKGROUND:** SPGP III-R1 is a permit for a variety of minor activities in waters of the United States in Florida, excluding Monroe County and those counties in the geographic jurisdiction of the Northwest Florida Water Management District. It was due to expire on December 17, 2003, but was administratively extended for six months until June 17, 2004. At that time we felt we could issue a public notice for the proposed reauthorization and complete the analysis of comments prior to June 17, 2004. However, the issues associated with the reauthorization of this permit are very complex and will take more time to resolve than we had estimated. Because it will take time beyond June 17, 2004, to resolve any pre-public notice issues, circulate the public notice, and then analyze any considerations brought up in the public notice, we are administratively extending the SPGP III-R1 for an additional year or until the SPGP is reauthorized, whichever comes first. It will now be scheduled to expire on June 17, 2005. If the proposed SPGP (SPGP IV) is reauthorized prior to that date, the existing SPGP III-R1 will be revoked as unnecessary and the criteria in the newly authorized SPGP IV will supersede that in the existing SPGP III-R1.

If you have any questions concerning this action, you may contact Mr. Stuart L. Santos at the letterhead address or by telephone at 904-232-2018.

  
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