

6. LIST OF PREPARERS

6.1 PREPARERS

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6.2 REVIEWERS

Kenneth Dugger, Biologist.

7. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

7.1 SCOPING AND DRAFT EIS

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a draft of this SEIS appeared in the Federal Register on October 18, 1999. A copy of the NOI is in Appendix C.

The Notice of Availability (NOA) of the draft SEIS appeared in the Federal Register of Friday, November 22, 2002. In addition, the NOA was mailed to interested and affected parties by letter dated November 6, 2002. A copy of the letter and NOI are in Appendix C.

7.2 AGENCY COORDINATION

Agency coordination letters are in Appendix C.

7.3 LIST OF STATEMENT RECIPIENTS (DRAFT EIS)

Copies of the complete draft EIS were mailed to the parties listed in the complete mailing list for the NOI and NOA in Appendix C. Additionally, as per Section 1506.9 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, five bound copies were sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Federal Activities, NEPA Compliance Division, EIS Filing Section, Mail Code 2252-A, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

7.4 COMMENTS RECEIVED AND RESPONSE

-By letter dated December 20, 2002, the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance (USDI-OEPC) stated concerns for the possible impacts to the Indian River Lagoon. The work will actually remedy the existing situation where freshwater is polluting the Indian River Lagoon. By memorandum dated January 23, 2003, the USDI-OEPC concurred with this US Army Corps of Engineers' opinion. The USDI-OEPC also stated concerns for sites cultural/archeological 8BR244 and 8BR245.

-By letter dated December 12, 2002, the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) stated concerns for impacts to sites 8BR244 and 8BR245.

-By letter dated January 3, 2002, the U.S. Environmental protection Agency (USEPA) stated its support for the project and stated that it had no objections to it.

-By letter dated January 3, 2002, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stated that the work was consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program. The DEP also stated that as part of the Water Quality Certificate, the HTRW data should be provided, indicating the sampling sites.

7.5 CIRCULATION OF FINAL EIS

Parties with substantive comments on the Draft SEIS that are being provided a copy of the Final EIS addressing their comments:

Florida DEP

Florida SHPO

USEPA

US Department of the Interior

7.6 FURTHER COMMENTS TO FINAL EIS

By letter dated August 5, 2003, the USEPA stated that it had nothing to add to its previous comments about this project.