

the journey to restore
America's Everglades



Programmatic Regulations Activities

Task Force Meeting
December 2, 2003



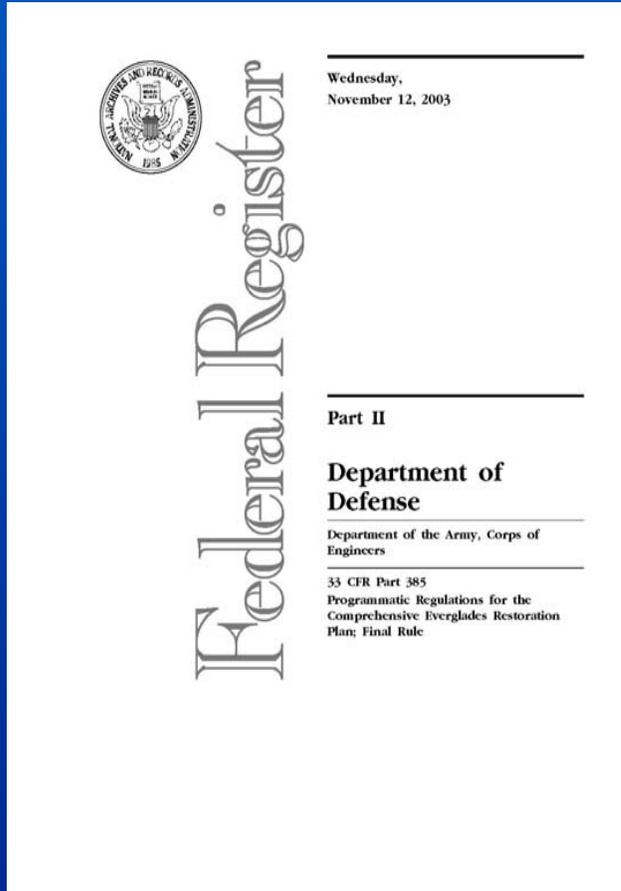
Topics

- Regulation Status
- RECOVER Leadership Group
- Guidance Memoranda
- Independent Scientific Review Panel
- Pre-CERP Baseline
- Interim Goals and Interim Targets
- Initial CERP Update
- Master Implementation Sequencing Plan

What do the Regulations do?

- Establish the framework and understanding for guiding the 30-year CERP implementation period
- Provide processes for integrating projects into a program
- Incorporate adaptive management into implementation
- Ensure that the goals and purposes of CERP are met

Current Status



- Letters of concurrence received:
 - Secretary of the Interior letter of October 28
 - Governor of Florida letter of October 30
- Final rule published in Federal Register on November 12, 2003
 - Regulation available on evergladesplan.org web-site
- Regulations will become effective on December 12, 2003

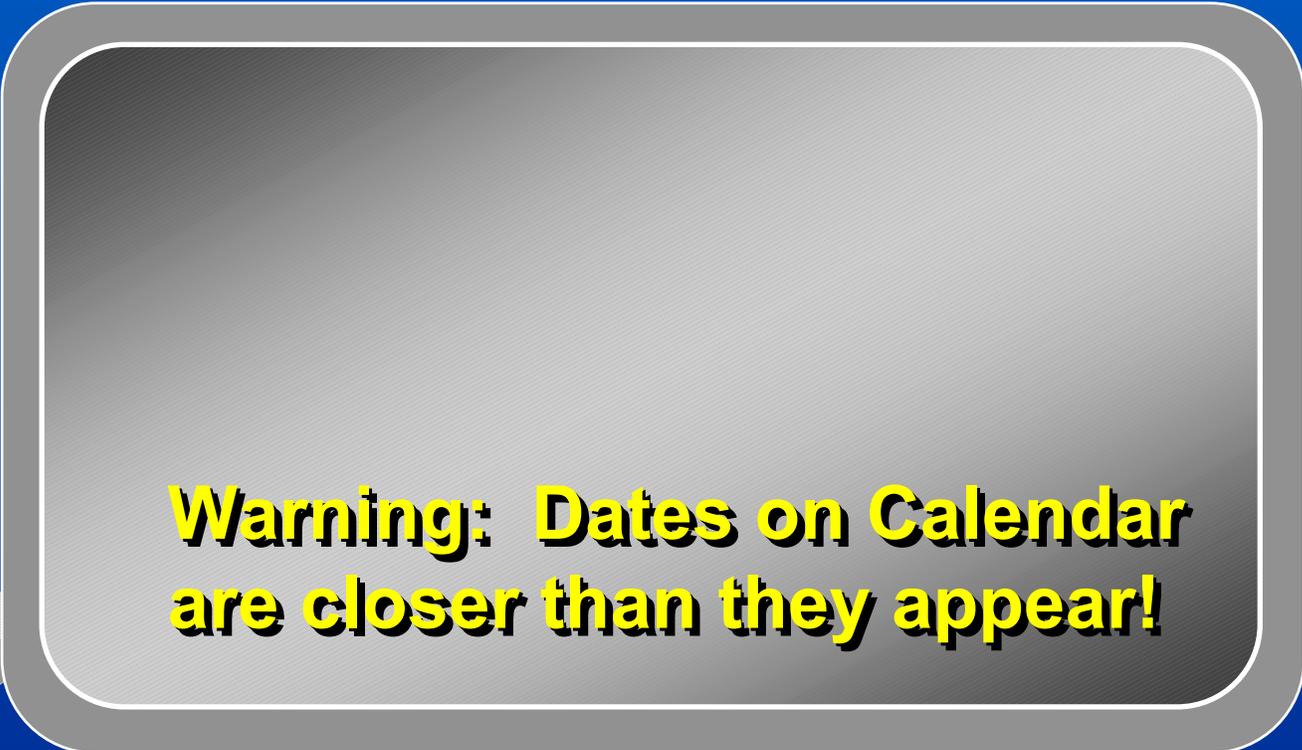
Completion Dates Required by Regulation

June 14, 2004

- RECOVER recommendations on interim goals & interim targets
- Establish Independent Science Review Panel
- Pre-CERP Baseline
- Initial CERP Update

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- Guidance Memoranda
- Interim Goals Agreement
- Master Implementation Sequencing Plan

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**Warning: Dates on Calendar
are closer than they appear!**

RECOVER Leadership Group

- Members of the Leadership Group:
 - Corps and SFWMD program managers
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - US Geologic Survey
 - National Park Service
 - Miccosukee Tribe
 - Seminole Tribe
 - Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
 - Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 - FFWCC

RECOVER Leadership Group

- Purpose:
 - Assist program managers in coordinating and managing the activities of RECOVER
- Status:
 - Program managers will meet with agencies to discuss RECOVER, leadership group, and roles and responsibilities
 - Agencies to designate members of leadership group

Common Process Denominators

- Open and transparent processes
- Interagency teams
- Consultation with agencies, tribes, and Task Force
- Stakeholder involvement

Required Guidance Memoranda

- Format and content of PIRs
- Formulation and evaluation of alternatives for PIRs
- Content of Operating Manuals
- Conduct of assessment activities of RECOVER
- Procedure for identifying appropriate quantity, timing, and distribution of water to be dedicated and managed for the natural system
- Procedure for identifying if elimination or transfers of existing legal sources of water will occur as a result of implementation of the Plan

Guidance Memoranda

- Purpose:
 - Provide specific procedure, process, or other guidance
- Status:
 - Initial discussions held among Corps, DOI, and State to discuss development process
 - Four technical task teams formed to prepare memoranda
 - Letter to agencies inviting participation on teams is forthcoming

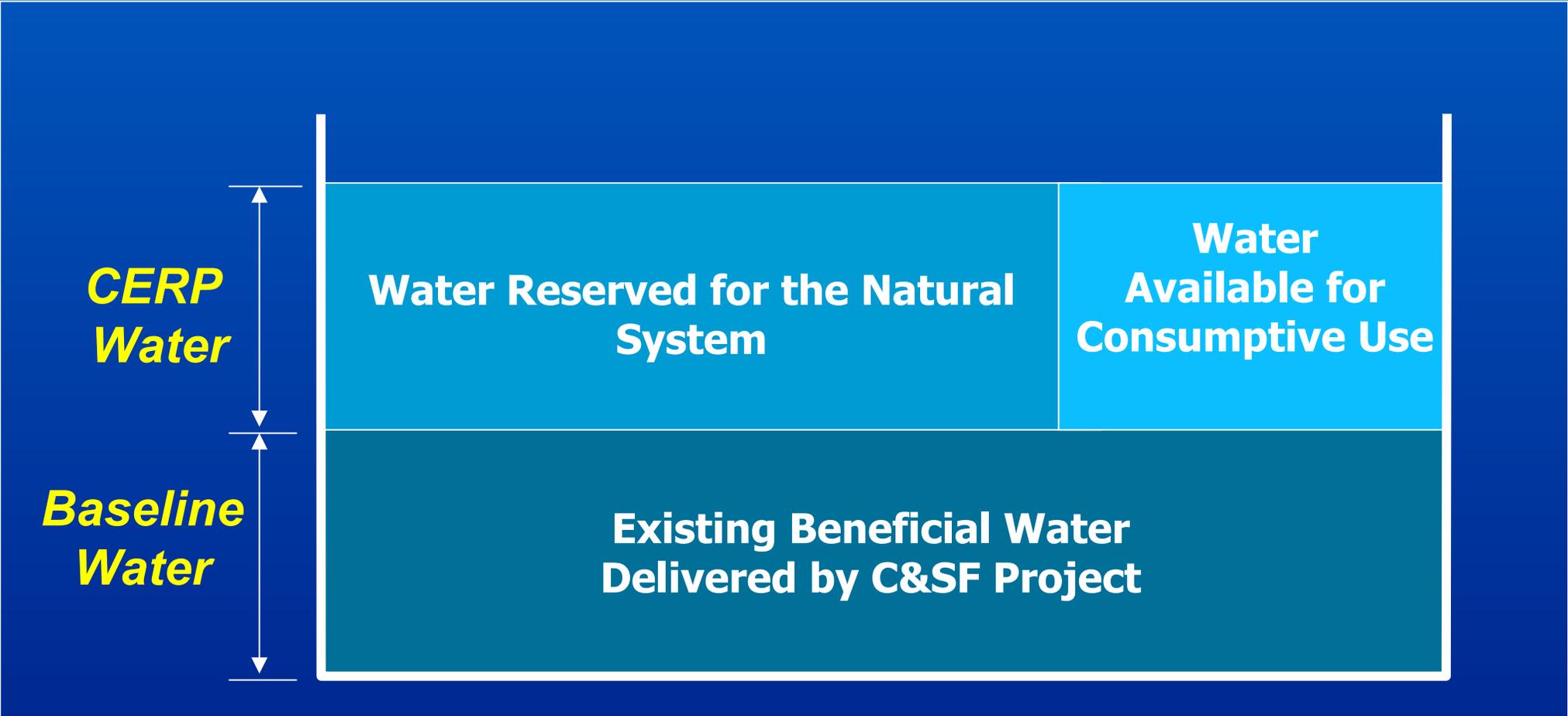
Independent Scientific Review Panel

- Purpose:
 - Review Plan's progress towards achieving natural system restoration goals and produce biennial report to Congress
- Status:
 - Memorandum of Agreement, scope of work, and Cooperative Agreement with National Academy of Sciences have been drafted and are under review
 - Memorandum of Agreement among Army, Interior, and State to be executed
 - Draft Cooperative Agreement has been discussed with National Academy of Sciences

Pre-CERP Baseline

- Purpose:
 - Provide an aid in determining if existing legal sources will be eliminated or transferred as a result of project implementation
- Status:
 - Initial discussions held with WRAC committee
 - Corps, SFWMD, and DOI developing proposed set of assumptions for pre-CERP baseline
 - Discussions will be held with stakeholders on proposed assumptions
 - Model run will be made after assumptions finalized

Identifying Water Made Available by CERP



Interim Goals and Interim Targets

- Purpose:
 - Interim Goals - Provide a means of measuring restoration success throughout the implementation process
 - Interim Targets - Provide a means for measuring progress towards providing other water-related needs
- Status:
 - RECOVER sub-team led by DOI conducting activities
 - List of proposed indicators developed and provided for public review
 - Supporting documentation for each indicator nearing completion
 - Peer review process being developed
 - Model runs using implementation sequencing and scheduling will be basis for recommending goals and targets for each five-year increment

Initial CERP Update

- Purpose:
 - Evaluate Plan based on updated modeling that includes latest scientific, technical, and planning information
- Status:
 - Model upgrade, calibration, and verification complete
 - 2000 Existing Condition model run and evaluation completed
 - 2050 Future Without Project Condition modeling nearing completion
 - D-13R model run due in December
 - Initial CERP Update scheduled for completion in April

Master Implementation Sequencing Plan (MISP)

- Purpose:
 - Update sequencing and scheduling for implementation of all projects of the Plan
- Programmatic regulations require projects to be sequenced and scheduled to maximize achievement of goals and purposes of Plan at earliest possible time and in most cost-efficient way, including achievement of interim goals and targets
- MISP will include discussion of logic, constraints, and other parameters used in developing the sequencing and scheduling of projects
- July 2001 sequencing and scheduling will be used as starting point for MISP effort

Why Review Sequencing and Scheduling?

- Project justification on next-added increment basis
 - Review component groupings
- Elimination or transfer of existing legal sources (savings clause)
 - Review component packages and sequencing to avoid eliminations or transfers until alternative sources are available
- Provide updated information for development of interim goals and targets

Factors to be Considered in Sequencing and Scheduling

- Technical dependencies and constraints
- Benefits to be provided by the project
- Availability of lands required for the project
- Avoiding elimination or transfers of existing legal sources of water until alternative sources are available

Master Implementation Sequencing Plan Process

- Review component packaging
- Review project sequencing
- Develop draft sequencing and scheduling
- Conduct Implementation modeling based on draft sequencing and scheduling
- Revise sequencing and scheduling as appropriate
- Prepare draft MISP
- Public review of draft MISP
- Finalize MISP

MISP Current Status

- Component packaging review underway
- Meeting with stakeholders anticipated in early January



Thank you