



**Procedures for
Incorporating
New Information
into CERP**

Task Force Meeting

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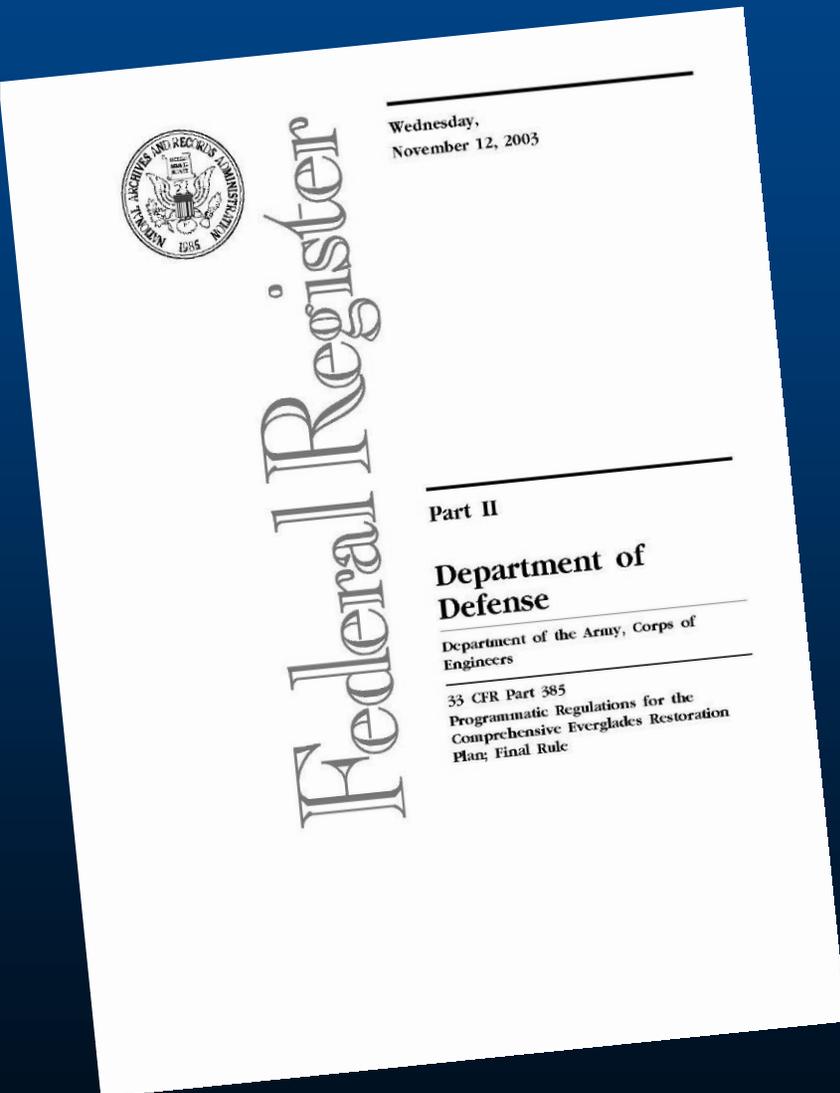
“The Committee **does not expect rigid adherence to the Plan** as it was submitted to Congress. **This result would be inconsistent with the adaptive assessment principles in the Plan....**Instead the Committee expects that the agencies....will seek continuous improvements of the Plan based on new information, improved modeling, new technology and changed circumstances.”

*Adaptive
Management - the
key to
implementation*

Senate Committee on
Environment and Public Works
July 27, 2000

Required by WRDA 2000

Programmatic Regulations



Establish Processes -

- “To ensure that new information resulting from changed or unforeseen circumstances, new scientific or technical information or information that is developed through the principles of adaptive management contained in the Plan, or future authorized changes to the Plan are integrated into the implementation of the Plan”

Section 385.8: Goals and purposes of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan

“(d) The Corps of Engineers and non-Federal sponsors shall implement the Plan in a manner to continuously improve the expected performance level of the Plan based upon new information resulting from changed or unforeseen circumstances, new scientific and technical information, new or updated modeling; information developed through the adaptive assessment principles contained in the Plan; and future authorized changes to the Plan integrated into the implementation of the Plan.”

Comprehensive Plan Modification Report

- Initiated at discretion of Corps and SFWMD based on consideration of:
 - Recommendations of RECOVER
 - Requests from DOI or State
 - Other appropriate information
- Follows process consistent with provisions for consultation and coordination, outreach, and environmental and economic equity
- Contains information:
 - Such as plan formulation and evaluation, engineering and design, economics, environmental analyses, flood damage assessments, and real estate
 - RECOVER analyses
 - Appropriate NEPA documentation
- Report approval process similar to PIR approval process

Changes to the Plan

- Plan to be updated to incorporate changes resulting from:
 - Programmatic authority projects approved by the Secretary
 - Authorization of projects by Congress
 - Comprehensive Plan Modification Reports approved by Congress
 - Other changes authorized by Congress
- Prepare periodic report to the public describing:
 - Components of the Plan, including approved changes
 - Estimated cost of the Plan, including approved changes
 - Water budget for the Plan
 - Water that has been reserved for the natural system under State law
- Annual report to OMB with updated estimate of costs of the Plan

Questions?

