

Programmatic Regulations

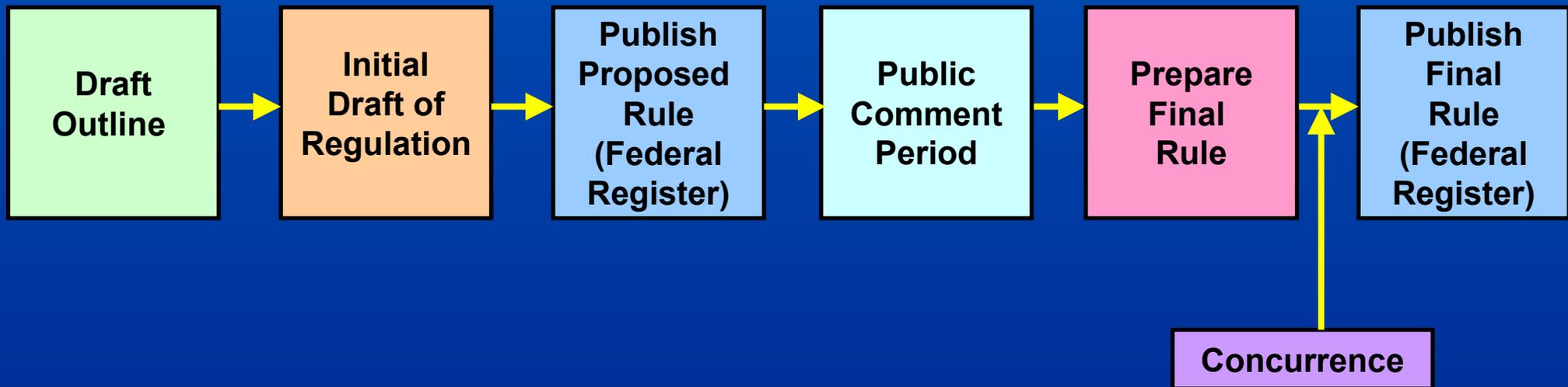
Working Group Meeting

March 4, 2002



**COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES
RESTORATION PLAN**

Programmatic Regulations Development Process



Programmatic Regulations Schedule

- Submit proposed rule to OMB - April 1
- Publish proposed rule - May 10
- Close public comment period - July 10
- Submit final rule to OMB - November 1
- Receive DOI and State concurrence by December 1
- Publish final rule - December 10

Initial Draft

- Initial Draft released on December 28
- Meetings held January 29-31 with agricultural, environmental, and utility stakeholders and Miccosukee and Seminole tribes
- Water Resources Advisory Commission subcommittee meetings held in February
- Meetings with Senate EPW and House T&I staffs on February 5
- Forum for Florida delegation staff on February 15
- Written comments received from stakeholders (posted on web site)

Comments Received

- 1000 Friends of Florida
- Broward County
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- Environmental Interests
- EPA
- Florida Biodiversity Project
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Florida Section AWWA & SE FL Utilities Council
- Florida Sugar Cane League
- Miccosukee Tribe
- Seminole Tribe
- Sierra Club
- Web Site/E-mail (25)

Utility Interests Concerns with Initial Draft

- Definitions
- Balance in Also Providing Water for Other Needs
- Reservation Assurance in PCA
- Savings Clause
- Variations from Predicted Availability of Water
- Role of RECOVER
- NEPA Categorical Exclusions
- Task Force Role

Environmental Interests Concerns with Initial Draft

- Concurrence Role of DOI on Program Level Documents
- Protocols
- DOI Role in RECOVER Leadership
- Role of RECOVER
- Adaptive Assessment Program
- Interim Goals
- NEPA Categorical Exclusions
- Task Force Role
- Savings Clause - Flood Control

Agricultural Interests Concerns with Initial Draft

- References to Senate Report
- Role of RECOVER
- Tie in with State Approval Processes
- Reservation Assurance in PCA
- Variations from Predicted Availability of Water
- Sequencing Based on Cost Effectiveness
- Balance in Also Providing Water for Other Needs
- NEPA Categorical Exclusions
- Savings Clause - Flood Protection

Miccosukee Tribe Concerns with Initial Draft

- Tribal Consultation
- Role of DOI
- Role of RECOVER
- Role of Task Force
- NEPA Categorical Exclusions
- Interim Goals
- Comprehensive Plan Modifications

Seminole Tribe Concerns with Initial Draft

- Tribal Consultation
- Protocols
- Identification of Water for Natural System
- Role of RECOVER
- NEPA Categorical Exclusions
- Interim Goals
- Task Force Role

Common Areas of Concern

- Protocols
- Role of RECOVER
- Assuring Water Reservations Remain in Effect
- Variations from Predicted Availability of Water
- NEPA Categorical Exclusions
- Savings Clause Implementation
- Interim Goals

What's Next

- Revisions to initial draft underway
- WRAC Subcommittee meetings
- Task Force meeting March 21
- Submit proposed rule to OMB on April 1



Questions?