

Programmatic Regulations

Working Group Meeting

September 18, 2003



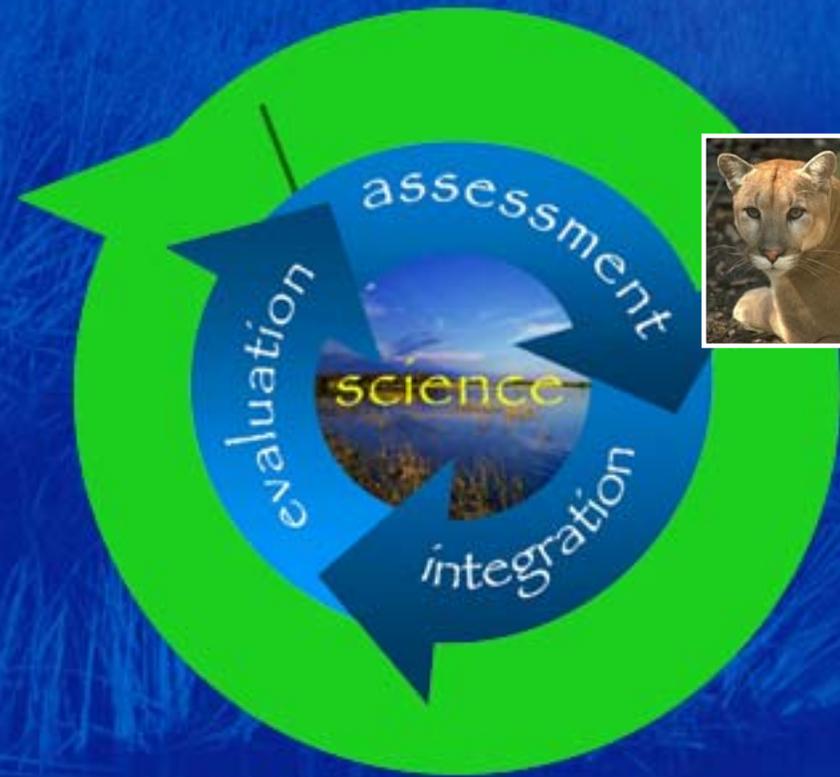
Status

- Army transmitted final regulation to OMB for review and clearance on July 10
- OMB scheduled to complete clearance process by October 9
- OMB has had meetings with:
 - Environmental Interests
 - Utility Interests
 - Agricultural Interests
 - Seminole Tribe
- OMB has received letter from Congressman Shaw about regulation

Next Steps

- Complete OMB clearance process
- Prepare final rule
- Receive concurrence letters from Secretary of the Interior and Governor
- Publish final rule in Federal Register
- Rule will be effective 30 days after it is published in Federal Register

RECOVER Update



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Topics

- Monitoring and Assessment Plan (MAP) Status
- Adaptive Management Strategy Development
- Status of Interim Goals and Interim Targets



Monitoring and Assessment Plan (MAP)

- **Purposes:**
 - Determine how well CERP is meeting its goals and objectives
 - Identify opportunities for improving performance of CERP
- **Designed to be a single, integrated system-wide monitoring and assessment program that will be used and supported by all agencies as the primary means of measuring the performance of CERP**



MAP Status

- Revised draft distributed on April 8 for 60-day public review
- Public meeting held May 21
- MAP Editorial Team working on revisions
- Revised MAP ready in November 2003



Revisions to MAP

- Document renamed MAP Part I – Monitoring. Part II on Assessment to be completed at a later date.
- Monitoring modules rewritten to include restoration expectations, monitoring goals, and update on on-going monitoring activities
- Implementation strategy extensively rewritten
- Quality Assurance Systems Requirements (QASR) will become a stand-alone document
- Other sections revised or rewritten in response to comments



CERP Adaptive Management Workshops

Major Goals of Workshops:

- Develop Adaptive Management Guiding Principles
- Develop a CERP Adaptive Management Framework (components & linkages)
- Develop a CERP Adaptive Management implementation strategy (how to implement)
- Create durable involvement, communication, relationship & decision-making channels between managers and scientists

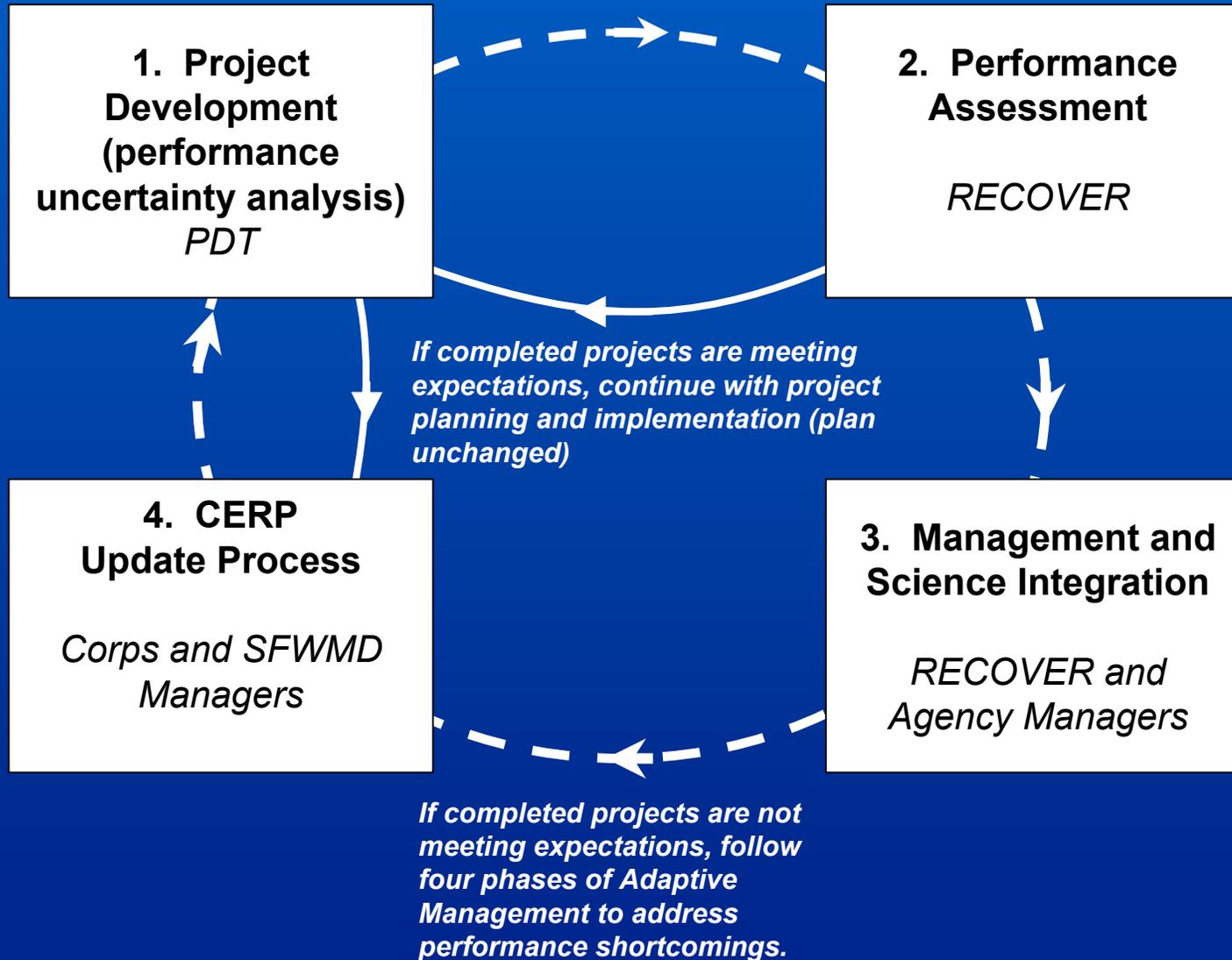


CERP Adaptive Management Workshops

- Contract with Meridian Institute to conduct workshops
- First workshop held June 16-17 with RECOVER members
- Second workshop to be held October 22-23 to lay the groundwork among RECOVER and CERP managers for developing a robust, broadly utilized adaptive management strategy to effectively implement CERP



The CERP Adaptive Management Framework: Overview



Goals of 2nd CERP Adaptive Management Workshop (Oct. 22-23, 2003)

- Engage managers and RECOVER teams in developing and utilizing an AM strategy
- Discuss and revise the draft Adaptive Management Framework, including Boxes #3 “Management and Science Integration”, and #1 “Project Development”
- Consider issues in anticipatory nature of AM
- Determine next steps for executing the AM strategy



Interim Goals Status

- Interim goals team within RECOVER established to develop interim goals and targets
- List of proposed indicators developed and made available for public review in December 2002
- Indicator list finalized and development teams established
- Development teams finalizing metrics and documentation for each indicator



Next Steps

- Make implementation plan modeling runs
- Develop draft interim goals and targets
- Prepare draft document with RECOVER recommendations for interim goals and targets
- Public review of draft document
- Prepare final document with RECOVER recommendations
- Transmit final document to Corps and SFWMD





Questions?