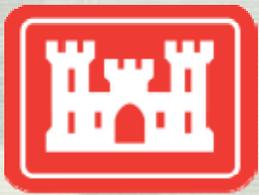


# 2015 Report to Congress

Joint Working Group / Science  
Coordination Group Meeting  
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# Report to Congress - *Requirement*

- **Update on CERP Implementation**
- **Required by Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 2000 and the Programmatic Regulations**
  - Jointly submitted by the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Interior
  - In consultation with Environmental Protection Agency, Dept of Commerce, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, FDEP, SFWMD and other federal, state and local agencies; and the SFER Task Force
  - Submitted every five years



# Report to Congress - *Content*

- **Accomplishments during the past five years (2010 – mid 2015)**
- **Funds expended during period covered**
  - Fiscal Years 2010 through 2014
- **Progress on south Florida ecosystem restoration (science)**
- **Work anticipated over next five-year period (2015 – 2020)**
- **Updated estimates of total cost of Plan and individual projects**
- **Expectations for south Florida ecosystem in next five years**



# Report to Congress – *Projects*

- Construction progress - ground breakings and ribbon cuttings
- State of Florida projects, land acquisition and water reservations
- Status of Pilot Projects
- Non-CERP project progress in support of CERP projects
- Authorizations for construction (WRRDA 2014)
- Completed Project Implementation Reports
- Executed Project Partnership Agreements / Amendments
- Integrated Delivery Schedule coordination



# Report to Congress – *Programs*

- Science
  - Significant findings/New Science
  - National Academies biennial report findings
  - RECOVER\* and Adaptive Management
  - Update on Climate Change
  - Invasive Species
- Programmatic
  - Project/Program funding
  - Expenditures through FY2014
  - Program Cost Update
  - Cost Share update
  - Public Outreach efforts

*\*RECOVER : REstoration COordination and VERification*



# Report to Congress - *Future*

- **Program Expectations**
  - Project Implementation Reports
  - Construction
  - Authorizations
  - Other Restoration Efforts
- **Land Needs**
- **Science**
- **Funding Needs**



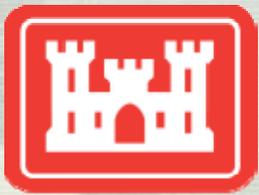
# **Report to Congress** – *Next Steps*

- ▶ **Identify key agencies/persons to prepare sections of the Draft Report to Congress**
- ▶ **Prepare First Draft of Report for Agency Review**
- ▶ **Task Force and Tribe Consultations**



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## Questions?



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