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To Whom It May Concern:

This scoping letter is being promulgated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (Corps) in compliance with public coordination requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this correspondence is to formally initiate the scoping process as defined by 40 CFR 1501.7 for the Dade County, Florida Study, Miami-Dade County, Florida, Coastal Storm Risk Management Project (CSRМ). The purpose of the scoping period is to commence the public process for the generation of a NEPA document to assess the effects of the alternatives to reduce storm damage associated with the Dade County, Florida Study, Miami-Dade County, Florida, CSRМ Project.

A scoping meeting to present and discuss the production of a NEPA document for the feasibility study will be held December 5, 2018 at the Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) Training Room located at 701 NW 1st Ct, Miami, FL., 33136. The site has MetroRail access and public parking across the street from the location. This meeting will be merged with the scoping meeting for the Miami –Dade County Back Bay Feasibility Study from 4:00 to 7:00pm. The format of the meeting will be an open house including a formal presentation beginning at 430pm about NEPA and the basics of both projects. Then attendees will be free to circulate throughout the room to ask questions of project team members from both study teams. Written comments will be accepted both at the meeting or may be provided in writing to the letterhead address above for the Dade County, Florida Study, Miami-Dade County, Florida CSRМ Project.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to aid in determining the scope of the analysis and any potentially significant issues. This process is also to help identify potential project components and information needed to evaluate alternatives. For the Miami-Dade CSRМ Project, alternatives may include, but are not limited to, beach nourishment, dune construction and vegetation planting, groins, breakwaters, revetments, and non-structural alternatives such as relocation of vulnerable structures.

Issues that are anticipated include concern for marine communities, water quality and sedimentation associated with dredging operations, sand availability, sea level rise, threatened and endangered species, and cultural, commercial, and recreational resources.

We welcome your views, questions, comments, concerns and suggestions. The Corps believes that this study will benefit significantly from your involvement. Letters of comment or inquiry should be sent to CESAJ_MiamiDadeCSRM@usace.army.mil or be addressed to the letterhead address to the attention of the Planning Division, Environmental Branch and received by January 9, 2019.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Terri Jordan-Sellers at phone number (904) 232-1817, or email at Terri.Jordan-Sellers@usace.army.mil. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,



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