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ATTENTION OF

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Regulatory Division

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMIT (SPGP V) STATE OF FLORIDA

MODIFICATION EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2018

PRIOR INSTRUMENT (SPGP V) REVISED AND RENAMED (SPGP V-R1)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) hereby modifies the Department of Army Permit titled *State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP V) State of Florida*. The modifications are hereby incorporated into a revised *State Programmatic General Permit (SPGP V-R1) State of Florida* which will become effective on December 31, 2018.

The Department of Army State Programmatic General Permit V (SPGP V) authorizes various activities if the applicant obtains a verification and performs the work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SPGP V. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the St. Johns River Water Management District, Hillsborough County, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District are able to issue a verification, concurrently with their other authorization(s), provides the verification that an applicant's proposed work is authorized pursuant to SPGP V and that a separate application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is not required.

On and after December 31, 2018, verifications must be obtained, and work thereby verified performed, in accordance with SPGP V-R1. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the St. Johns River Water Management District, Hillsborough County, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District will be able to implement SPGP V-R1 if and when updated Coordination Agreements are executed.

The primary purpose of this modification is to incorporate revisions and special conditions as a result of the *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District's Programmatic Biological Opinion (JAXBO)* from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The modification includes additional reporting using *Project Design Criteria Checklist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District's Programmatic Biological Opinion Summary Checklist* and individual activity sheets (PDC Checklists).

The SPGP V-R1, a package of its attachments and a package of the PDC Checklists are enclosed and will be posted individually at <https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Source-Book/> under the Permitting heading, General Permits sub-heading.

This modification reorganized the document so that conditions applicable to all types of projects are grouped together, followed by groupings of conditions that apply only to one type of project. The modification has changes to reflect issues that have arisen since issuance of SPGP V. One is eliminating the “Yellow” process and the associated delay time. Utility lines and maintenance dredging projects were removed due to the cumbersome review requirements. To address concerns for impacts to seagrass, the modification limits the design of docks within natural waterbodies and withdraws from FDEP’s online, self-certification process authorizations of docks within the range of Johnson’s seagrass. To address concerns with unreasonable obstructions to navigation and to ensure operation and maintenance of Federal projects, the modification expands the geographic area where authorizations under SPGP V-R1 are excluded.

A public information webinar will be conducted December 13, 2018, to provide an overview of SPGP V-R1 and opportunity for questions. The first session will start at 10:00 EST and the second session at 1:00 EST. In advance, please go to <https://usace.webex.com> and then: enter meeting number 960 122 510 for the 10:00 session or meeting number 969 297 973 for the 1:00 session; click “Join”; then on the new page that displays, click “Register”; then type your name and email address (all other fields are optional) and click “Submit”. You will receive either a response that you are registered or that the session is filled.

Please send any questions on the above to Jacksonville District, Regulatory Division, PO Box 4970, Jacksonville, Florida 32232, Attn: Bob Barron; by phone number at 904-232-2203, or by email at robert.b.barron@usace.army.mil.



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