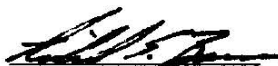
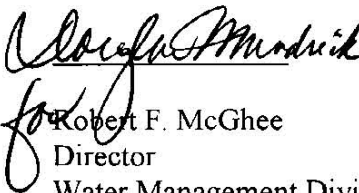


The following Site Management and Monitoring Plan for the Fort Pierce ODMDS has been developed and agreed to pursuant to the Water Resources Development Act Amendments of 1992 (WRDA 92) to the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 for the management and monitoring of ocean disposal activities, as resources allow, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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This plan is effective from the date of signature for a period not to exceed 10 years. The plan shall be reviewed and revised more frequently if site use and conditions at site indicate a need for revision.

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Fort Pierce ODMDS Site Management and Monitoring Plan

INTRODUCTION

It is the responsibility of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA) of 1972 to manage and monitor each of the Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Sites (ODMDSs) designated by the EPA pursuant to Section 102 of MPRSA. MPRSA, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992, and a Memorandum of Agreement between EPA and COE require the development of a site management and monitoring plan (SMMP) to specifically address the disposal of dredged material at the Fort Pierce ODMDS. SMMP provisions shall be requirements for all dredged material disposal activities at the site. All Section 103 (MPRSA) ocean disposal permits or evaluations shall be conditioned as necessary to assure consistency with the SMMP.

A SMMP was developed for the Fort Pierce ODMDS as part of the final site designation in 1993 (EPA, 1993). This plan serves as a revision to and supersedes the original plan.

Site Management and Monitoring Plan Team. An interagency SMMP team has been established to assist EPA and COE in finalizing this SMMP. The team consists of the following agencies and their respective representatives:

Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers

State of Florida

EPA Region 4

Port of Fort Pierce

Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

NOAA

Other agencies such as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Coast Guard will be asked to participate where appropriate. The SMMP team will assist EPA in evaluating existing monitoring data, the type of disposal (i.e., O&M vs. construction), the type of material (i.e., sand vs. mud), location of placement within the ODMDS and quantity of material. The team will assist EPA and COE on deciding on appropriate monitoring techniques, the level of monitoring, the significance of results and potential management options.

