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## *FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

### CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO HOLD A PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT INDIAN RIVER LAGOON (IRL) SOUTH FEASIBILITY REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PROJECT)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District will hold a public workshop on Monday, November 5, 2001, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Port St. Lucie Community Center, 2195 Airoso Boulevard, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the public on the Draft Report of the IRL study and to hear the public's views involving this project. A copy of the draft IRL South plan can be viewed at the following website:

[www.evergladesplan.org](http://www.evergladesplan.org) (***under the "news and headlines section"***).

The Draft Feasibility Report recommends creation of approximately 13,000 acres of reservoirs, 9,900 acres of wetland-based water treatment areas, 92,900 acres of natural storage and water quality treatment areas, muck remediation, and 90 acres of artificial habitat. These features significantly reduce damaging watershed discharges into the St. Lucie River and Estuary and Indian River Lagoon. These features also provide water

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quality treatment, provides storage in the natural system, and increases water supply for agricultural needs incidental to the restoration goals, while maintaining current Central and Southern Florida Project Purposes. The estimated cost for these improvements is \$995,935,000 and is scheduled for completion prior to end of 2010.

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Laura Mahoney (904) 232-2646 or David Unsell at (561) 682-6888.