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## ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

***Seeking public and agency comments through Nov. 29***

### **Agencies release draft Report to Congress for Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District and the Department of Interior are seeking agency and public comment on the draft 2010 Report to Congress for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP). The agencies will accept comments through Nov. 29, 2010.

This is the second CERP report prepared for Congress and required by the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. The report covers implementation progress between mid-2005 to mid-2010 and activities planned for the next five years. The secretaries of the Army and the Interior will jointly submit the final report to congress later this year.

Federal and state partners have made much progress over the past five years to implement CERP. Federally funded construction began on the Picayune Strand Restoration Project in January 2010 and a second federally funded project, the Site 1 Impoundment, starts construction this month. In addition, the state of Florida began construction of the C-111 Spreader Canal Western and Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Phase I projects. The federal government greatly increased funding in the past three years, and signed important agreements with the state of Florida. These are among the many accomplishments and highlights covered in the report.

The draft report is available online at [www.evergladesplan.org](http://www.evergladesplan.org), under “What’s New” on the home page. The Corps and Interior will accept comments in writing through Nov. 29, 2010. Please email comments to [deborah.h.scerno@usace.army.mil](mailto:deborah.h.scerno@usace.army.mil) or submit by mail to Debby H. Scerno, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (DR-EI), 701 San Marco Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32207-8175. For additional information about the report, please call Scerno at 904-232-2805.

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