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May 13, 2004

RE: DHR Number: 2004-2832  
 Date Received by DHR: March 22, 2004  
 Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoirs Project, Bolles/Cross Canal  
 Palm Beach County, Florida

Dear Mr. Duck:

Our office received and reviewed the above referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act* of 1966, as amended, and 36 *C.F.R.*, Part 800: *Protection of Historic Properties*, and the *National Environmental Policy Act* of 1969, as amended. The State Historic Preservation Officer is to advise and assist federal agencies when identifying historic properties (archaeological, architectural, and historical resources) listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP), assessing the project's effects, and considering alternatives to avoid or minimize adverse effects.

In reviewing the Florida Master Site File (FMSF) and our records to assess the March 19 request for our concurrence that the proposed project is unlikely to impact "un-impacted historic properties." We note that two recorded resources, the Okeelanta Site (8PB50) and the North New River Canal (8PB10343) are located within the area of potential effect for this project (see enclosure). This office has not evaluated the Okeelanta Site for potential listing in the NRHP. Is this site outside the area of potential effect (APE) for the proposed project? Please describe and illustrate the APE for this project. The North New River Canal was determined to be potentially eligible for listing in the NRHP by our office. Is the North New River Canal (8PB10343) going to be altered by improvements? The Bolles/Cross Canal, not presently recorded in the FMSF, but present on a map issued by the Associated Map Company in 1926, is more than fifty-years old. This office has not evaluated this resource. We request a FMSF form for the canal as part of the documentation package for submittal to the FMSF.

Based on the potential for adverse impact to these three recorded cultural resources, this office requests additional identification and evaluation documentation regarding the Okeelanta Site (8PB50), and the Bolles/Cross Canal conducted by qualified professionals. In addition, the

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documentation should include further evaluation of potential project impacts on the referenced resources. Available environmental data for the area support the possibility for unrecorded archaeological sites occurring within the APE of the Bolles/Cross Canal improvements (widening).

Should cultural resource investigations be conducted, the resultant survey report must conform to the specifications set forth in Chapter 1A-46, *Florida Administrative Code*, and must be forwarded to this office as part of the additional documentation package.

Lastly, please note that with respect to the mention in the March 19 letter of future plans to modify the Miami Canal, it is the opinion of this office that this resource needs to be re-evaluated for eligibility for listing in the NRHP.

This letter and its contents are a matter of public record. If consultants who have knowledge of this letter contact the applicant, this should in no way be interpreted as an endorsement by this agency. The *Registry of Professional Archaeologist (RPA)* is the national certifying organization for archaeologists. A listing of archaeologists who are RPA members living or working in Florida can be accessed at <http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/bhp/compliance>. In addition, the complete RPA Directory of Certified Professional Archaeologists is available at [www.rpanet.org](http://www.rpanet.org). Otherwise, upon request, we will forward our RPA list to the applicant.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Janice Maddox, Historic Sites Specialist, or Laura Kammerer, Historic Preservationist Supervisor, by telephone at 850/245-6333. We look forward to working with your staff on a successfully completed project. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Janice R. Kammerer, Supervisor*

for Frederick Gaske, Acting Director, and  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosure (map)