requested that EPA designate an ODMDS offshore Port Everglades, Florida for the disposal of dredged material from the Port Everglades area when ocean disposal is the preferred disposal alternative. An EIS is required to provide the necessary information to evaluate alternatives and designate the preferred ODMDS.

Alternatives

1. No action. The no action alternative is defined as not designating an ocean disposal site.

2. Alternative disposal sites in the nearshore, and shelf break regions.

Scoping

A scoping meeting is not contemplated. Scoping will be accomplished through contact with affected Federal, State and local agencies, and with anticipated interested parties.

Estimated Date of Release

The Draft EIS will be made available in January 1997.

Responsible Official

John H. Hankinson, Jr., Regional Administer, Region IV.

Richard E. Sanderson,

Director, Office of Federal Activities.
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State Program Requirements; Application to Administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program; Florida

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Public notice of application for NPDES program approval.

SUMMARY: The State of Florida has submitted a request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program for regulating discharges of pollutants into waters of the State of Florida. The NPDES program would be administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). FDEP has requested a phased NPDES program encompassing permitting for: (1) Domestic discharges; (2) industrial discharges, including those which also have storm water discharges; and (3) pretreatment. Storm water discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4's), individual storm water-only discharges, storm water general permits, and federal

facility dischargers are to be phased in by the year 2000 for administration by the State. This notice provides for public hearing and a comment period on Florida's request. Under EPA regulations, Regional Administrators will approve or disapprove this request after taking into consideration all comments received.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 13, 1995. Public hearings have been scheduled for: March 7, 1995, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7 p.m.-10 p.m., Civic Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819, Orange County

March 9, 1995, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 7 p.m.–10 p.m., Leon County Civic Center, 505 W. Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, Leon County

Part or all of the submittal (which comprises approximately 1500 pages) may be copied at any FDEP office, or EPA office in Atlanta, at a minimal cost per page. A copy of the entire submittal may be obtained from the FDEP office in Tallahassee for a fee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dee Stewart, Environmental Engineer, Permits Section, U.S. EPA Region IV, 345 Courtland Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia, 30365, 404/347–3012, ext. 2928, or Mr. Daryll Joyner, FDEP, Suite 202, Twin Towers Office Building, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301, 904/488–4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 402 of the Federal Clean Water Act (Act) created the NPDES program under which the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may issue permits for the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States under conditions required by the Act. The Act also provides that a State may be authorized to administer the NPDES program upon request and showing that the State has authority and a program sufficient to meet requirements of the Act. The Governor of Florida has requested NPDES program approval and on November 21, 1994, submitted a complete program description (including funding, personnel requirements and organization, and enforcement procedures), an Independent Counsel's statement, copies of applicable State statutes and regulations, and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be executed by the EPA, Region IV, Regional Administrator, and the Secretary, FDEP. The EPA Regional Administrator is required to approve the submitted program within 90 days of submittal unless it does not

meet the requirements of section 402(b) of the Act and EPA regulations, which include, among other things, authority to issue permits which comply with the Act, authority to impose civil and criminal penalties for permit violations, and authority to ensure that the public is given notice and opportunity for a hearing on each proposed NPDES permit issuance. At the close of the comment period (including the public hearing), the EPA Regional Administrator will decide to approve or disapprove Florida's NPDES program. In accordance with EPA regulations, EPA and FDEP have agreed to extend the review period beyond the ninety (90) day statutory period until April 30, 1995.

The decision to approve or disapprove Florida's NPDES program will be based on the requirements of section 402 of the CWA and 40 CFR Part 123. If the Florida NPDES program is approved, the EPA Regional Administrator will so notify the State. Notice will be published in the Federal **Register** and, as of the date of program approval, EPA will suspend issuance of NPDES permits in Florida, except for: federal facilities, municipal separate storm sewer systems, storm water general permits, and individual storm water permits, until FDEP assumes permitting and enforcement authorities for these categories in the year 2000. The State's program will implement federal law and operate in lieu of the EPA administered program. However, EPA will retain the right to object to NPDES permits proposed to be issued by the FDEP. If the EPA Regional Administrator disapproves Florida's NPDES program, the Regional Administrator will notify the FDEP of the reasons for disapproval and of any revisions or modification to the program which are necessary to obtain approval.

The Florida submittal may be reviewed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, by the public at the Florida FDEP and EPA offices at the address appearing earlier in this Notice and at the following FDEP District offices: Northwest District Office, 160 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida, 32501-5794; Southwest District, 3804 Coconut Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida, 33619-8218; Northeast District, 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200B, Jacksonville, Florida, 32256-7577; Central District, 3319 Maguire Blvd., Suite 232, Orlando, Florida, 32803-3767; South District, 2295 Victoria Ave., Suite 364, Fort Myers, Florida, 33901, and the Southeast District, 1900 S. Congress Ave., Suite A, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33406.