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**MEMORANDUM**

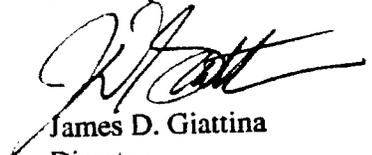
**Subject:** Guidelines on Water Efficiency Measures for Water Supply Projects in the Southeast (Guidelines)

In an effort to avoid and minimize impacts, Guidelines on Water Efficiency Measures for Water Supply Projects in the Southeast were developed to ensure water efficiency measures are an integral part of the review of water supply reservoir projects located in states encompassed within EPA Region 4. We will be using these guidelines for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and Section 404 Clean Water Act pre-application and application document review. We expect, at a minimum, a thorough consideration of the water efficiency measures contained in these Water Efficiency Guidelines to be included in:

1. the determination of the water demand projections for the project purpose and need
2. the alternatives analysis developed to determine the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative per the 404(b)(1) Guidelines 230.10(a)

These Guidelines have been shared and discussed with the Region 4 State 401 programs, EPA Headquarters, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) South Atlantic Division, the Corps district offices within Region 4, EPA legal counsel from Headquarters and all Regional Offices. We believe these Guidelines are an important step forward as we review water supply projects, and we look forward to working with our EPA partners as these guidelines are implemented.

Sincerely,

  
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Director  
Water Protection Division

Attachment