

September 7, 2004

**Mike Nowicki
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Department of the Army
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019**

**Re: Clam Bayou Restoration Project; Application # SAJ-2004-6950
(NW-MN)**

Dear Mike:

Attached please find a copy of the DEP permit for the Clam Bayou Restoration Project (the culvert connection between Clam and Dinkins Bayous) and the notice of intent to issue for the Clam Bayou temporary cut to the Gulf of Mexico. As I understand it, you have combined both of these projects into the above referenced federal application.

We are all set with funding (including over \$500k in grants from state and federal sources), design, contractual bidding and now state permitting and are looking to complete our permitting with your office so we can schedule construction.

Thanks for all your help with this important environmental restoration project. If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to call me at #(239) 472-3700.

Sincerely,

**Robert K. Loflin, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Director**