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Colonel Paul Grosskruger
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Jacksonville, FL. 32232-0019

Dear Colonel Grosskruger

This letter is from the Friends of Istokpoga Lake Association, Inc. (FOI) and for the second time in 2007 we are writing to you in regard to a request from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for a temporary deviation from the existing Lake Istokpoga water regulation schedule.

FOI are once again opposed to any change in the existing Lake Istokpoga water regulation schedule. We still feel that the environmental impact to Lake Istokpoga will be long and hard if the lake is allowed to be drained to the 35.5 ft. NGVD that SFWMD is requesting. On November 15, 2007 the FOI had a membership meeting in Lorida Florida. At that meeting the consensus of our membership was opposition to any change in the schedule. These are the people who live on, play on and work on Lake Istokpoga and they are very concerned about the health of the lake if the deviation is allowed

FOI have many concerns about what a deviation would do to Istokpoga if it is allowed. We have attached our previous letter of May 10, 2007 that outlines in full our concerns and would ask that you reread it to refresh you memory of our concerns. Also we understand that this drought is hard on everyone and we must work as a team to resolve this problem. However we do not believe that the short term solution of a deviation is the way to go because of the long term environmental effects that it will have on the lake. So we urge you to make your decision by understanding what is good for the tomorrows and not just the todays.

Sir again, the Friends of Istokpoga Lake Association thanks you for taking the time to consider our concerns, regarding beautiful Lake Istokpoga. Our organization represents a good number of the people who have a vested interest in the outcome of your decision on Lake Istokpoga. If there is anyway that we can assist or questions that we can answer please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely

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