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### Inspection to Close Navigation Lock on Lake Tohopekaliga

**WHAT:** The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is set to inspect and refurbish the S-61 navigation lock on Lake Tohopekaliga, extending its service well into the future. In preparation for the extensive work, the vital lock will cease operation from May 26 through June 12. During that time, boaters will not be able to pass through the lock.

Information collected during the inspection will identify specific aspects of the lock that need to be repaired or replaced, maximizing the benefit of the refurbishment while minimizing the cost to taxpayers.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 26, 2009, through Friday, June 12, 2009

**WHERE:** The S-61 navigation lock, also known as the Southport Lock, is located at the south end of Lake Tohopekaliga, where the C-35 Canal, or Southport Canal, flows south from Lake Tohopekaliga into Cypress Lake.

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**About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*