



## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## **Detailed Inspection of S-310 Navigation Lock Scheduled**

*Inspection will close the Clewiston Lock for four days*

**WHAT:** A comprehensive inspection of the S-310 navigation lock near Clewiston will require the lock to be closed to boat traffic from February 27 through March 1, 2012.

The S-310 navigation lock provides for navigation to and from Lake Okeechobee and the C-21 Canal, which is the site of the Clewiston Public Boat Ramp. The lock also provides access to the marinas, commercial fishing facilities and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tug Boat Basin of the Industrial Canal.

**WHEN:** The work will begin on Monday, February 27, and conclude in time to resume boat traffic by the following Friday, March 2. Operation of the lock will not be possible to ensure the safety of the divers conducting the inspection.

S-310 was originally constructed in 1934 as hurricane-gated structure No. 2 on the Herbert Hoover Dike. In 1977, it was modified and converted to a reinforced concrete navigational boat lock. The inspection will provide engineers with detailed information regarding the condition of the lock so that it can continue to provide reliable service.

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### **About the South Florida Water Management District**

*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.*