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Kissimmee River Navigation Lock to Close for Repairs

Lock will be closed for two weeks beginning April 16

Okeechobee, FL – The S-65D Navigation Lock on the Kissimmee River will be closed to undergo repairs for two weeks beginning April 16.

The lock, about 14 miles north of Lake Okeechobee, requires maintenance to control the opening of the gates and ensure continued safe operation. The lock is expected to return to normal operation by April 28.

The flood control gates will continue to operate normally during the lock repair.

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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.