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Don -
Here's a brief response to Tom DeBusk's comments. I doubt it provides much more than you would already have said to the SFER review committee. However, I think it might be important to emphasize that over the past couple years, the ag interests like DeBusk have finally agreed that sulfate IS elevated in Everglades surface waters – a fact they were fighting just a few years ago. Our efforts to compile the ACME and SFWMD data sets in 2006/2007 (the SFER 3B-3 appendix), and the US EPA REMAP report of about the same time were needed to finally get everyone to agree on the extent and magnitude of sulfate contamination.

You also might note to the SFER review group how important it is to find resources to focus on SO4 data - to collecte routine date, and to compile and evaluate what we have - something that SFWMD does not seem to be doing. The last time I spoke before the SFER, the District said that it would increase its sulfate sampling at structures (it had been quarterly only) – has that been done? ?? Did Mark Gabriel provide any SO4 data for this years' SFER? I see median 2008 surface water sulfate concentrations in Fig. 3B-11, but the chapter doesn't say where the data came from.

Could you send me a copy of SFER Chapter 3A? I'd also appreciate a copy of Garrett and Ivanoff.

Interesting that Hg in LMB seems to be going up in LNWR, and is still trending up in the Holeyland. Is SO4 data available to compare?

I can't comment on USGS QA/QC, and will leave Bill O to comment on P release.

Back to work…. Cindy

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Cindy,

As discussed, Tom DeBusk's comments on SFER 2009 Chapter 3B - mercury and sulfur - just arrived (attached) and I'd appreciate it if you could write short responses to his questions, comments etc to assist me in my reply to the peer review committee.

Thanks,

Don

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