

Dear Task Force Members:

Please use your power to influence public officials and policy makers to protect our coral reefs. Where a project must be done to serve reasonable commerce (e.g. port everglades expansion) then part of the cost of the project **MUST** be a coral reef restoration project to restore a comparable amount of reef. We cannot afford to continue in a direction where the coral reefs are continual destroyed.

Sewer Outfall Pipes:

300-500 millions gallons a day of partially treated sewage are pumped from 6 pipes along the Southeast coast of Florida on to the reef tract. These dirty plumes of water are causing Harmful Algae Blooms and smothering our reefs. 2 Outfall pipes are located in Broward County.

Beach Dredge and Fill Impacts:

Reefs Buried by Sand

Reefs Smothered by Silt and Sediment

Long term Turbidity (muddy water, poor visibility)

Corals Crushed by pipes and machinery

Port Everglades Expansion

Army Corps is making plans to dynamite our reefs to expand the port channel. This and the dredging will impact tens of thousands of corals. One of the numbers we have heard from Florida DEP is over 100,000 corals.

Everglades Restoration Impacts:

Billions of gallons of polluted water from Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades

Agricultural Area being diverted from the Everglades and flushed to tide contributing to Harmful Algae Blooms.

Other Projects:

Natural Gas Pipelines, Inlet Dredging, Deep Well Injection

Regards,

Vicki

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