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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc., Payne Creek Generating Station, Hardee and Polk Counties, Florida

(ER 04/625)(Agency due date: **September 9, 2004**)

AMMENDED MEMORANDUM*

The Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has published in the August 10, 2004, Federal Register, a notice of availability for the subject EA. You may view the notice at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html. EA's are distributed directly to Interior bureaus/field offices by the issuing agency. RUS point of contact is Mr. Quigel, (202) 720-0468, or you may contact Mr. Frauen, Seminole Electric, (813) 739-1213.

* **The EA is available on line at:** <http://seminole-electric.com> (select generation) or go to: <http://www.seminole-electric.com/common/contents-generation.htm>

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the assessment from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to the Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service in Atlanta, GA by **August 31, 2004**

The Regional Director, FWS, will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Regional Environmental Officer in Atlanta, GA by **September 3, 2004**. Please supply all signed paper comments, comments on disk, or by electronic mail to the REO.

/s/ 8/18/04
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