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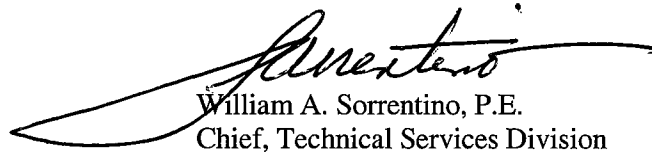
October 23, 2007

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL
ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY
CLOSURE OF LOCKS

Because of the continued lack of rain and subsequent low water levels in Lake Drummond and the Dismal Swamp Wildlife Refuge, the locks at Deep Creek, Virginia and South Mills, North Carolina will not be operated after the last scheduled locking (3:00 PM) on Tuesday, October 30, 2007. The Dismal Swamp Canal, Route 2 of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, will be closed to through vessel traffic at that time.

By agreement between the Corps of Engineers and the Fish and Wildlife Service, water is not withdrawn from Lake Drummond to recharge the canal when the lake level falls below 3.6 feet. The canal will remain closed until sufficient rain falls in the Lake Drummond watershed to recharge the swamp. This action is being taken in coordination with the Fish and Wildlife Service to maintain the remaining water supply in the Dismal Swamp Wildlife Refuge.

The Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, Route 1 through the Great Bridge lock at Chesapeake, Virginia, will be open 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Operators will monitor Channel 13.



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