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Sonny Perdue
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February 14, 2008

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Mr. James L. Connaughton
Chairman
Council on Environmental Quality
722 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Secretary Kempthorne and Chairman Connaughton:

Let me thank you and the federal team you have assembled to work with Georgia, Florida, and Alabama in developing drought management plans for the ACF and ACT basins. The work has been intensive and very productive. However, as we approach our mutually agreed upon deadline of February 15 to complete draft drought plans, it is evident that some additional time is needed to complete our discussions.

I request that we extend our deadline to complete discussions to March 1, 2008, to provide the time necessary to accomplish our mutual interests of developing a drought management plan which includes the operational parameters necessary to successfully operate through the drought and recovery of the system. I commit that Georgia's involvement will remain vigorous and, as always, focused on delivering effective and balanced solutions in this time of regional drought crisis.

Our progress to date has greatly benefited from the involvement of the federal team. I look forward to their vital, continued participation as we work to conclusion on March 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonny Perdue".

Sonny Perdue

cc: The Honorable Bob Riley, Governor, State of Alabama
The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor, State of Florida



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

February 15, 2008

Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
18th & C Streets Northwest
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Kempthorne:

Florida appreciates your efforts and leadership in assisting Florida, Alabama, and Georgia in our endeavor to develop an agreement on water management principles for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin.

As you know, the parties, led by Commissioner Bob Johnson and his team, met twice in January and concluded our third meeting yesterday. Although no agreements have been reached, Florida is encouraged by the progress to date and is amenable to extending these discussions beyond the current February 15, 2008. This extension will allow time for additional meetings in the search for an agreement.

Thank you for your continuing attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist