

4) Conflicts with Physical Evidence

- **2025 borings:** groundwater ~**2.3–4 ft NAVD**; near-surface limestone → evidence of **aquifer interaction**.
- **Field photos:** excavators/haul trucks **submerged to cab height** → behavior consistent with **groundwater inflow**.
- **Mapped floodplain:** location within **FEMA SFHA** (BFE approx. **8.6–12.8 ft NAVD**), conditions unsuitable for deep excavation/borrow-pit operations.

5) Systemic Implications

The false SEIR entry allowed FDOT to:

- close environmental review for Segment 3A without appropriate **§404(q)** oversight,
- advance construction and funding as if wetland authorization existed, and
- create a public record of “compliance” where no §404 permit was issued.

FDOT’s false record is enabling destructive work to advance:

- **over 70 acres of wetlands** cleared, filled, or destroyed within this short corridor,
- loss of floodplain storage and aquifer recharge capacity, and