## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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Mr. Stuart J. Appelbaum is the Chief of the Planning and Policy Division for the Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is responsible for developing and administering the District's water resources planning program in the State of Florida, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. He is also responsible for working with Corps higher authority and sponsors to frame and resolve policy issues that affect execution of the Jacksonville District's program. Prior to assuming his present position, Stu was Chief of the Everglades Division from 2007 to 2011 with responsibility for overseeing the south Florida Everglades ecosystem restoration program. He also previously served as Chief of the Planning Division from 2005 to 2007. He led the interagency team that developed the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan that was submitted to Congress in 1999. He was also responsible for developing the programmatic regulations that guides implementation of the restoration plan. Stu has received numerous awards from the Corps of Engineers and others for his work on Everglades restoration. He began his career with the Corps of Engineers in July 1977 in the Baltimore District and has been with the Jacksonville District since July 1988. Stu holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of New York and a Master of Science degree in Water Resources Engineering from the George Washington University.