

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The National Institute of Environmental Research of the Republic of Korea and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, an agency of the State of Florida of the United States of America, (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Sides" or individually as a "Side") being aware of the importance of close cooperation between the Sides, have reached the following understanding:

Article I . Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to develop and promote long-term cooperation for mutual benefits between the Sides. To this end, the Sides wish to exchange information on research programs; establish close and cooperative relationship; and strengthen collaboration.

Article II. Areas of Cooperation

The National Institute of Environmental Research and the State of Florida will closely collaborate in the following areas:

1. Cooperation on the issues of "harmful cyanobacterial blooms reduction," including in the fields of monitoring, risk assessment and implementing measures. These measures may include nutrient management, flushing through discharge of water, water level adjustment, application of algal inhibitors or flocculants, and other necessary ecological methods.
2. Exchange of scientific and technical information through the transmission of available data, reports, publications and presentations as far as it is permitted in accordance with relevant property rights and related laws. Both Sides acknowledge that the disclosure of the acquired information can be determined in accordance with the relevant laws of each part such as the Broad Public Records Law of the State of Florida and the Public Data Act of the Republic of Korea.
3. Joint workshops to facilitate technical exchange between the Sides.
4. Personnel exchanges and visits to the Republic of Korea and the United States of America as required for technical training and other relevant activities.

Article III. Prohibition of Transfer

This MOU may not be transferred to, or nullified by, a third party without prior written mutual agreement.

Article IV. Appointment of Coordinator

Each Side will appoint one coordinator to be responsible for the effective implementation of cooperative activities and communication on details of the undertakings under this MOU.

Article V. Expenses

The costs and expenses incurred by conducting the cooperative activities under this MOU will be decided by mutual agreement.

Article VI. Good Faith Implementation

Any issues arising from the implementation or interpretation of this MOU or any need for additional agreement will be addressed in good faith. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to require a Side to act in a manner that it determines, at its sole discretion, to be contrary to

its interests or applicable law.

Article VII. Entry into Force

This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature by both Sides and remain in effect for a period of five years. This MOU shall be terminated at the request of one Side, if one Side determines the objective to be unachievable or have been fulfilled, even before it expires.

FOR THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTE OF
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RESEARCH



President

April 12, 2024

DATE

FOR THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION



Secretary

May 7, 2024

DATE