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### **Boulders for Hoover Dike Arrive at Port of Palm Beach**

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RIVIERA BEACH — On Thursday, March 11, AEM (Applied Environmental Management) Bedrock, of New Orleans, LA, delivered the first of nine shipments of boulders from Puerto Cortez, Honduras, to the Port of Palm Beach. The boulders will be used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Hoover Dike which surrounds Lake Okeechobee.

When finished, AME will have delivered over 50,000 tons of boulders to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Port of Palm Beach was selected over Port Canaveral and Fort Pierce due to it's proximity to the Glades and it versatility in handling cargo.

The boulders will be used to ensure that the Army Corps of Engineers has the ability to quickly seal any breach in the Hoover Dike which was completed in 1938 and was expanded in the 1960s. Funding for the project was provided by the Federal stimulus bill.

Port Executive Director Manny Almira noted that the Port of Palm Beach prides itself on its versatility and its ability to quickly meet the needs of a wide variety of tenants and marine operations.

The final shipment of boulders should arrive at the Port of Palm Beach by the middle of June.



left to right:  
David Hopple, AEM; Manuel Almira, Port of Palm Beach; Roberto Villanueva, AEM; Mike Sierra, AEM;  
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