

25 YEARS SERVICE

PHILIP VALLIER – FT. LAUDERDALE FIELD STATION DIRECTOR OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Phil began his tenure with the District as a Temporary Field Worker at the mere age of eighteen at the Ft. Lauderdale Field Station. Just a few months later, following his nineteenth birthday, he became a full time employee on August 12, 1980. During the next fifteen years at the Ft. Lauderdale Field Station, Phil worked his way up from Equipment Operator, to Crane Operator and then becoming the Canal Levee Maintenance Supervisor. In the fall of 1995, Phil further exemplified the qualities of a natural leader when within a year's time, not only was he promoted to Assistant Regional Director of the Field Station, but he also achieved the position of Director.

During the past ten years of his leadership, Phil has overseen the following endeavors:

- The evolution of the Field Station from its original humble beginnings (*complete with tin roof buildings!*) to the first hurricane hardened field station in the District.
- The integration of the Pump Stations and Field Stations into one division.
- The completion of Storm Water Treatment Area STA-2.
- The Installation of S-381, an Obermeyer gated structure; the first and only one of its kind anywhere within the District.

Phil's tenacity and resilience was never more evident when challenged by brain surgery in 2001. His successful recovery comes as no surprise to his Ft. Lauderdale and O&M families because to know him is to know that Phil has real drive and passion for life. The hallmarks of his leadership include his honesty, his ability to really listen and communicate with his personnel, as well as his ability to see the larger picture. Phil's father had been Chief Operator at the southend pump stations for many years and would be very proud to see the man and leader that Phil has become.