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#### **Conversion Factors**

Inch/Pound to SI

Multiply	Ву	To obtain
	Length	
inch (in.)	2.54	centimeter (cm)
inch (in.)	25.4	millimeter (mm)
foot (ft)	0.3048	meter (m)
mile (mi)	1.609	kilometer (km)
	Area	
square foot (ft <sup>2</sup> )	0.09290	square meter (m <sup>2</sup> )
square mile (mi <sup>2</sup> )	2.590	square kilometer (km <sup>2</sup> )
	Volume	
cubic foot (ft <sup>3</sup> )	0.02832	cubic meter (m <sup>3</sup> )
	Flow rate	
cubic foot per second (ft <sup>3</sup> /s)	0.02832	cubic meter per second (m3/s)
picocurie per liter (pCi/L)	0.037	becquerel per liter (Bq/L)

#### SI to Inch/Pound

Multiply	Ву	To obtain
	Area	
square meter (m <sup>2</sup> )	10.76	square foot (ft <sup>2</sup> )

Horizontal coordinate information is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

#### Acronyms and Abbreviations Used in the Report

AI artificial intelligence ANN artificial neural network ASA **Applied Science Associates** ATM Applied Technology and Management BEP back error propagation BFHYDRO Boundary Fitted Hydrodynamic Model CRADA **Cooperative Research and Development Agreement** DSS decision support system EFDC **Environmental Fluid Dynamics Code** EIS **Environmental Impact Statement** FCFWRU Florida Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit GaEPD Georgia Environmental Protection Division Georgia Ports Authority GPA GUI **Graphical User Interface** LMS Lawler, Matusky, and Skelly ME mean error MLP multilayer perceptron MSE mean square error M2M Model-to-Marsh application **NWIS** National Water Information System OLS ordinary least squares PME percent model error practical salinity units psu Q streamflow RMSE root mean square error  $\mathbb{R}^2$ coefficient of determination SISO single input single output SNWR Savannah National Wildlife Refuge SSE sum of square error SSR state space reconstruction USACOE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers **USFW** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service USGS **U.S. Geological Survey** WASP7 Water Assessment and Simulation Program–Version 7 WES Waterways Experiment Station–U.S. Army Corps of Engineers WL water level XWL tidal range