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Data Providers to Florida STORET and WIN

Dear Data Providers:

I am writing with an update on the Watershed Information Network (WIN) project. At our August update, WIN was just in the Beta environment and ready for us to begin DEP User Assessment Testing (UAT). Since then, DEP testers have done their darnedest to break it (thanks team – and I mean that)! As planned, we put it through some rigorous function and load testing to ensure it works as intended and as needed. And WIN has proven to be up to the task.

DEP Beta testing provided an exciting opportunity for us to see our requirements transition from paper to a functioning system. Testers provided encouraging feedback that WIN is quite an improvement over our current Florida STORET process. They could see how WIN will facilitate storage and access to data of higher quality, which ultimately will provide a stronger foundation for environmental assessments and restoration decisions.

Based on the results of UAT, our testers provided a list of recommended changes that had not been recognized within the prototypes. We reviewed those recommendations and determined there were additional items that will make WIN better. To accommodate those changes, we had to shift our intended Go Live date of January 2017. We and our project contractor are finalizing the scope of the last of those changes, after which we will be able to determine an updated schedule.

The good news for you is that we are implementing additional items that make WIN more user friendly. While I want you to be able to work in WIN today, you now have more time to prepare.

For those of you who are ready to test uploading data to WIN, our STORET/WIN Coordinators can test those files for you in Beta, and provide you feedback on your readiness once WIN goes live. We are already working with several data providers to test their files in Beta. Additionally, between now and Go Live, we will be providing guidance documents with step-by-step instructions to walk you through the initial uploading process. And, once we are in Production, if you want to test files and your process, you can do so, and simply not migrate the records from staging if you want them only as a test.

Our target for the Production environment (Go Live) for WIN is the second quarter of 2017, likely in May, 2017. (Florida STORET will remain open through December 2017, for data from sampling events that occur on or before June 30, 2017). Once WIN is in Production, DEP will conduct some additional testing and a soft rollout with a few data providers to

ensure everything is working as anticipated. I will keep you posted on the actual Go Live date when we have determined it.

The location of the WIN project information has changed to the following:

http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/DEAR/storet/WIN_Communication.

This site and includes the following materials, updated as noted:

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) (updated from the August 2016 version to reflect date changes);
- WIN Minimum Data Quality Standards (MDQS; updated to reflect changes necessary for field QC and lab QC);
- Examples files to assist your transition to WIN. The most up-to-date SVLs remain embedded in those files.

Important reminders:

- If you have not already done so, please ensure you modify your data collection and/or storage process so that you can provide all data elements required by WIN. *Data from sampling that occurs after June 30, 2017 should be uploaded to WIN* rather than to Florida STORET. This means data capture of all required elements should be in place no later than July 1, 2017.
- Florida STORET will be closed to additions of new data and to corrections of existing data after December 2017. Any data you have that will not meet WIN MDQS should be submitted to DEP sufficiently in advance of December 2017 that it can be uploaded to Florida STORET by then.
- Once WIN is open, WIN and Florida STORET will be open concurrently through December 2017. We understand it may take some trial and error on the initial uploads to WIN, and in the meantime, we need to continue to receive and provide data for environmental decision making. We must minimize the time that WIN and Florida STORET are concurrently open for data uploads in order to minimize having to address data duplication.

STORET/WIN coordinators are available to discuss any WIN questions you may have. You can contact me, Julie Zimmerman (our WIN Project Business Lead), or your STORET/WIN Coordinator, as follows:

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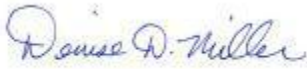
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Please share this message with other data and Information Technology management staff of your organization for whom you believe it is relevant.

Thank you for your continued support in providing data critical to DEP's mission to protect and restore Florida's environment.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denise D. Miller". The signature is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Denise" being more prominent.

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