

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

RULE CHAPTER TITLE: RULE CHAPTER NO.:

Total Maximum Daily Loads 62-304

RULE TITLES: RULE NOS.:

Middle St. Johns River Basin TMDLs 62-304.505

OGC NO.: 05-1685

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department is initiating rulemaking to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads for several waters in the Middle St. Johns River Basin, including Lake Jesup, Crane Strand (E4 Canal), Crane Strand Drain (Crane Strand Canal), and Long Branch. Pursuant to Section 403.067(6), Fla. Stat., TMDLs must be adopted by the Secretary of the Department by rule. Chapter 62-304, F.A.C., was established as the rule chapter within which rules adopting TMDLs shall reside.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The TMDLs will address the nutrient and un-ionized ammonia impairment of Lake Jesup, the bacteriological and Dissolved Oxygen impairment for Long Branch and Crane Strand Drain, and the bacteriological impairment of Crane Strand.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 403.061, 403.067, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 403.062, 403.067, F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT

AVAILABLE PUBLICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICIAL INTERNET NOTICING SITE AT WWW.DEP.STATE.FL.US, UNDER THE LINK TITLED "OFFICIAL NOTICES."

The Department plans to hold public workshops on the draft TMDLs as they are completed. Information about the public workshops will be provided in a separate notice as the logistical details of the workshops are finalized. The public workshops will be held pursuant to Section 403.067(6)(d), Fla. Stat., which requires the Department to hold at least one public workshop in the vicinity of the water body or water body segment for which a TMDL is being developed. TMDL calculations and allocations for each water body or water body segment will be adopted by rule, by the Secretary of the Department, pursuant to Sections 120.536(1), 120.54, and 403.805, Fla. Stat.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Jan Mandrup-Poulsen, Administrator, Watershed Assessment Section, 2600 Blair Stone Road Mail Station 3555, Tallahassee, FL, 32399-2400, Telephone (850) 245-8449.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Draft rule text is currently not available.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in any workshops on subsequent draft TMDLs is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop by calling Ms. Pat Waters at (850) 245-8449. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by calling (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Voice).