FDEP Bioassessment Training and Testing Guidelines: Rivers and Streams

Stream Condition Index (SCI)
- Read SOP SCI 1000 and SCI Primer
- Attend 8-hour DEP approved training
- Train at 10 sites
- Guidelines: Appendix SCI 1000-1
- Request to take online test (passing score ≥90%)
- Initial Audit: request an in-person audit
- Every 5 years: request to sample at a SCI benchmark stream
- Repeat audit every 5 years

Habitat Assessment (HA)
- Read SOP FT 3000
- Attend 8-hour DEP approved training
- Train at 10 sites
- Test at benchmark sites (must pass 3 of 5 sites)
- Email Forms FD 9000-5
- Repeat testing every 2 years

Rapid Periphyton Survey (RPS)
- Read SOP FS 7000
- 7230 (RPS) or FS 7320 (LVS)
- Training is offered with 8-hour DEP course, but is not required
- Proficiency demonstration is not currently required for RPS or LVS
- Request to take online test (passing score ≥90%)

Biological Reconnaissance (BioRecon)
- Read SOP BRN 1000 and SCI Primer
- Attend 8-hour DEP approved training
- Guidelines: Appendix SCI 1000-1
- Train at 10 sites
- Initial & repeat audit: request an in-person audit
- Repeat audit every 5 years

Note: the order of these items is interchangeable