



Florida Department of Environmental Protection PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

The department welcomes both oral and written comments from the public during the 2019 Triennial Review of Florida's surface water quality standards.

If you would like to provide **written comments today**, you can submit your comments in writing on the form below and provide it to a DEP staff member at the registration table. Alternatively, you can provide written comments **through November 22, 2019** via email to kaitlyn.sutton@FloridaDEP.gov or at the following mail address: Kaitlyn Sutton, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Mail Station 6511, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400.

The public comment period for the Triennial Review Public Workshops will end **Friday November 22, 2019**. The department will review and consider all comments received.

1. Date:	11/06/2019
2. Name:	Collin Schlachweiler
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4. Comments:	We applaud FDEP for this effort towards a more protective standard mentioned in this Draft Implementation of turbidity criterion for the protection of coral reef resources. Reefs have declined over 80% in Florida since the 1970's due to natural and manmade stressors, including climate change, water pollution, coastal construction, etc. On top of this we now know the dredging of Port Miami affected over 25 km of coral reef from uncontrolled sedimentation. Recommendations: - 1 year of preproject samples are collected and that baseline levels are undertaken with the same type of sediment as will be produced during dredging - Turbidity monitoring at the sea floor included in the standards, as that is where the coral

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resources are located

- Alternative monitoring methods if dredging during the night
- Aeridification, eutrophication, contaminant, and pathogen testing to measure lethality of sediment released.
- Third party oversight of turbidity monitoring