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Subject: Coral Reefs

Please FDEP change your standards for turbidity. Please take into consideration the damage that the Port of Miami expansion did to our coral reefs.

Reasons why;

- South Florida is home to the only nearshore, barrier reef system in the continental United States.
- Reefs bring billions of dollars in sales and tens of thousands of jobs to South Florida. They also provide shelter, food, and breeding sites for commercially and recreationally valuable fish as well as coastal barriers from storms.
- Unfortunately, the reefs in Florida have declined by over 80% since the 1970s. Reefs face natural and manmade threats, including climate change, warming oceans, water pollution, ocean acidification, coastal construction, and disease.
- In the last few years in Florida, we have seen back-to-back years of coral bleaching and a devastating coral disease -- combined with the dredging of the Port of Miami and upcoming dredging at Port Everglades. Our reefs are now in urgent crisis.
- We now know that the dredging at the Port of Miami affected over 25 km of coral reef and likely killed over 560,000 corals from uncontrolled sedimentation.
- Coral reefs are very important to me because I swim in the ocean and love to visit the local reefs.

Thank you in advance for taking your time to read and consider my email in your decision making.

Kind regards,
Dorothy Campbell