

Sutton, Kaitlyn

From: Suzanne DAuber <ssdauber@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 12:09 AM
To: Sutton, Kaitlyn
Subject: Public comment on FI Water Standards

Dear Kaitlyn,

My husband and I moved to FL in 1975 and have seen the quality of waters in Palm Beach County and Martin County where we live, plus the Everglades, the Keys & across the state we enjoy visiting, really degenerate over the years.

It is really unacceptable that this is being caused by agriculture, human waste and poor state & federal management !

It is particularly awful near where we reside now around the St Lucie River & Lagoon. The toxic algae blooms have escalated tremendously which has decimated fishing and recreation - important economic drivers here & in tourism generally. It's killed fish, sea grass & habitat - as well as pets and made people sick!

It gets that bad, repeatedly.

THIS MUST BE STOPPED !

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency stated that anything about 8 parts per billion of microcystin (which results from toxic algal blooms) is unsafe for human contact. In 2018, measured levels in our community reached as high as 495 parts per billion - more than 60 times what is safe for human contact!

YES, IT IS THAT BAD - REPEATEDLY.

Lake Okechobee water releases into our rivers are too big, too often and loaded with agricultural waste products that produce these toxic conditions which are literally fostering illness and killing our natural heritage.

It is essential that stricter regulations, oversight and better management of water quality is accomplished.

Please seriously address the changes needed to clean up FL's waters now and prevent toxic algae blooms in fresh inland waterways & rivers, as well as our lagoons & coasts.

Respectfully,
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Sent from my iPhone