

Lake Nutrient Criterion

Lake numeric nutrient criteria, for lakes without a site-specific interpretation of the narrative, are described subparagraph [62-302.531\(2\)\(b\)1., F.A.C.](#)

Lake criteria apply only to lakes and lake-like waterbodies. “Lake” shall mean, for purposes of interpreting the narrative nutrient criterion in paragraph 62-302.530(47)(b), F.A.C., a lentic fresh waterbody with a relatively long water residence time and an open water area that is free from emergent vegetation under typical hydrologic and climatic conditions. Aquatic plants, as defined in subsection 62-340.200(1), F.A.C., may be present in the open water. Lakes do not include springs, wetlands, or streams (except portions of streams that exhibit lake-like characteristics, such as long water residence time, increased width, or predominance of biological taxa typically found in non-flowing conditions).

Determination of the applicable lake criteria is dependent on the availability of color and alkalinity or specific conductance data.