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Submitted via email: Stormwater2020@floridadep.gov



Re: Stormwater Rulemaking

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the 15 Waterkeeper organizations across the state of Florida working to protect our waterways, we thank you for your efforts towards identifying and outlining recommendations for strengthening our state's stormwater design and operation regulations. To that end, we urge this Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to review and discuss the March 2010 draft "Environmental Resource Permit Stormwater Quality Applicant's Handbook" (Draft Handbook) as a part of this process. The Draft Handbook represents years of work by experts from both the public and private sectors and contains a comprehensive suite of policies and practices to improve the quality of stormwater, which would serve as a logical resource in the current TAC's efforts.

Furthermore, the TAC should have the opportunity to review the proposed draft revisions to stormwater rules before they adjourn. The TAC members represent multiple facets of stakeholder groups that can provide valuable input on stormwater management throughout the state. The goal of this TAC is to develop and provide stormwater rulemaking recommendations for DEP and WMDs through public discussion and constructive deliberation. Providing the TAC the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed draft of the revised rules would help to ensure that those recommendations are adequately characterized and incorporated into the updated rule before formal rulemaking is initiated.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jen Lomberg".

Respectfully,
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