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Good afternoon,

I started to review the October WQEA Rule Draft language and was nonplussed by the following definitions:

62-332.200 Definitions.

(5) "Natural system" means a man-made or altered ecological system supporting aquatic and wetland dependent natural resources, including fish, aquatic and wetland-dependent wildlife habitats.

(8) "Water quality enhancement area" or WQEA means a natural system constructed, operated, managed, and maintained for the purpose of providing offsite regional treatment for which enhancement credits may be generated pursuant to a water quality enhancement area permit.

In my mind a "Natural system" is not a man-made or an altered ecological system. I obviously do not follow the reasoning on how "Natural system" is defined the way it is defined in the draft and look forward in learning how one arrived at this definition.

Thank you,

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