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## Handbook of Florida Water Regulation: Contact Agencies<sup>1</sup>

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### Preface

This handbook is designed to provide an accurate, current, and authoritative summary of the principle Federal and Florida laws that directly or indirectly relate to agriculture. This handbook should provide a basic overview of the many rights and responsibilities that farmers and farmland owners have under both Federal and Florida laws as well as the appropriate contact information to obtain more detailed information. However, the reader should be aware that because the laws, administrative rulings, and court decisions on which this handbook is based are subject to constant revision, portions of this publication could become outdated at anytime. Several details of cited laws are also left out due to space limitations.

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### Florida Agencies

#### *S-1. Florida Water Management Districts*

Southwest Florida Water Management District  
2379 Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34609  
(352)796-7211

South Florida Water Management District  
3301 Gun Club Road  
Post Office Box 24680

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West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680  
(561) 686-8800

St. Johns River Water Management District  
4049 Reid Street (Highway 100 West)  
Post Office Box 1429  
Palatka, FL 32178  
(386) 329-4500

Suwannee River Water Management District  
9225 County Road 49  
Live Oak, FL 32060  
(386) 362-1001

Northwest Florida Water Management  
District  
81 Water Management Drive  
Havana, FL 32333-4712  
(850) 539-5999

### **S-2. Florida Department of Environmental Protection**

Florida Department of Environmental  
Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000  
(850) 245-2011

Division of Administrative Services  
3900 Commonwealth Blvd  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000  
(850) 245-2307

Division of Air Resources Management  
2600 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400  
(850) 488-0114

Division of Environmental Resource Permitting  
2600 Blairstone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400  
(850) 245-8474

Division of Waste Management  
2600 Blairstone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4500  
(850) 245-8705

Division of Water Resource Management  
2600 Blairstone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000  
(850) 245-8336

### **S-3. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
Commission  
101 Marathon Building  
2574 Seagate Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32301-1600  
(850) 488-4676

### **S-4. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

Florida Department of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services  
The Capitol, Plaza Level Ten  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800  
Toll free (800) 435-7352  
(850) 488-3022

Division of Standards  
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite E  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650  
(850) 488-0645

Division of Forestry  
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite J  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650  
(850) 488-4274

Division of Agriculture and Environmental  
Services  
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite F  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650  
(850) 488-3731

Division of Administration  
1203 Governors Square Blvd, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 488-6249

Office of Agricultural Water Policy  
1203 Governors Square Blvd, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 488-6249

**S-5. Florida Department of Health**

Florida Department of Health Bureau of Onsite  
Sewage Programs  
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Suite 240  
Building 4042 (Bin#A08)  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1713  
(850) 245-4070  
[http://interdev.doh.state.fl.us/environment/  
OSTDS/default.html](http://interdev.doh.state.fl.us/environment/OSTDS/default.html)

**S-6. Florida Department of Labor and  
Employment Security**

The Florida Department of Labor and Employment  
Security was abolished effective June 30, 2002, and  
its divisions/units have been transitioned to other  
Agencies. For further information about the  
transition and contact numbers for the receiving  
Agencies, please go online to  
<http://www2.myflorida.com/les>

**S-7. Florida Department of Community  
Affairs**

Florida Department of Community Affairs  
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 488-2356

**S-8. Florida State Emergency Response  
Commission / State Hazardous Materials  
Emergency Response Commission**

Florida State Emergency Response Commission  
Florida State Hazardous Materials Emergency  
Response Commission  
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100  
Toll free (800) 635-7179

**EPA National Offices and Telephone  
Numbers****F-1. Safe Drinking Water Hotline**

Provides information on EPA drinking water  
regulations and programs  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, EST  
Toll free (800) 426-4791

**F-2. RCRA/CERCLA (Superfund) Hotline**

Provides information on RCRA and CERCLA  
and responds to document requests  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, EST  
Toll free (800) 424-9346

**F-3. Emergency Planning and Community  
Right-to-Know (EPCRA)**

Provides information about planning and  
preparation involving accidental releases of toxic  
chemicals  
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, EST  
Toll free (800) 424-9346

**F-4. TSCA Assistance Information Service**

Provides information about toxic substances and  
compliance with TSCA regulations, and  
supplies publications and other materials to aid  
in compliance  
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, EST  
(202) 554-1404

**F-5. National Pesticide Institution Network**

Provides information on pesticides and pesticide  
poisonings  
24 hours a day, 365 days a year  
Toll free (800) 858-7378

**F-6. Florida Administrator of EPA Pesticide  
Registration**

Bureau of Pesticides/Division of Inspection  
Department of Agriculture and Consumer  
Services  
3125 Conner Blvd., Building 6  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650  
(850) 487-2130

**Numbers Within EPA Region 4  
(Includes Florida)****L-1. General Information for Region 4**

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
61 Forsyth St SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(800) 241-1754  
(Written questions may be sent to this address)

**L-2. Hazardous Waste Compliance Section**

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
RCRA Enforcement, Tenth Floor  
61 Forsyth St SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
(404) 562-8579  
Supervising compliance with RCRA and  
resolving citizen problems dealing with  
hazardous waste management

**L-3. Groundwater Section**

Dealing with Groundwater Pollution, including  
violations of SDWA  
(404) 562-9424

**L-4. Emergency Superfund Branch**

Handling response to spills and other  
CERCLA/RCRA issues  
(800) 424-9346 (National EPCRA Hotline)  
(404) 562-8700 for spills

**L-5. Clean Water Act Facilities and  
Performance**

Branch/Compliance Section  
Dealing with compliance to Clean Water Act  
(404) 562-9345

Water Permit and Enforcement Section  
Permitting: (404) 562-9304  
Enforcement: (404) 562-9770

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