

2021 Handbook of Florida Water Regulation: Appendix¹

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Preface

This handbook is designed to provide an accurate, current, and authoritative summary of the principal federal and state (Florida) laws that directly or indirectly relate to agriculture. This handbook provides a basic overview of the many rights and responsibilities that farmers and farmland owners have under both federal and state 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decisions on which this handbook is based are subject to constant revision, portions of this publication could become outdated at any time. Several details of cited laws are also left out due to space limitations. This handbook is provided as an educational text for those interested in water use and water resource issues in Florida.

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List of Acronyms

The following is a list of acronyms for the Handbook of Florida Water Regulation (FE579 – FE617, FE1017—FE1019)

ACE—United States Army Corp of Engineers

BMAP—Basin Management Action Plan

BMP—Best Management Practice

BRA—Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Act

CAFO—Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

CERCLA—Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (or Superfund)

CERP—Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Program

CWA—Clean Water Act

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EAA—Everglades Agricultural Area	FSHMERC—Florida State Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Commission
ECP—Everglades Construction Project	FQPA—Food Quality Protection Act
EPA—Environmental Protection Agency	FWMD—Florida Water Management Districts
EPCRA—Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	FWPCA—Federal Water Pollution Control Act
ERC—Environmental Regulation Commission	FWRA—Florida Watershed Restoration Act
ESA—Endangered Species Act	HRS—Hazard Ranking System
FAC—Florida Administrative Code	IPM—Integrated Pest Management
FARMS—Facilitating Agricultural Resource Management Systems	LEPC—Local Emergency Planning Committee
FAWPCA—Florida Air and Water Pollution Control Act	LOWCP—Lake Okeechobee Watershed Construction Project
FCPTF—Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund	MSSW—Management and Storage of Surface Waters
FDACS—Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	NEEPP—Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program
FDEM—Florida Division of Emergency Management	NEPA—National Environmental Policy Act
FDEP—Florida Department of Environmental Protection	NIOSH—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
FDOH—Florida Department of Health	NPDES—National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
FEFA—Florida Everglades Forever Act	NRCS—Natural Resources Conservation Service
FEPCRA—Florida Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	OAWP—Office of Agricultural Water Policy
FFWCC—Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	OFS—Outstanding Florida Springs
FIFRA—Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act	OSTDS—Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System
FLOPP—Florida Lake Okeechobee Protection Plan	PIR—Project Implementation Report
FPDPCA—Florida Pollution Discharge Prevention and Control Act	PRC—Pesticide Review Council
FPL—Florida Pesticide Law	RCRA—Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
FRTFA—Florida Right-To-Farm Act	SARA—Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
FSAPA—Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act	SCS—Soil Conservation Service
	SDWA—Safe Drinking Water Act
	SERC—State Emergency Response Commission

SFWMD—South Florida Water Management District

SQG—Small Quantity Generator

STA—Stormwater Treatment Areas

SWCD—Soil and Water Conservation District

SWIM—Surface Water Improvement Management

TCNS—Taylor Creek/Nubbin Slough Reservoir and Treatment Area Project

TMDL—Total Maximum Daily Loads

TSCA—Toxic Substances Control Act

UIC—Underground Injection Control

USDA—United States Department of Agriculture

WMD—Water Management District

WPS—Watershed Protection Section

WQS—Water Quality Standards

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