



Turbidity Criterion

Paragraph 62-302.530(70)(b), F.A.C.

- **For corals, hardbottom and worm rock communities**

Turbidity shall not be increased above background conditions within the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area, Biscayne Bay National Park, Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary excluding canals, and Dry Tortugas National Park, as shown on the map titled “Florida Reef Tract”, July 2019, which is incorporated by reference herein, or other areas of the state where coral reef and hardbottom communities are currently found. For the purposes of evaluating this criterion, background conditions shall take into account the natural variability of turbidity levels and shall be established following the methods described in the document Implementation of the Turbidity Criterion for the Protection of Coral Reef and Hardbottom Communities, dated September 2019, which is incorporated by reference. Note: criterion only applies within predominately marine Class II and III waters.