

Summary

We support this more protective standard to protect our sensitive marine environments, along with human health, and we thank FDEP staff for their time and careful attention to this matter, including the public meetings, the inclusion and careful consideration of comments during the public meeting and comment period, and the modifications made to the calculation of turbidity background levels, the compliance samples, and water column variations.

However, we also strongly recommend that the Department considers our recommendations in a much-needed effort to reverse the ongoing degradation of Florida’s waterways. Comprehensive reform is critical to sustainably address fertilizer, sewage and manure pollution and to reduce toxic blue green algae. Floridians deserve clean water.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this additional feedback.

Sincerely,

Waterkeepers Florida

