

Given all this demonstrated importance of the Okefenokee Swamp to Florida:

- **Why do the draft permits not address actual and potential effects of the mine on Florida?**
- **Will GA-EPD require the miners to address actual and potential effects of the mine on Florida?**

## **Conclusion**

I respectfully ask GA-EPD to address all of the above boldfaced and bulleted questions.

I further ask GA-EPD not to issue the permits until all such questions are addressed satisfactorily.

I further request GA-EPD to reject the permit applications.

The Okefenokee Swamp and the ONWR are too important to risk by mining for TiO<sub>2</sub> for whiteners.

For the rivers and the aquifer,

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