





# FOCUS ON CHANGE 2024 CENTRAL DISTRICT DRINKING WATER UPDATE

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



## Presentation agenda:

- Inspections.
  - Common deficiencies.
- Sampling compliance.
  - Report review.
  - Lab documentation.
- Report submittal.
- Compliance and enforcement.
- CCR due dates.
- When to contact us.



# SANITARY SURVEY INSPECTIONS

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# INSPECTIONS – WHAT TO EXPECT

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### Before the Inspection:

- Systems will be contacted by the inspector to arrange an inspection date.

### After the Inspection:

- DEP Inspector will email a list of deficiencies.
- Response is needed within 14 days, indicating corrective action completed or timeframe.

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# INSPECTIONS – REQUIREMENTS

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- Logbook must be properly filled out for each operator visit.
- Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual onsite.
- Monthly Operation Reports (MORs) submitted to DEP on time.
- Threaded taps must have Vacuum Breakers (VBs).
- Plant components must be free of corrosion.
- Sanitary seals – no gaps/opening, also ensure gaps at electrical conduit sealed.
- Flow meter calibration verification – every 5 years.
- Tank inspection reports.

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# INSPECTIONS – COMMON DEFICIENCIES

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### Finished water tank inspection:

- Required if a 11"x15" manhole is present in the tank.
- Inspection of finished water tanks is required every 5 years.
- Must be performed by a Florida licensed professional engineer.
- Provide a tank inspection report that is signed and sealed by a Florida-registered professional engineer to DEP.



**Hydropneumatic tank failure**



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# SAMPLING COMPLIANCE – REPORT REVIEW

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### Review the results when received from labs:

- Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) and Regulation Detection Limits (RDLs) are listed under 62-550 Florida Administrative Code, available through <https://www.flrules.org/>.

### Qualifiers:

- J qualifiers – submit QAQC results with report.
- Contact your inspector to determine if result will be accepted.
  - Excluding U or I qualifiers.

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# SAMPLING COMPLIANCE – DOCUMENTATION

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- Lab reports may omit information about the analysis that DEP needs to accept the results.
  - For example, explanations for certain qualifier codes.
- We may contact the lab to speak with the lab manager directly. However, not all labs will speak with DEP without your permission.
- If we cannot obtain the needed information, your results may be rejected.

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### Central District

**Email:** [DEP\\_CD@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:DEP_CD@FloridaDEP.gov)

**Mail:** 3319 Maguire Blvd., Ste 232,  
Orlando, FL 32803

Reports due by the  
**10<sup>th</sup> of the month**  
following the month of sampling  
*or*  
10 days within receipt of results,  
whichever is *sooner*



# COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

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# HOW DEP CAN ASSIST

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### Compliance Assistance Offer (CAO):

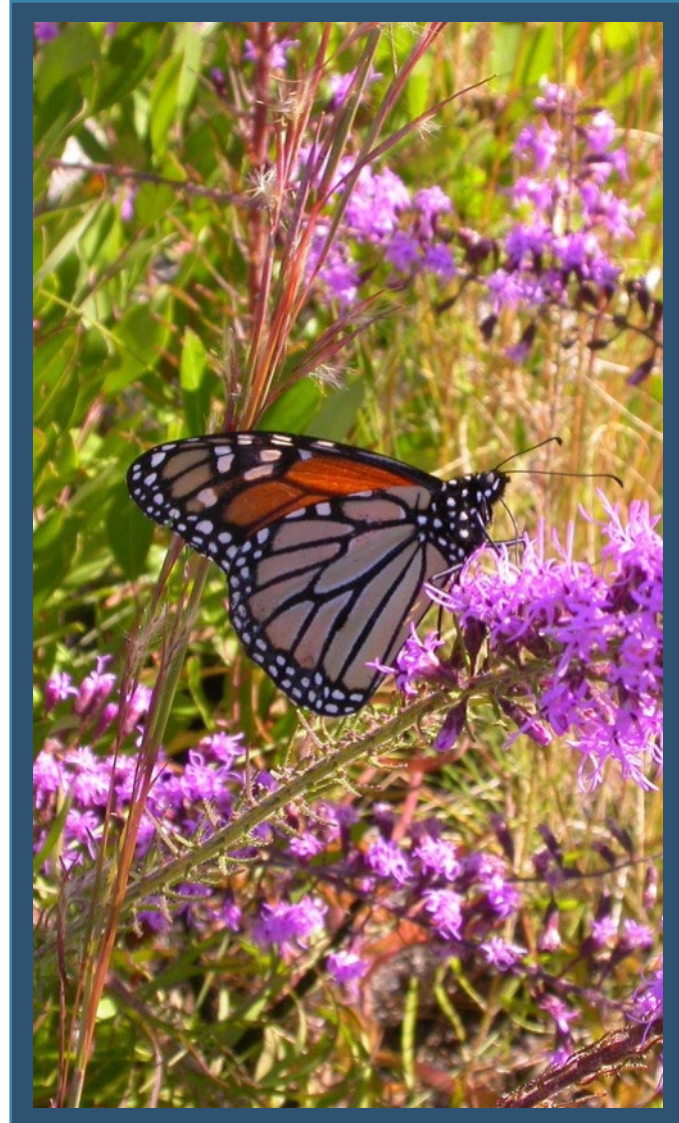
- May be issued after violations occur or deficiencies are observed.
- May be verbal and/or written.
- A written response to a CAO is needed.

### Warning Letters:

- Precursor to enforcement action.
- Provide prompt response to schedule a meeting with the Department.

### Enforcement Actions:

- Consent orders.
- Short form consent orders.
- Long form consent orders.
- Notice of violations.





# CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS (CCRs)

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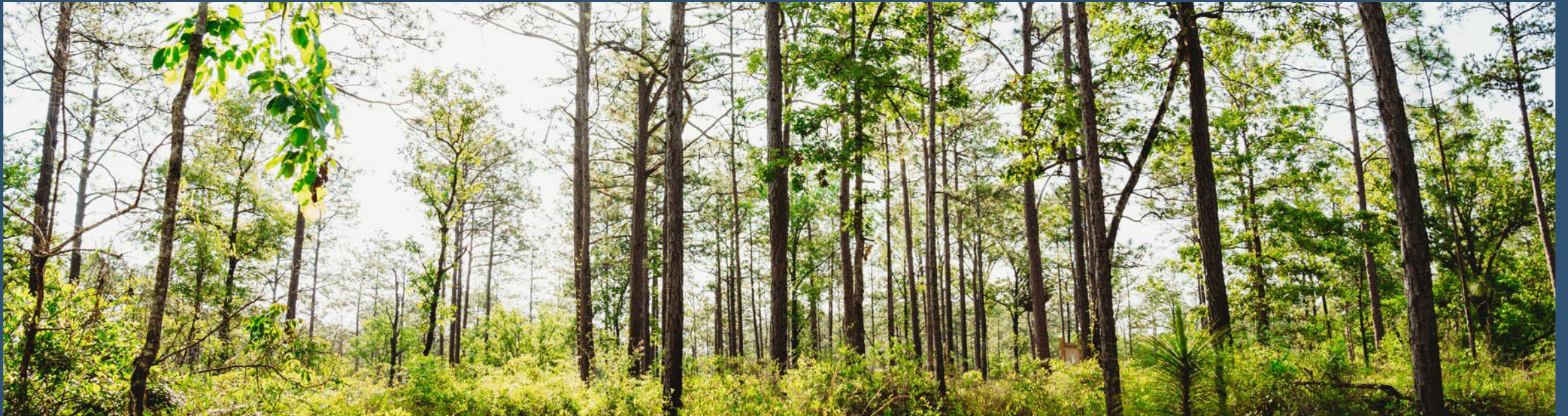
# CCRs – DUE DATES

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**April 1:** Bulk sellers of water system must provide data to the system and submit the Certification of Delivery (COD) of Consumer Confidence Information to Supplied Systems, DEP Form 62-555.900(21).

**July 1:** CCRs must be distributed to customers and the Central District.

**August 10:** COD, DEP Form 62-555.900(19) must be submitted to Central District.

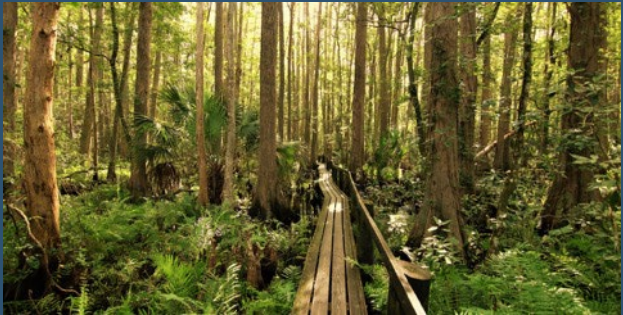






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### Ownership changes:

- We can send an update form to complete and return.

### Food license paperwork:

- New food service license from Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR).
- Their form requires the regulator to certify the drinking water is acceptable. Any out of compliance issues must be resolved before we will sign.



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### **Positive bacteriological results:**

- Best to contact DEP to ensure repeat sampling is conducted correctly.

### **Boil water events:**

- Contact DEP with questions about notification, sampling, and rescission.

### **Post hurricane communication:**

- If you have an emergency, call the Central District main number 407-897-4100 and ask for a drinking water inspector.



# THANK YOU

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