



Focus on Change: South District Update

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Presentation Agenda

- Meet Your South District Staff.
- DEP as a Resource.
 - Compliance Assistance.
 - Wastewater Operators Workshop.
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows Refresher.
 - Reporting Requirements.
- Quiz!





Meet Your South District Staff

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Meet Your South District Staff

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DEP as a Resource

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Compliance Assistance

DEP offers complimentary compliance assistance

Requesting Compliance Assistance:

- Upon request, DEP staff can review a facility's requested area(s) of concern.
 - Including on-site infrastructure, record keeping requirements, and DMRs.
 - Results of that review will be sent in a letter or electronically with the findings. Corrective Actions or follow-up to the correspondence are not required.
 - A simple and effective tool to prepare for future inspections and maintain good compliance standing.





Compliance Assistance

HELPFUL TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE WASTEWATER DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT (DMR)

Wastewater Compliance Enforcement Program

This document provides helpful tips for completing
discharge monitoring reports for wastewater
treatment facilities.

July 2020
(850) 245-8567

Reach out to your local district office for DMR assistance.

Requesting a DMR assistance meeting:

- DEP Staff can set a meeting either virtually or in-person depending on your preference.
 - Clarify DMR expectations as outlined in the department's Helpful Tips guidance document.
 - MDL and PQL considerations, average calculations, data qualifiers, codes, etc.
- Walk you through completing your DMR and properly transferring lab data.



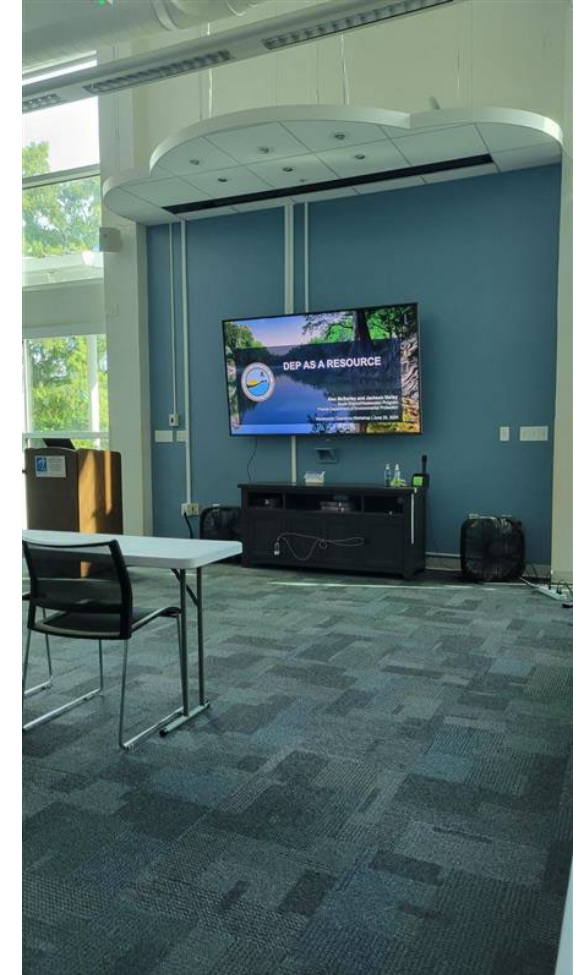
2025 Annual Wastewater Operators Workshop

Join us for the upcoming 2025 Annual Wastewater Operators Workshop!

- The workshop will provide information on a variety of topics relating to daily domestic wastewater facility operations.
- You can receive 0.4 CEUs for fully attending.

When and where:

- August 12th – Highlands County
 - UF/IFAS Highlands Extension Office – Bert J. Harris Agricultural Center
- August 14th – Sarasota County
 - UF/IFAS Sarasota Extension Office – Twin Lakes Park
- TBD – Lee County
 - Venue to be determined.
- Look out for future email updates and sign-up information!





Sanitary Sewer Overflows Refresher

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Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

The Department has developed guidance on how SSOs are addressed statewide, which was implemented July 1, 2019.

According to the guidance each incident is rated, and the appropriate following document is either filed or issued:

- Memo-to-File.
- Compliance Assistance Offer Letter (CAOL).
- Warning Letter (WL).

SSOs can be rated based on the following:

- Amount Spilled and Amount Recovered.
- Spill Characteristic
- Chronic Conditions
 - Two or more spills in a 12-month period from the same location.
 - More than six spills per 100 miles of collection system piping.
- Surface water Impacts





Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

DEP Business Portal Submission

SSOs/Unauthorized discharges can be reported through the DEP Business Portal.

Submitting through the DEP Portal notifies the appropriate District Office, populates a Public Notice of Pollution (PNP), and notifies Department of Health (DOH) if the spill was within one mile of healthy beaches monitoring location.

Waterbodies are auto-populated if needed for reporting. Additionally, the Department's Map Direct Gallery (DWRM Domestic Wastewater Facility Regulation Map) can be used to help identify the Class of waterbody affected.

Submittal through the DEP Portal does **not** relieve users of the responsibility to call the State Watch Office (SWO).

<https://www.fldepportal.com/DepPortal/go/home>

[https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/#Division%20of%20Water%20Resource%20Management%20\(DWRM\)](https://ca.dep.state.fl.us/mapdirect/#Division%20of%20Water%20Resource%20Management%20(DWRM))




Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Reporting Requirements

62-604.550, F.A.C., details the requirements for reporting SSOs:

- Within 24 hours of discovery, notify the department that an SSO has occurred.
 - For spills >1,000 gallons or where public health or the environment will be endangered, contact the SWO.
 - For spills <1,000 gallons and where public health or the environment will not be endangered, contact your local district office.
- Submit a Public Notice of Pollution if you were required to contact the SWO.
- Submit a written abnormal event report within 5 days of discovery to your local district office.



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POLLUTION NOTICE
Enterprise Solutions

You are submitting a Public Notice of Pollution in accordance with [§403.077, F.S.](#), which is intended to prevent harm to human health, welfare, or property by assisting the control of pollution. This rule specifies that "reportable releases" are required to be reported to the Department. Please be aware that while submission of a Notice through this website complies with the requirements of [§403.077, F.S.](#), it does not relieve you of any obligation to report to the State Watch Office or other authority required by your permit or state law. If this is a new Incident and is a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO), please use the [DEP Business Portal](#) (Select Submit, then Report) to report this Incident. For all other new Incidents, please select "Initial Notice" and click Submit below. If you have already received a DEP Incident ID from either this system or the Sanitary Sewer Overflow submission process, please select "Updated Notice of Pollution", enter the DEP Incident ID, and click Submit. For new Incidents, please select "Initial Notice" and click Submit below.

Notice Type

Please select your Notice type below.

I am submitting an : ☐ Initial Notice of Pollution ☐ Updated Notice of Pollution

Submit



Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

PNP Reminder

If an SSO is reported to the State Watch Office (SWO), a public notice of pollution (PNP) is required by 403.077, F.S. and 62-604.550, F.A.C.

Public Notice of Pollutions may be filed in two ways:

- DEP's PNP web page at <https://floridadep.gov/pollutionnotice>.
- By reporting electronically using DEP's Business Portal at <https://www.fldepportal.com/go/> (via "Submit" followed by "Report" or "Registration/Notification").
 - This option also allows you to submit the required Abnormal Event Report.

If you call the SWO, please ensure a PNP is filed for your event.



Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)

Emergency Response Plan

Emergency Response Plan (ERP)/Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan SSORP) are to be updated annually 62.604, F.A.C

Your ERP/SSORP must contain, at a minimum, the following:

- Assessment of system security including cybersecurity.
- Water quality monitoring for sanitary sewer overflows affecting surface waters.
 - Adequately describe how waterbodies classes are identified and what parameters are sampled. Parameters should correspond to 62-302, F.A.C.
- Hurricane and severe storm preparedness and response.

Your local district office can assist if you have questions.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan



System Name: _____

GMS ID: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____



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