

Handbook of Florida Water Regulation: Contact Agencies¹

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Preface

This handbook is designed to provide an accurate, current, and authoritative summary of the principle Federal and Florida laws that directly or indirectly relate to agriculture. This handbook should provide a basic overview of the many rights and responsibilities that farmers and farmland owners have under both Federal and Florida laws as well as the appropriate contact information to obtain more detailed information. However, the reader should be aware that because the laws, administrative rulings, and court decisions on which this handbook is based are subject to constant revision, portions of this publication could become outdated at anytime. Several details of cited laws are also left out due to space limitations.

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Florida Agencies

S-1. Florida Water Management Districts

Southwest Florida Water Management District
2379 Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34609
(352)796-7211

South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road
Post Office Box 24680

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West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680
(561) 686-8800

St. Johns River Water Management District
4049 Reid Street (Highway 100 West)
Post Office Box 1429
Palatka, FL 32178
(386) 329-4500

Suwannee River Water Management District
9225 County Road 49
Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 362-1001

Northwest Florida Water Management
District
81 Water Management Drive
Havana, FL 32333-4712
(850) 539-5999

S-2. Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Florida Department of Environmental
Protection
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
(850) 245-2011

Division of Administrative Services
3900 Commonwealth Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
(850) 245-2307

Division of Air Resources Management
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400
(850) 488-0114

Division of Environmental Resource Permitting
2600 Blairstone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400
(850) 245-8474

Division of Waste Management
2600 Blairstone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4500
(850) 245-8705

Division of Water Resource Management
2600 Blairstone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000
(850) 245-8336

S-3. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Commission
101 Marathon Building
2574 Seagate Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301-1600
(850) 488-4676

S-4. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Florida Department of Agriculture and
Consumer Services
The Capitol, Plaza Level Ten
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0800
Toll free (800) 435-7352
(850) 488-3022

Division of Standards
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite E
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
(850) 488-0645

Division of Forestry
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite J
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
(850) 488-4274

Division of Agriculture and Environmental
Services
3125 Conner Boulevard, Suite F
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
(850) 488-3731

Division of Administration
1203 Governors Square Blvd, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 488-6249

Office of Agricultural Water Policy
1203 Governors Square Blvd, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 488-6249

S-5. Florida Department of Health

Florida Department of Health Bureau of Onsite
Sewage Programs
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Suite 240
Building 4042 (Bin#A08)
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1713
(850) 245-4070
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/ostds/>

**S-6. Florida Department of Labor and
Employment Security**

The Florida Department of Labor and Employment
Security was abolished effective June 30, 2002, and
its divisions/units have been transitioned to other
Agencies. For further information about the
transition and contact numbers for the receiving
Agencies, please go online to
<http://www2.myflorida.com/les>

**S-7. Florida Department of Community
Affairs**

Florida Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 488-2356

**S-8. Florida State Emergency Response
Commission / State Hazardous Materials
Emergency Response Commission**

Florida State Emergency Response Commission
Florida State Hazardous Materials Emergency
Response Commission
2555 Shumard Oak Blvd
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100
Toll free (800) 635-7179

**EPA National Offices and Telephone
Numbers****F-1. Safe Drinking Water Hotline**

Provides information on EPA drinking water
regulations and programs
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, EST
Toll free (800) 426-4791

F-2. RCRA/CERCLA (Superfund) Hotline

Provides information on RCRA and CERCLA
and responds to document requests

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, EST
Toll free (800) 424-9346

**F-3. Emergency Planning and Community
Right-to-Know (EPCRA)**

Provides information about planning and
preparation involving accidental releases of toxic
chemicals
Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, EST
Toll free (800) 424-9346

F-4. TSCA Assistance Information Service

Provides information about toxic substances and
compliance with TSCA regulations, and
supplies publications and other materials to aid
in compliance
Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, EST
(202) 554-1404

F-5. National Pesticide Institution Network

Provides information on pesticides and pesticide
poisonings
24 hours a day, 365 days a year
Toll free (800) 858-7378

**F-6. Florida Administrator of EPA Pesticide
Registration**

Bureau of Pesticides/Division of Inspection
Department of Agriculture and Consumer
Services
3125 Conner Blvd., Building 6
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650
(850) 487-2130

**Numbers Within EPA Region 4
(Includes Florida)****L-1. General Information for Region 4**

United States Environmental Protection Agency
61 Forsyth St SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(800) 241-1754
(Written questions may be sent to this address)

L-2. Hazardous Waste Compliance Section

United States Environmental Protection Agency
RCRA Enforcement, Tenth Floor
61 Forsyth St SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

(404) 562-8579

Supervising compliance with RCRA and resolving citizen problems dealing with hazardous waste management

L-3. Groundwater Section

Dealing with Groundwater Pollution, including violations of SDWA

(404) 562-9424

L-4. Emergency Superfund Branch

Handling response to spills and other CERCLA/RCRA issues

(800) 424-9346 (National EPCRA Hotline)

(404) 562-8700 for spills

L-5. Clean Water Act Facilities and Performance

Branch/Compliance Section

Dealing with compliance to Clean Water Act

(404) 562-9345

Water Permit and Enforcement Section

Permitting: (404) 562-9304

Enforcement: (404) 562-9770

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