

Section I

Notice of Development of Proposed Rules and Negotiated Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

RULE NO.: **RULE TITLE:**
 33-507.201 Substance Abuse Program Services - Determination of Need

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed amendment inserts a hyperlink regarding material incorporated by reference.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Substance abuse program services.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 397.754, 944.09, F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 397.754, 944.09, F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Office of the General Counsel, Attn: FDC Rule Correspondence, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, FDCRuleCorrespondence@fdc.myflorida.com. A copy of the preliminary draft may also be obtained using the following link: <https://www.fdc.myflorida.com/general-counsel/notices-of-rules>

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

Southwest Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: **RULE TITLE:**
 40D-8.624 Guidance and Minimum Levels for Lakes

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose is to amend Rule 40D-8.624 F.A.C., to revise minimum lake levels for Lakes Angelo and Denton in Highlands County. Minimum levels are used in the District’s permitting and resource management and development programs.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Guidance and Minimum Levels for Lakes

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 373.044, 373.113, 373.171 F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.036, 373.042, 373.0421, 373.086, 373.709 F.S.

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THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: SWFWMD Human Resources Office, (352)796-7211, ext. 4706; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4706 or email to ADACoordinator@swfwmd.state.fl.us. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: T.J. Venning, PWS, Senior Environmental Scientist, at (352)269-5980, or by email at tj.venning@swfwmd.state.fl.us.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

Section II

Proposed Rules

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

Medicaid

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| RULE NOS.: | RULE TITLES: |
| 59G-4.072 | Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Specialized |
| 59G-4.073 | Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Orthotic and Prosthetic |
| 59G-4.074 | Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Respiratory |
| 59G-4.075 | Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Wheelchairs, Hospital Beds, and Ambulatory Aids |
| 59G-4.076 | Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Continence, Ostomy, and Wound Care |
| 59G-4.077 | Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition |
| 59G-4.140 | Hospice Services |

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendments to each rule is to update the rule text.

SUMMARY: The amendments remove the sunset provision from the text of each rule pursuant to section 120.536(5), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee objection letter dated, July 17, 2025.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this will not have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has not been prepared by the Agency.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: A checklist was prepared by the Agency to determine the need for a SERC. Based on this information at the time of the analysis and pursuant to section 120.541, Florida Statutes, the rule will not require legislative ratification.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding a statement of estimated regulatory costs, or provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 409.919, 409.961 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 409.902, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973 FS.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FAR.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Kelsey Krueger via MedicaidRuleComments@ahca.myflorida.com or by phone (850)412-4003.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

59G-4.072 Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Specialized.

(1) through (2) No change.

~~(3) This rule is in effect for five years from its effective date.~~

Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973, History—New 1-10-24,___

59G-4.073 Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Orthotic and Prosthetic.

(1) through (2) No change.

~~(3) This rule is in effect for five years from its effective date.~~

Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973, History—New 1-10-24,___

59G-4.074 Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Respiratory.

(1) through (2) No change.

~~(3) This rule is in effect for five years from its effective date.~~

Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973, History—New 1-10-24,___

59G-4.075 Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Wheelchairs, Hospital Beds, and Ambulatory Aids.

(1) through (2) No change.

~~(3) This rule is in effect for five years from its effective date.~~

Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973, History—New 1-10-24,___

59G-4.076 Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Continence, Ostomy, and Wound Care.

(1) through (2) No change.

~~(3) This rule is in effect for five years from its effective date.~~

Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973, History—New 1-10-24,___

59G-4.077 Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Services: Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition.

(1) through (2) No change.

~~(3) This rule is in effect for five years from its effective date.~~

Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.902, 409.906, 409.907, 409.908, 409.912, 409.913, 409.973, History—New 1-10-24,___

59G-4.140 Hospice Services.

(1) through (2) No change.

~~(3) This rule is in effect for five years from its effective date.~~

Rulemaking Authority 409.919, 409.961 FS. Law Implemented 409.906, 409.908, 409.973 FS. History—New 1-1-87, Amended 10-9-90, 5-13-92, 10-8-92, Formerly 10C-7.0533, Amended 2-14-95, 12-27-95, 9-21-99, 8-4-04, 10-2-05, 8-27-06, 12-24-07, 6-2-16, 12-5-21,___

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Kelsey Krueger

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Shevaun L. Harris

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: March 3, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: November 24, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

| RULE NOS.: | RULE TITLES: |
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| 62-160.110 | Purpose, Scope and Applicability |
| 62-160.120 | Definitions and Standards |
| 62-160.210 | Approved Field Procedures |
| 62-160.220 | Approval of Alternative and Modified Field Procedures |
| 62-160.240 | Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements for Field Procedures |
| 62-160.300 | Laboratory Certification |
| 62-160.320 | Approved Laboratory Methods |
| 62-160.330 | Approval of Alternative and Modified Laboratory Methods |
| 62-160.340 | Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements for Laboratory Procedures |
| 62-160.400 | Sample Preservation and Holding Times |
| 62-160.600 | Research Field and Laboratory Procedures |
| 62-160.650 | Field and Laboratory Audits |
| 62-160.670 | Data Validation by the Department |
| 62-160.700 | Tables |
| 62-160.800 | Documents Incorporated by Reference |

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The Department is revising certain quality assurance requirements in Chapter 62-160, F.A.C. The proposed revisions: (1) update the field and laboratory Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), (2) address miscellaneous, minor revisions to various rules within the Chapter, and (3) generally provide for clarification and increased options for monitoring. Some of the proposed revisions for this Chapter are in response to the Department’s 2025 review of rules pursuant to Section 120.5435, Florida Statutes.

SUMMARY: The Department is revising Chapter 62-160, F.A.C., to: 1) update and revise definitions to be consistent with the use of terms throughout the Chapter, 2) expand procedures for continuous monitoring with field meters, 3) provide instructions for collection of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances samples, 4) provide additional options for field measurement of chlorine, transparency, and turbidity, 5) modify sampling proficiency requirements for bioassessment methods, 6) clarify conditions for use of field methods other than DEP SOPs or those required in Department rules, permits, contracts or orders, 7) add an option for alternative and modified field procedures to be used in place of a laboratory procedure, 8) add documentation requirements for field and laboratory activities, 9) add language to specify measures taken by the Department for failure of an audited body to provide applicable records to conduct field and laboratory audits, 10) clarify various data qualifier codes based on stakeholder input, 11) update several incorporated documents applicable to current revisions and referenced throughout this Chapter, and 12) make several updates to rule references and dates throughout this Chapter.

Other Rules Incorporating this Rule:

40E-61.200, 40E-61.250, 40E-61.280, 40E-63.102, 62-110.104, 62-302.300, 62-302.540, 62-303.200, 62-303.320, 62-303.330, 62-303.350, 62-303.420, 62-303.430, 62-303.460, 62-303.470, 62-307.200, 62-307.300, 62-330.411, 62-330.412, 62-344.400, 62-344.500, 62-4.020, 62-4.246, 62-520.600, 62-528.300, 62-550.550, 62-550.821, 62-555.315, 62-555.340, 62-555.350, 62-565.200, 62-565.500, 62-565.540, 62-565.655, 62-600.200, 62-610.320, 62-610.463, 62-610.472, 62-610.525, 62-610.568, 62-610.652, 62-610.865, 62-620.610, 62-620.620, 62-625.420, 62-625.600, 62-640.650, 62-673.320, 62-673.340, 62-701.200, 62-701.310, 62-701.330, 62-701.510, 62-709.530, 62-713.510, 62-737.200, 62-737.800, 62-780.220, 62-780.300, 62-780.600, 62-780.900.

Effects on Those Other Rules:

Other rules that incorporate Chapter 62-160, F.A.C., direct programs to adhere to quality assurance requirements, protocols for alternative method applications, and standard operating procedures within Chapter 62-160, F.A.C. Proposed revisions to Chapter 62-160, F.A.C., ensure optimal quality assurance within those other programs. Amendments to Chapter 62-160, F.A.C., in this Notice of Proposed Rule are not expected to have any significant impact on the other rules.

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COSTS AND LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION:

The Agency has determined that this rule will have an adverse impact on small business or likely increase directly or indirectly regulatory costs in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate within one year after the implementation of the rule. A SERC has been prepared by the Agency.

The SERC prepared by the Agency is accessible at <https://floridadep.gov/dear/water-quality-standards-program/content/revisions-chapter-62-160-fac-quality-assurance-and-dep>.

The Agency has determined that the proposed rule is not expected to require legislative ratification based on the statement of estimated regulatory costs or if no SERC is required, the information expressly relied upon and described herein: There will be an additional one-time cost of \$56,560 for field sampling entities and laboratories to purchase new or updated copyrighted documents that are incorporated by reference in Chapter 62-160, F.A.C., and an annual recurring cost of \$5,561 to meet new proficiency requirements for all entities that generate or submit bioassessment data to the Department. The sum of these costs is \$84,365 for the first five years.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 403.061, 403.0623, 403.0625, FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.803, 403.853, 403.863, FS.

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Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to contact DEP's Limited English Proficiency Coordinator at (850)245-2118 or LEP@FloridaDEP.gov within 10 days of publication of this notice . If you have a hearing or speech impairment, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, (800)955-8771 (TDD) or (800)955-8770 (voice).

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: DeAsia Armster, Environmental Consultant, Water Quality Standards Program, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 6511, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400; telephone (850)245-8429, email DeAsia.Armster@FloridaDEP.gov.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

62-160.110 Purpose, Scope and Applicability.

(1) through (3) No change.

(4) The provisions of this chapter shall take precedence over quality assurance requirements in any other Department rule except as otherwise specifically provided for elsewhere in this chapter. However, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent additional or more stringent requirements imposed by any specific contract, order, permit, or Title 62 rules. When used in this chapter, "contract" includes purchase requisitions and grants.

(5) No change.

(6) If specifically required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for activities conducted for or funded by the EPA, Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) shall be prepared in accordance with "EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plan Standard Plans, EPA CIO 2105-S-02.1, QA/R-5," which is incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(4), F.A.C. These QAPPs will be reviewed and approved by the appropriate EPA office or the Department, when delegated to the Department by EPA for specific activities.

(7) No change.

~~(8) All requirements specified in this chapter shall take effect on the date that this chapter is effective.~~ Quality assurance requirements in Department contracts, orders or permits issued or entered into prior to the effective date of this chapter shall remain in effect until such contracts, orders or permits are modified or renewed.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 1-1-91, Amended 2-4-93, 2-27-94, Formerly 17-160.110, Amended 3-24-96, 4-9-02, 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18,_____.

62-160.120 Definitions and Standards.

For purposes of this chapter:

(1) through (7) No change.

(8) "Department (DEP or FDEP)" is the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

(9) No change.

(10) "Department of Health (DOH) Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP)" is the state of Florida's environmental laboratory certification program, authorized by Section 381.00591, F.S., and recognized by the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Accreditation Council as an authority with responsibility and accountability for granting accreditation for specified fields of laboratory testing through Chapter 64E-1, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(15), F.A.C.

(11) No change.

(12) "Holding time" is the maximum storage time allowed between sample collection and sample preparation, between sample preparation and analysis, or between sample collection and analysis, as specified by regulatory requirements or by the field sample collection protocol or laboratory method.

(13) "Limited-use method" is an alternative or modified field or laboratory procedure that is approved by the Department for the collection or testing of environmental samples by a single field sampling organization or analytical laboratory for purposes specified in the scope of the approval (e.g., for specified analytes, facility or site locations or types, or sample matrices, such as effluent, groundwater, drinking water, fresh or marine surface waters, soils, sediments, or chemical wastes). A limited-use method that is validated and approved by the Department for a field sampling organization or analytical laboratory may not be used by another field sampling organization or analytical laboratory. The criteria for the validation and approval of a limited-use method are further outlined in subparts FA 2100 and FA 2200 of DEP SOP FA 1000, Regulatory Scope and Administrative Procedures for Use of DEP SOPs, which is incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)1., F.A.C., and outlined in

Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(5), F.A.C. Requirements for limited-use methods are further discussed in Rules 62-160.220 and 62-160.330, F.A.C., and must be met for Department approval.

(14) through (19) No change.

(20) “NELAP accreditation” is an accreditation status applied to a laboratory’s field(s) of testing upon satisfying all requirements for certification as provided in Chapter 64E-1, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(15), F.A.C.

(21) “Percent relative standard deviation (% RSD)” is a calculated measure of precision from results of replicate sample analyses. It is calculated as specified in Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01 (~~January 2017~~), ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(5) Rule 62-160.800, F.A.C.

(22) No change.

(23) “Practical quantitation limit (PQL)” is the lowest level of measurement that can be reliably achieved during routine laboratory operating conditions within specified limits of precision and accuracy. The value of the PQL shall be greater than the MDL value except when analytical quality control problems necessitate raising the MDL value equal to or above the PQL value for a specific sample, or when determination of the MDL is not appropriate for an analytical technique, as indicated below. A laboratory may determine and verify the PQL by any technically justifiable & scientifically sound method appropriate for the test, unless otherwise required by Department rule, contract, order, or permit. For Departmental use, if a laboratory fails to report a PQL, the PQL shall be calculated as four times the MDL, except for those tests where determination of the MDL is not appropriate for the analytical technique (e.g., biochemical oxygen demand, chlorophyll or microbiological tests). In such cases, the Department shall use all available information about the technique to determine the PQL. For the purposes of data usability evaluation, the DEP-defined PQL is equivalent to the Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) as defined in the 2016 TNI Standard Standards, ~~which are~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(3)(b), F.A.C.

(24) No change.

(25) “Quality assurance project plan (QAPP)” is a document required by the EPA for certain activities conducted for or funded by the EPA. The plan outlines the quality assurance criteria, as well as all protocols and quality control measures needed to meet the project data quality objectives. These plans are prepared in accordance with ~~“EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plan Standard Plans, EPA CIO 2105-S-02.1 QA/R-5,” (EPA/240/B-01/003 March 2001), which is~~ incorporated by reference in subsection

62-160.800(4), F.A.C. ~~These QAPPs are reviewed and approved by the appropriate EPA office or the Department, when delegated to the Department by EPA for specific activities.~~

(26) No change.

(27) “Relative percent difference (RPD)” is a calculated measure used to compare results from duplicate sample analyses. It is calculated as specified in Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01 (~~January 2017~~), ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(5) Rule 62-160.800, F.A.C.

(28) through (29) No change.

(30) “Spike” is an environmental or analyte-free quality control sample that has been fortified with a known chemical of interest, at a known concentration. The purpose of a spike is to determine the method recovery efficiency for the chemical of interest, at the fortified concentration level, in the particular environmental sample of interest or in the laboratory.

(31) “Statewide-use method” is a modified or alternative field or laboratory procedure or method that is submitted to and approved by the Department for the collection or testing of environmental samples by any field sampling organization or laboratory, as applicable, according to Rules 62-160.220 and 62-160.330, F.A.C. The criteria for the validation and approval of a statewide-use method are further outlined in subparts FA 2100 and FA 2200 of DEP SOP FA 1000, Regulatory Scope and Administrative Procedures for Use of DEP SOPs, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)1., F.A.C., and outlined in Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(5), F.A.C.

(32) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 1-1-91, Amended 2-4-93, 2-27-94, Formerly 17-160.120, Amended 3-24-96, 4-9-02, 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18,_____.

62-160.210 Approved Field Procedures.

(1) All persons that conduct or support field activities and field measurements shall follow the applicable procedures and requirements described in the DEP SOP collections titled Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, and Standard Operating Procedures for Selected Bioassessment Activities, DEP-SOP-003/11, ~~which are~~ incorporated by reference in paragraphs 62-160.800(1)(a) and 62-160.800(1)(c), F.A.C., respectively.

(2) No change.

(3) All persons that conduct or support activities for the determination of flow (discharge) in surface waters, including for purposes of computing water quantity, shall follow the

applicable procedures and requirements in Field Measurement of Stage, Surface Water Velocity, and Discharge (Flow) and Computations of Streamflow, DEP SOP FT 1800, which is incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)27., F.A.C. The requirements of this subsection shall apply to those waters meeting the definition of “surface waters” in Rule 62-302.200 ~~subsection 62-302.200(38)~~, F.A.C., and the definition of “waters” in Section 403.031(13), F.S.

(4) Any person that wishes to apply for approval of alternative or modified field procedures in place of the approved procedures other than those specified in Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C.; in place of field procedures specified or required in Department rules, contracts, orders, or permits; or in place of a laboratory procedure, shall follow the requirements provided in Rule 62-160.220, F.A.C.

(5) If field procedures for an activity are not specified in the DEP SOP collections titled Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, or Standard Operating Procedures for Selected Bioassessment Activities, DEP-SOP-003/11, incorporated by reference in paragraphs 62-160.800(1)(a) and (c), F.A.C., procedures specified or required in Department rules, permits, contracts, or orders shall be used, if applicable. If field procedures for an activity are not specified or required in Department rules, permits, contracts, or orders, and field procedures for an activity are not included in the DEP SOP collections, any method that satisfies data quality objectives established for the Department project may be used. *Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 1-1-91, Amended 2-4-93, 2-27-94, Formerly 17-160.210, Amended 3-24-96, 10-15-96, 4-9-02, 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18, ____.*

62-160.220 Approval of Alternative or and Modified Field Procedures.

(1) Any person ~~or entity~~ may apply for use of a field procedure in place of the approved procedures specified in the DEP SOP collection titled Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, that is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C.; ~~or~~ in place of field procedures that are specified or required in Department other rules, contracts, orders, or permits; or in place of a laboratory procedure of the Department. Any field procedure proposed for use in place of those specified in DEP-SOP-001/01; ~~or~~ specified or required in Department other rules, contracts, orders, or permits; or in place of a laboratory procedure of the Department must be approved by the Department prior to use, according to requirements as further

described in this rule (Rule 62-160.220, F.A.C.). Field procedures previously approved for use by a contract (~~including purchase requisitions~~), order, or permit issued or entered into by the Department shall remain approved while the contract, order, or permit remains ~~such documents remain~~ in effect. In such cases, the documentation that approved the use of the procedure must be retained for at least five years after expiration of the contract, order, or permit. Modified or alternative field procedures approved by the Department, but not specified in a contract, ~~purchase requisition~~, order, or permit issued by the Department shall remain approved indefinitely, unless revoked, as provided in subsection 62-160.220(9), F.A.C.

(2) Field procedures used in place of those specified in Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C.; ~~or~~ in place of field procedures specified or required by Department rules, contracts (~~including purchase requisitions~~), orders, or permits; or in place of a laboratory procedure are designated by the Department as alternative field procedures. Alternative field procedures cannot be approved for any of the following:

(a) The procedures in Aquatic Habitat Characterization, DEP SOP FT 3000, ~~including all parts and subparts therein, which are contained in DEP SOP 001/01, which is incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)31.~~ paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C.;

(b) The procedures in Biological Reconnaissance Field Method, DEP SOP BRN 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)1., F.A.C., Lake Vegetation Index Methods, DEP SOP LVI 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)2., F.A.C., and Stream Condition Index Methods, DEP SOP SCI 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)3. ~~including all parts and subparts therein, which are contained in DEP SOP-003/11, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(e)~~, F.A.C.; and,

(c) The procedures for sampling and the description of data quality objectives and criteria for data usability assessments for the Stream Condition Index (SCI) or a BioRecon determination, as discussed in Sampling and Use of the Stream Condition Index (SCI) for Assessing Flowing Waters: A Primer, DEP-SAS-001/11, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(2)(e), F.A.C., and the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI), as discussed in Sampling and Use of the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) for Assessing Lake Plant Communities in Florida: A Primer, DEP-SAS-002/11, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(2)(f), F.A.C.

(3) The Department defines a modification to a field procedure as any change that alters the scope, applicability, specifications, steps, performance criteria, or any other

requirements described in ~~a the~~ published procedure, and includes those changes described in subparts FA 2100 and FA 2210 of DEP SOP FA 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)1., F.A.C. subsection 62-160.220(4), F.A.C., below. A published procedure is a DEP SOP, a field procedure specified in another Department rule, ~~or~~ and other procedures in the scientific or technical literature. Modifications to field procedures are approved by the Department according to the following:

(a) No change.

(b) Except for those modifications described in paragraph 62-160.220(3)(a), F.A.C., above, the Department shall determine whether any modifications to a DEP SOP or to a field procedure specified in any other Department rule, contract, order, or permit, constitute an alternative field procedure, as described in subsections 62-160.220(2), and subparts FA 2100 and FA 2210 of DEP SOP FA 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)1., F.A.C. 62-160.220(4), F.A.C. The Department shall evaluate and approve or disapprove the request according to subsection 62-160.220(4), F.A.C.

(c) through (d) No change.

(4) A modified or alternative field procedure, as described in subsection 62-160.220(2) or 62-160.220(3), F.A.C., shall be evaluated and approved or disapproved by the Department according to the requirements in Regulatory Scope and Administrative Procedures for Use of DEP SOPs, subparts FA 2100 and FA 2200 of DEP SOP FA 1000, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)1., F.A.C. As further described in the DEP SOP subparts cited above, when evaluating or approving the proposed alternative field procedure, the Department shall consider the following factors and requirements for review of the proposed procedure:

(a) through (e) No change.

(5) through (7) No change.

(8) Any alternative or modified field procedure approved for statewide use shall be incorporated into updates of the Department's field sampling procedures in Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, (DEP-SOP-001/01), incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C. Alternative or modified field procedures approved for limited use shall not be incorporated into DEP-SOP-001/01.

(9) through (10) No change.

(11) Any person that wishes to use a field procedure in place of a laboratory procedure shall follow the requirements provided in this rule, Regulatory Scope and Administrative Procedures for Use of DEP SOPs, part FA 2000 of DEP SOP FA 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)1., F.A.C., and Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01, incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(5), F.A.C.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 1-1-91, Amended 2-4-93, Formerly 17-160.220, Amended 3-24-96, 10-15-96, 4-9-02, 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18, _____.

62-160.240 Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements for Field Procedures.

(1) The record keeping requirements for entities that conduct or support field activities and field measurements are specified in the DEP SOPs contained in the following collections: Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C., ~~including all parts and subparts of DEP SOP FD 1000, which is incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)3., and~~ Standard Operating Procedures for Selected Bioassessment Activities, DEP-SOP-003/11, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(c), F.A.C., ~~including all DEP SOPs, parts and subparts therein applicable to bioassessment field activities.~~ The specified records shall contain sufficient information to allow independent reconstruction of all activities related to generating data that are submitted to the Department. These records shall be kept by the generator of the records for a minimum of five years after the date of generation or completion of the records unless otherwise specified in a Department contract, order, permit or Title 62 rules.

(2) No change.

(3) When requested by the Department, the following field sampling information shall be provided to the Department for each site, facility, or site/facility ~~and~~ sampling location, as applicable:

(a) No change.

(b) Site or ~~and/or~~ facility locational information to include ~~(or as specified by the Department for indicated projects):~~

1. through 2. No change.

3. Datum – the horizontal reference for measuring locations on the Earth's surface, and

~~4. Spheroid—the ellipsoid used as a model for the surface of the Earth; and,~~

~~4.5. Geolocational collection information:~~

a. through d. No change.

~~e. Relationship of point to feature—the type of the feature for which the measurement is being made,~~

f. through g. renumbered e. through f. No change.

(c) Information about the collected samples:

1. through 7. No change.

8. Any additional information from the field documentation records specified in the DEP SOPs contained in the collections Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, and Standard Operating

Procedures for Selected Bioassessment Activities, DEP-SOP-003/11, which are incorporated by reference in paragraphs 62-160.800(1)(a) and 62-160.800(1)(c), F.A.C., respectively.

(d) Information about field measurement activities:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Any additional information from the field documentation records specified in the DEP SOPs contained in the collection Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C.

(e) Information about site conditions:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Any additional information from the field documentation records specified in the DEP SOPs contained in the collection Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01 ~~DEP-SOP-001/001/01~~, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C.

(f) through (g) No change.

(3) through (4) renumbered (4) through (5) No change.

~~(6)(5)~~ When data qualifiers are added through a validation or review process that is independent of the field reporting process, the reason for the addition, the date of the addition, and the person adding the qualifier(s) shall be included. These qualifiers shall be included in any documents that are summaries or re-published formats, as described in subsection ~~(5)~~ (4) above.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 4-9-02, Amended 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14,_____.

62-160.300 Laboratory Certification.

(1) Except as provided in subsections 62-160.300(2) through (8), F.A.C., all laboratories generating environmental data for submission to the Department or for use in Department-regulated or Department-sponsored activities shall hold certification from the Florida Department of Health, Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (DOH ELCP). Such certification shall be for all matrix/test method/analyte(s) combinations being measured. Notwithstanding the definition in Rule 62-160.120, F.A.C., and solely for purposes of this rule, “matrix” means ~~The matrix of a sample is defined to be~~ the condition under which the laboratory originally receives the sample, and shall be classified according to the Field of Accreditation Matrix groups defined by subsection 62-160.120(18), F.A.C.

(a) Certification shall be based on the matrix of the sample. ~~The matrix of a sample is defined to be the condition under which the laboratory originally receives the sample, and shall~~

~~be classified according to the Field of Accreditation Matrix groups defined by subsection 62-160.120(18), F.A.C.~~

(b) For laboratories reporting data for drinking water compliance, certification shall be for all matrix/test ~~matrix/test~~ method/analyte(s) combinations being reported.

(c) For the non-potable water matrix, laboratories shall apply for and receive DOH ELCP certification in at least one method for each analytical technology/analyte combination being measured. The Department will accept any of the combinations certified by the DOH ELCP, according to Rule 64E-1.102, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(15), F.A.C. dated 1-24-05.

1. through 3. No change.

(d) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) Laboratory certification by the DOH ELCP is not required for the following test procedures identified in subsections 62-550.550(1) and (2), F.A.C., when conducted by an operator licensed under Chapter 62-602, F.A.C., or by persons under the direct supervision of a licensed operator, for the purposes of drinking water compliance:

(a) through (o) No change.

(p) In cases where the Department has a specific field testing method standard operating procedure ~~(e.g., FT 1100 for pH,~~ in Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph ~~subparagraph~~ 62-160.800(1)(a)19, F.A.C.), the laboratory or authorized person, as described in Rule 62-550.550, F.A.C., shall follow the Department’s procedures. For all other analytes, a laboratory or authorized person, as described in Rule 62-550.550, F.A.C., shall only use test methods that are acceptable for drinking water compliance, as specified in Rule 62-550.550, F.A.C., and shall follow all requirements for calibration verification according to General Field Testing and Measurement, DEP SOP FT 1000 ~~in DEP-SOP-001/01, which is~~ incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)18., F.A.C.

(4) Certification by the DOH ELCP is not required when conducting the test procedures for the analytes listed in paragraphs 62-160.300(4)(a) through (h), F.A.C., because the Department’s ~~standard operating procedures (SOPs)~~ are more stringent than the corresponding laboratory test methods certified by DOH ELCP. When conducting these test procedures, laboratories shall follow the applicable DEP SOPs in Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, ~~(January 2017), which are~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C.

(a) through (h) No change.

(5) through (9) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.863 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416,

373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.803, 403.853, 403.863 FS. History—New 1-1-91, Amended 2-4-93, 2-27-94, Formerly 17-160.300, Amended 3-24-96, 4-9-02, 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18, _____.

62-160.320 Approved Laboratory Methods.

(1) Approved laboratory methods are specified in the Department's rules, contracts, orders or permits. When methods are specified by a Department rule, contract, order or permit, only those methods shall be used. For informational purposes, the Department maintains lists of methods, method compendiums and publication sources that have been recognized by the Department. When laboratory methods are not specified in Department rules, contracts, orders or permits, applicable methods from the list of recognized methods are approved, where the methods are determined by the Department to satisfy data quality objectives established for the Department project. However, these lists shall not supersede or limit the use of other methods that are required by contract, order, permit or Title 62 rules. Links for the lists of methods are posted on the Department's webpage at <https://floridadep.gov/dear/quality-assurance/content/analytical-method-source> http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/sas/qa/am_sources.htm. Additionally, the Environmental Protection Agency published updated lists of analytical methods in Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures, Final Rule, Federal Register, Vol. 77, No. 97, Friday, May 18, 2012, Rules and Regulations, pp. 29758–29846, which is incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(6), F.A.C.

(2) Except as specified in subsections (3) and (4) below, laboratories performing taxonomic identification for periphyton or benthic macroinvertebrates shall use the procedures in the following DEP SOPs, ~~which are contained in DEP SOP 002/01, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(b), F.A.C.:~~

(a) For taxonomic identification of periphyton, part LQ 7000 and subparts LQ 7100 through LQ 7140 in Laboratory Quality Control, DEP SOP LQ 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(b)2., shall be used, including part LQ 7000, and subparts LQ 7100 through LQ 7140;

(b) For taxonomic identification of benthic macroinvertebrates, part LQ 7000 and subparts LQ 7400 through LQ 7420 in Laboratory Quality Control, DEP SOP LQ 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(b)2., F.A.C., shall be used, including part LQ 7000, and subparts LQ 7400 through LQ 7420.

(3) Laboratories performing taxonomic identifications or calculations for the Stream Condition Index (SCI), the Lake Vegetation Index, or making a Biorecon determination shall use the procedures in the following DEP SOPs, ~~which are contained~~

~~in DEP SOP 003/11, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(c), F.A.C.:~~

(a) For the Stream Condition Index, Stream Condition Index Methods, DEP SOP SCI 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)3., F.A.C., shall be used (including part SCI 2000 and subparts SCI 2100 through SCI 2230);

(b) For the Lake Vegetation Index, Lake Vegetation Index Methods, DEP SOP LVI 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)2., F.A.C., shall be used (including part LVI 2000 and subparts LVI 2100 through LVI 2210);

(c) For the BioRecon determination, Biological Reconnaissance Field Method, DEP SOP BRN 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)1., F.A.C., shall be used (including part BRN 2000 and subparts BRN 2100 through BRN 2110).

(4) Additionally, laboratories or persons performing taxonomic identifications, calculations or data usability assessments for the Stream Condition Index (SCI), the Lake Vegetation Index, or a BioRecon determination shall follow the procedures and satisfy the data quality objectives discussed in Sampling and Use of the Stream Condition Index (SCI) for Assessing Flowing Waters: A Primer, DEP-SAS-001/11, and Sampling and Use of the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) for Assessing Lake Plant Communities in Florida: A Primer, DEP-SAS-002/11, which are incorporated by reference in paragraphs 62-160.800(2)(e) and 62-160.800(2)(f), F.A.C., respectively.

(5) Laboratories calculating the Lake Condition Index (LCI) shall use the procedures in Determination of Biological Indices, DEP SOP LT 7000, (including parts LT 7010, LT 7020, LT 7030, LT 7040, LT 7300 and LT 7900,) which are contained in DEP SOP 002/01, and incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(b)3., F.A.C.

(6) Laboratories calculating the Wetland Condition Indices (WCI) shall use the procedures in the following subparts of Determination of Biological Indices, DEP SOP LT 7000, part LT 7600, including all subparts as listed below, which are contained in DEP SOP 002/01, and incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(b)3., F.A.C.:

(a) through (b) No change.

(7) Laboratories analyzing for chlorophyll a shall use methods included in Applicability of Chlorophyll a Methods, DEP-SAS-002/10, incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(14), F.A.C., unless otherwise specified in a Department rule, contract, order, or permit.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 4-9-02, Amended 12-3-08, 7-30-14, _____.

62-160.330 Approval of Alternative or ~~and~~ Modified Laboratory Methods.

(1) No change.

(2) Laboratory methods used in place of those specified or required in Department rules, contracts (~~including purchase requisitions~~), orders, or permits are designated by the Department as alternative laboratory methods. Alternative laboratory methods that support a Department rule, contract, order, or permit must be approved by the Department prior to use. Alternative laboratory methods cannot be approved for the following:

(a) No change.

(b) The following methods from Determination of Biological Indices, DEP SOP LT 7000, ~~DEP SOP 002/01 (January 2017)~~, which incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(b)3., F.A.C., ~~including all subparts of the methods cited:~~

1. through 2. No change.

(c) The laboratory methods described in the Biological Reconnaissance Field Method, DEP SOP ~~SOPs~~ BRN 1000, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)1., F.A.C. (January 2017), Stream Condition Index Methods, DEP SOP SCI 1000 (January 2017), incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)3., F.A.C., and Lake Vegetation Index Methods, DEP SOP LVI 1000, (January 2017), including all applicable parts and subparts of the methods cited, which are contained in ~~DEP SOP 003/11, which is~~ incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)2. ~~paragraph 62-160.800(1)(c), F.A.C.~~

(3) No change.

(4) Validation documentation shall be submitted to the Department for all proposed alternative methods and for all proposed modified methods not pre-approved by the Department.

(a) No change.

(b) When validation documentation must be submitted to the Department, alternative laboratory methods and modifications to published laboratory methods shall be demonstrated as appropriate for use according to the requirements in Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01, which is incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(5), F.A.C. Alternative and modified methods shall be evaluated according to criteria for demonstrations of initial and ongoing performance as required by the original unmodified method or published alternative method. When laboratory certification is required according to Rule 62-160.300, F.A.C., applicable requirements for method validation and applicable initial and ongoing demonstrations of capability shall be performed as required in the applicable testing module of the 2016 TNI Standard, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(3)(b),

F.A.C. In addition, all applicable requirements for the use of non-standard methods, such as validation of methods, as discussed in Module 2 of the 2016 TNI Standard, incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(3)(b), F.A.C., shall be met for the use of any alternative or modified methods requiring laboratory certification.

(5) When evaluating or approving a proposed alternative or modified laboratory method, the Department shall consider the following factors and requirements for review of the proposed method, in addition to those factors and requirements described in Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01, incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(5), F.A.C.:

(a) through (e) No change.

(6) The submitted method validation documentation for an alternative laboratory method or modification of a published method shall be evaluated based on its intended use, and designated as either limited-use or statewide-use, if approved:

(a) No change.

(b) For statewide-use methods, the Department shall evaluate and approve the alternative or modified laboratory method for use by laboratories based on the information and data provided to the Department in support of the request for the alternative or modified method approval. Each application for statewide use will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Department. Approval for statewide use does not guarantee applicability of the procedure for all potential uses. The Department shall require the design of a collaborative study conducted by multiple independent laboratories to investigate the efficacy and robustness of the proposed statewide-use alternative or modified method for specified site or environmental conditions, sample types, sample matrices, waste streams, analytes, or other specifications applicable to the scope of approval requested, according to the following:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Further description and specifications for these studies are provided in Alternative and Modified Analytical Laboratory Methods, DEP-QA-001/01, which is incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(5), F.A.C.

(7) Research methods shall be submitted for review and approval according to the requirements provided in Rule 62-160.600, F.A.C. If a method is initially developed for research purposes but will subsequently be used for compliance or other regulatory activities, the method shall be submitted for review and approval according to requirements provided in this rule of Rule 62-160.330, F.A.C.

(8) through (11) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 4-9-02, Amended 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18,_____.

62-160.340 Record Keeping and Reporting Requirements for Laboratory Procedures.

(1) Laboratory record keeping requirements shall follow those specified by the DOH ELCP in Rule 64E-1.005, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(15), F.A.C., dated 1-24-05 and this chapter.

(a) through (d) No change.

(2) When requested by the Department, the laboratory shall provide to the Department any of the following records or copies of the records needed to reconstruct analyses, ~~such as:~~

(a) No change.

(b) Sample receipt, preparation and analysis information including:

1. through 3. No change.

4. Sample preparation information, if applicable, including method, date of sample preparation and time of sample preparation ~~if the holding time specified in Rule 62-160.400, F.A.C., is less than or equal to 72 hours;~~

5. Sample analysis information including analytical method, date of sample analysis, and time of sample analysis ~~if the holding time specified in Rule 62-160.400, F.A.C., is less than or equal to 72 hours;~~ and,

6. No change.

(c) No change.

(d) Laboratory quality control information, such as:

1. through 2. No change.

3. Information pertaining to replicate sample analysis including an unambiguous designation of the replicate sample (e.g., sample duplicate, sample matrix spike duplicate, or laboratory control spike duplicate); result of laboratory replicate analysis; replicate precision expressed in terms required by the reported method or as ~~rRelative pPercent dDifference or pPercent rRelative sStandard dDeviation (defined in DEP QA 001/01 (January 2017), which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C.);~~ and acceptance limits for controlling replicate precision (in-house control limits used by the data generator when control limits are not specified by the reported method or data quality objectives identified by the Department).

(e) through (j) No change.

(k) Field quality control results including trip blanks, field blanks, equipment blanks, and field replicates as required by individual DEP SOPs in Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a) ~~62-160.800(1)(c)~~, F.A.C., or the applicable contract, order, permit, or Title 62 rules;

(l) through (m) No change.

(n) Any additional records required in individual DEP SOPs in Standard Operating Procedures for Laboratory

Activities, DEP-SOP-002/01, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(b), F.A.C., ~~including DEP SOP LD 1000 and all parts and subparts of LD 1000 therein;~~ and, any additional records required in individual DEP SOPs in Standard Operating Procedures for Selected Bioassessment Activities, DEP-SOP-003/11, incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(c), F.A.C., ~~including all DEP SOP parts and subparts therein;~~ as applicable to the documentation of bioassessment activities.

(3) Except as noted in subsection (4) below, a laboratory shall generate an analytical report that meets the requirements of the DOH ELCP, as specified in Rule 64E-1.005, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(15), dated 1-24-05, and the 2016 TNI Standard, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(3)(b), F.A.C. The report shall contain all applicable reporting elements specified in and shall otherwise comply with requirements specified in Sections 5.10 through 5.10.11 of Module 2 of the 2016 TNI Standard, incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(3)(b), F.A.C. (Quality Systems General Requirements), and shall use the applicable qualifiers as defined in Table 1: Data Qualifier Codes (Rule 62-160.700, F.A.C.). In addition to the stated requirements, laboratories shall ensure that the following requirements are met or reported:

(a) through (c) No change.

(d) When the holding time for a preparation step is specified, the date and time of sample preparation shall be reported. ~~The time shall also be reported if the holding time for sample preparation is equal to or less than 72 hours.~~

(e) No change.

(4) Laboratories that are operated by a facility and whose sole function is to provide data to the facility management for compliance purposes (i.e., in-house or captive laboratories) as described in section 5.10.10 of Module 2 of the 2016 TNI Standard ~~(Quality Systems General Requirements), which is~~ incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(3)(b), F.A.C., shall meet the requirements specified in that standard.

(5) through (8) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 4-9-02, Amended 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18,_____.

62-160.400 Sample Preservation and Holding Times.

(1) Except as noted in subsection (2) below, or as otherwise provided in the rules of a specific Department program, sample preservation methods, container types and holding times shall follow those requirements specified in ~~DEP SOP 001/01 (January 2017),~~ part FS 1006 in General Sampling Procedures, DEP SOP FS 1000, ~~which is~~ incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)6. ~~Rule 62-160.800,~~ F.A.C.

(2) Sample preservation procedures, container material and maximum allowable holding times for analytes not specified in Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(1)(a), F.A.C., (January 2017) shall follow the preservation, container and holding time requirements specified in the selected analytical method. If no method-specified requirements exist, the best available scientific knowledge shall be used as guidance for determining the appropriate procedures for use.

(3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 1-1-91, Amended 2-4-93, Formerly 17-160.400, Amended 3-24-96, 10-15-96, 4-9-02, 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 4-16-18,_____.

62-160.600 Research Field and Laboratory Procedures.

(1) through (2) No change.

(3) All research field sampling and laboratory procedures shall be described in a Department-approved work or study plan or in direct contract language. The following minimum elements shall be addressed, as applicable:

(a) through (e) No change.

(f) Identification of any specialized training or certification needed by personnel in order to successfully complete the project or task. ~~This requirement includes specifying any laboratory certification requirements as provided in Rule 62-160.300, F.A.C. However, the Department project manager may waive the requirement for laboratory certification as provided in paragraph 62-160.300(5)(c), F.A.C.~~

(g) through (h) No change.

(4) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 1-1-91, Amended 2-4-93, Formerly 17-160.600, Amended 3-24-96, 10-15-96, 4-9-02, 7-30-14, 4-16-18,_____.

62-160.650 Field and Laboratory Audits.

(1) The Department and agencies or individuals with delegated authority from the Department shall conduct audits of field and laboratory procedures or and/or records to determine if approved protocols are being followed as required and to ensure data are being generated in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

(2) An audit shall consist of one or more of the following:

(a) An on-site assessment of field sampling or and/or laboratory procedures;

(b) A review, assessment, or and/or validation of data associated with a Department program activity;

(c) The submission of performance samples (e.g., blind, split, ~~or and/or~~ performance check samples) to an organization for subsequent use in the evaluation of that organization's technical performance associated with a specific Department project or program activity; or

(d) No change.

(3) ~~When requested by the Department Upon request,~~ the audited field sampling organization, individual consultant, or responding party shall provide copies of all applicable records as specified in Rule 62-160.240, F.A.C. ~~Information Sufficient information shall be provided~~ to enable the auditor to independently reconstruct all field procedures related to the project ~~shall be provided. Failure to provide requested records within six months after receipt of the Department's request shall result in a recommendation that affected Department programs not use data produced by the audited party.~~

(4) ~~When requested by the Department Upon request,~~ the audited laboratory, individual consultant, or responding party shall provide copies of those applicable records as specified in Rule 62-160.340, F.A.C. ~~Information Sufficient information shall be provided~~ to enable the auditor to independently reconstruct all laboratory procedures related to the project ~~shall be provided. Failure to provide requested records within six months after receipt of the Department's request shall result in a recommendation that affected Department programs not use data produced by the audited party.~~

(5) through (7) No change.

(8) The requirements in subsections 62-160.650(4) through 62-160.650(7), F.A.C., shall not apply to field proficiency audits of organizations or persons conducting field bioassessment procedures according to Biological Reconnaissance Field Method, DEP SOP SOPs BRN 1000, Lake Vegetation Index Methods, DEP SOP LVI 1000, Stream Condition Index Methods, DEP SOP SCI 1000, subpart FS 7460 in General Biological Community Sampling, DEP SOP FS 7000, or Aquatic Habitat Characterization, DEP SOP FT 3000, which are incorporated by reference in subparagraphs 62-160.800(1)(c)1.-3., 62-160.800(1)(a)16., and ~~62-160.800(1)(a)31. 62-160.800(1)(a)30.,~~ F.A.C., respectively. However, subsections 62-160.650(4) through 62-160.650(7), F.A.C., shall apply to audits of laboratory macroinvertebrate taxonomy procedures and documentation.

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 1-1-91, Formerly 17-160.650, Amended 3-24-96, 4-9-02, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18,_____.

62-160.670 Data Validation by the Department.

(1) All data generated for Department activities are subject to data verification and data validation to determine if the data

are suitable and usable for a specified purpose. Data shall be verified and validated based on the assessment of the following:

(a) through (i) No change.

(j) Status of the laboratory’s certification through the DOH ELCP as provided in Chapter 64E-1, F.A.C., incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(15), F.A.C., for any given analyte or category of analytes; and,

(k) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) In addition to subsection (2) above, the Department shall also evaluate data according to the following:

(a) The process outlined in the Department’s document “Department of Environmental Protection Process for Assessing Data Usability (DEP-EA-001/07),” dated ~~March 31, 2008~~, which is incorporated by reference in subsection 62-160.800(13) Rule 62-160.800, F.A.C.

(b) The description of data quality objectives and criteria for data usability assessments for the Stream Condition Index (SCI) or a BioRecon determination, as discussed in Sampling and Use of the Stream Condition Index (SCI) for Assessing Flowing Waters: A Primer, DEP-SAS-001/11, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(2)(e), F.A.C., and for the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI), as discussed in Sampling and Use of the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) for Assessing Lake Plant Communities in Florida: A Primer, DEP-SAS-002/11, which is incorporated by reference in paragraph 62-160.800(2)(f), F.A.C.

(4) No change.

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62-160.700 Tables.

The following table has been referenced in this chapter and is identified by this Title:

Table 1: Data Qualifier Codes.

**Table 1
DATA QUALIFIER CODES**

The following codes shall be used by laboratories ~~or~~ and/or field organizations when reporting sample data values that either meet the specified descriptions outlined below or do not meet the applicable quality control criteria specified for the laboratory or field result. Data qualifier codes listed in summary reports or other presentations comprising information that has been reformatted from original reports generated by field or laboratory organizations or individuals shall meet the requirements of subsections ~~62-160.240(5)~~ ~~62-160.240(4)~~ and 62-160.340(7), F.A.C. Data qualifier codes added to sample results during data review procedures conducted by

organizations or individuals other than the generators of original reports shall meet the requirements of subsections ~~62-160.240(6)~~ ~~62-160.240(5)~~ and 62-160.340(8), F.A.C. The Lab/Field designation in the “Applied By” column indicates whether the data qualifier code is applied by laboratory or field personnel.

| CODE | APPLIED BY | DEFINITION |
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| A | <u>Lab</u> | Value reported is the arithmetic mean (average) of two or more determinations. This code shall be used if the reported value is the average of results for two or more discrete and separate samples. These samples shall have been processed and analyzed independently. Do not use this code if the data are the result of replicate analysis on the same sample aliquot, extract or digestate (for example, for Stream Condition Index, biochemical oxygen demand or bacteriological analyses, or instrumental analyses such as Inductively Coupled Plasma). |
| B | <u>Lab</u> | Results based upon colony counts outside the acceptable range. This code applies to microbiological tests and specifically to membrane filter colony counts. The code is to be used if the colony count is generated from a plate in which the total number of coliform colonies is outside the method indicated ideal range. This code is not to be used if a 100 mL sample has been filtered and the colony count is less than the lower value of the ideal range. |
| <u>C</u> | <u>Field</u> | <u>Data were corrected for estimated effects of instrument drift or fouling. This code applies to continuously collected field testing data collected per part FT 1920 of Continuous Monitoring Meters, DEP SOP FT 1900, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)28., F.A.C.</u> |
| <u>D</u> | <u>Field</u> | <u>Measurement was made in the field (i.e., in situ). This code applies to any value (except field measurements of pH, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen, temperature, total residual chlorine, transparency, turbidity,</u> |

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| | | <u>salinity, or Secchi depth) that was obtained under field conditions using approved analytical methods.</u> |
| E | <u>Field</u> | <u>Indicates that extra samples were taken at composite stations.</u> |
| F | <u>Lab</u> | When reporting species: F indicates the female sex. |
| G | <u>Field</u> | <u>A “G” – qualified sample value indicates that the analyte was detected at or above the method detection limit in both the sample and the associated field blank, equipment blank, or trip blank, and the blank value was greater than 10% of the associated sample value. The value in the blank shall not be subtracted from associated samples.</u> |
| H | <u>Field</u> | Value based on field kit determination or unapproved field testing procedure used in place of a laboratory procedure; results may not be accurate. This code shall be used if a field screening test (e.g., field gas chromatograph data, immunoassay, or vendor-supplied field kit) or <u>probe</u> was used to generate the value and the field kit, <u>probe</u> , or method has not been recognized by the Department as equivalent to laboratory methods. |
| I | <u>Lab</u> | The reported value is greater than or equal to the laboratory method detection limit but less than the laboratory practical quantitation limit. |
| J | <u>Lab or Field</u> | Estimated value. A “J” – qualified sample value shall be accompanied by a detailed explanation to justify the reason(s) for designating the value as estimated. Where possible, the organization shall report whether the actual sample value is estimated to be less than or greater than the reported value, to assist data users in any evaluation of the usability of the sample value. A “J” data qualifier code shall not be used as a substitute for G, K, L, M, S, T, V, or Y; however, if additional reasons exist for identifying the value as an estimate (e.g., laboratory control spike or matrix spiked failed to meet acceptance criteria), the “J” code may be added to a G, K, L, M, T, U, V, or Y |

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| | | qualifier. The following are examples of when a “J” code must be reported: instances where a quality control item associated with the reported value failed to meet the established quality control criteria (the specific failure must be identified); instances when the sample matrix interfered with the ability to make any accurate determination; instances when data are questionable because of improper laboratory or field protocols (e.g., <u>sample bottle compromised in transit or container made of unapproved material, a guard is not properly attached to a field meter during continuous deployment composite sample was collected instead of a grab sample</u>); instances when the analyte was detected at or above the method detection limit in an analytical laboratory blank other than the method blank (such as a calibration blank) and, the blank value is greater than 10% of the associated sample value; or instances when the field or laboratory calibrations or calibration verifications did not meet calibration acceptance criteria, including quantitative or chronological bracketing requirements for field testing data or <u>instances of suspected sensor drift or fouling during continuous field meter deployment.</u> |
| K | <u>Lab</u> | Off-scale low. Actual value is known to be less than the value given. This code shall not be used for microbiological tests or for biochemical oxygen demand. This code shall not be used for field-testing measurements where quantitative bracketing is required. This code shall only be used for those tests using a calibration curve if: 1. The value is less than the lowest calibration standard and the calibration curve is known to be non-linear; or 2. The value is known to be less than the reported value based on sample size, dilution. This code shall not be used to report values that are less than the laboratory practical quantitation limit or |

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| | | laboratory method detection limit. |
| L | <u>Lab</u> | Off-scale high. Actual value is known to be greater than value given. This code shall not be used for microbiological tests or biochemical oxygen demand. This code shall not be used for field-testing measurements where quantitative bracketing is required. To be used when the concentration of the analyte is above the acceptable level for quantitation (exceeds the linear range or highest calibration standard) and the calibration curve is known to exhibit a negative deflection. |
| M | <u>Lab</u> | When reporting chemical analyses: presence of material is verified but not quantified; the actual value is less than the value given. The reported value shall be the laboratory practical quantitation limit. This code shall be used if the level is too low to permit accurate quantification, but the estimated concentration is greater than or equal to the method detection limit. If the value is less than the method detection limit use "T" below. |
| N | <u>Lab</u> | Presumptive evidence of presence of material. This qualifier shall be used if: 1. The component has been tentatively identified based on mass spectral library search; or 2. There is an indication that the analyte is present, but quality control requirements for confirmation were not met (i.e., presence of analyte was not confirmed by alternative procedures). |
| O | <u>Lab</u> | Sampled, but analysis lost or not performed. |
| Q | <u>Lab</u> | Sample held beyond the accepted holding time. This code shall be used if the value is derived from a sample that |

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| | | was prepared or analyzed after the maximum approved holding time restrictions for sample preparation or analysis. This code shall be reported with sample results calculated from two or more component analyses; if one or more component sample preparations or analyses were performed out of holding time. |
| R | <u>Field</u> | <u>Significant rain in the past 48 hours. (Significant rain typically involves rain in excess of 1/2 inch within the past 48 hours.) This code shall be used when the rainfall might contribute to a lower or higher than normal value.</u> |
| S | <u>Field</u> | <u>Secchi disk visible to bottom of waterbody. The value reported is the depth of the waterbody at the location of the Secchi disk measurement.</u> |
| T | <u>Lab</u> | Value reported is less than the laboratory method detection limit. The value is reported for informational purposes only and shall not be used in statistical analysis. <u>Use of the "T" qualifier is only acceptable under rare circumstances and only if requested by the client; it should not be used for routine reporting of results.</u> |
| U | <u>Lab</u> | Indicates that the compound was analyzed for but not detected. This symbol shall be used to indicate that the specified component was not detected. The value associated with the qualifier shall be the laboratory method detection limit. This code shall also be used to indicate the laboratory reporting limit, where applicable to the specific test, according to paragraph 62-160.340(3)(c), F.A.C. (e.g., biochemical oxygen demand, chlorophyll or microbiological tests). Unless requested by the client, values less than the method detection limit shall not be reported (see "T" above). |
| V | <u>Lab</u> | A "V" – qualified sample value indicates that the analyte was detected at or above the method detection limit in both the sample and the associated method blank and the blank value was greater than 10% of the associated |

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| | | sample value. The 10% criterion shall not apply to blank results for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) or microbiological tests. For BOD tests, the “V” code shall be used for all sample results where the associated method blank result exceeds the maximum blank DO depletion specified in the analytical method. For microbiological tests, the “V” code shall be used for all samples where <u>growth of the target organism is indicated in both the sample and the associated method blank indicates growth of the target organism.</u> Note: unless specified by the method, the value in the blank shall not be subtracted from associated samples. |
| X | <u>Lab</u> | Indicates, when reporting results from a Stream Condition Index <u>Analysis in accordance with DEP SOP (SCI 1000), incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(c)3., F.A.C.,</u> that insufficient individuals were present in the sample to achieve a minimum of 280 organisms for identification (the method calls for two aliquots of 140-160 organisms), suggesting either extreme environmental stress or a sampling error. |
| Y | <u>Lab</u> | The laboratory analysis was from an improperly preserved sample. The data may not be accurate. |
| Z | <u>Lab</u> | Too many colonies were present for accurate reporting <u>counting. Report this qualifier code and the dilution factor when: Historically, this condition has been reported as “too numerous to count” (TNTC). The “Z” qualifier code shall be reported when</u> <u>1. The total number of colonies of all types is more than 200 in all dilutions of the sample tested using a membrane filtration method filter technique.</u> When applicable to the observed test results, a numeric value for the colony count for the target microorganism tested may be estimated by a laboratory from the highest dilution factor (smallest sample volume) and the upper limit of the ideal |

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| | | colony count range indicated in the method used for the test, and reported with the qualifier code. Atypical, non-target, spreading colonies or other interferences may prevent estimation of typical target organism counts, and reporting a numerical result may not be possible. Report “No Result” along with the qualifier code when this condition is observed, or when more than 200 non-target colonies are observed. Additional comments such as “confluent growth” may be reported with the “Z” code. When required by Chapter 62-550, F.A.C., the samples with verified, positive colonies must be reported as detections. <u>2. Enzymatic substrate methods show a positive result for all wells of the tray in all dilutions of the sample tested. Result must be reported as the upper limit of the tray multiplied by the highest dilution tested with the “Z” qualifier code.</u> |
| ? | <u>Lab or Field</u> | Data are rejected and should not be used. <u>For a lab test, sSome or all of the quality control data for the analyte were outside criteria, and the presence or absence of the analyte cannot be determined from the data. For continuous monitoring with field meters, this qualifier may be used when the probe multifunctioned, was out of the water, or when the probe was otherwise not operating properly. A “?” – qualified sample value shall be accompanied by a detailed explanation to justify the reason(s) for designating the value as rejected.</u> |
| ! | <u>Lab or Field</u> | Data deviate from historically established concentration ranges. |
| * | <u>Lab</u> | Not reported due to interference. |

The following codes deal with certain aspects of field activities. The codes shall be used if the laboratory has knowledge of the specific sampling event. The codes shall be added by the organization collecting samples if they apply:

| CODE | DEFINITION |
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| D | Measurement was made in the field (i.e., in situ). This code applies to any value (except field measurements of pH, specific conductance, |

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| | dissolved oxygen, temperature, total residual chlorine, transparency, turbidity or salinity) that was obtained under field conditions using approved analytical methods. If the parameter code specifies a field measurement (e.g., "Field pH"), this code is not required. |
| E | Indicates that extra samples were taken at composite stations. |
| G | A "G" qualified sample value indicates that the analyte was detected at or above the method detection limit in both the sample and the associated field blank, equipment blank, or trip blank, and the blank value was greater than 10% of the associated sample value. The value in the blank shall not be subtracted from associated samples. |
| R | Significant rain in the past 48 hours. (Significant rain typically involves rain in excess of 1/2 inch within the past 48 hours.) This code shall be used when the rainfall might contribute to a lower or higher than normal value. |
| S | Secchi disk visible to bottom of waterbody. The value reported is the depth of the waterbody at the location of the Secchi disk measurement. |
| ‡ | Data deviate from historically established concentration ranges. |

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62-160.800 Documents Incorporated by Reference.

The following documents, collections and forms are incorporated herein by reference for use in complying with the requirements of this chapter. Except as otherwise indicated below, copies of incorporated documents and forms are available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or may be obtained from the Department's website at <https://floridadep.gov/dear/quality-assurance> ~~http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/sas/qa/~~, or by writing to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #6511, Tallahassee, Florida FL 32399-2400.

(1) Department of Environmental Protection Standard Operating Procedures (DEP SOPs) are organized into the three numbered collections designated below. The DEP SOPs contained in each collection are listed following the title and number of the indicated collection. References in this chapter to the alphanumeric designation for each individual DEP SOP

as listed below include reference to all parts, subparts and sections of the cited DEP SOP, unless otherwise cited in a specific rule.

(a) Standard Operating Procedures for Field Activities, DEP-SOP-001/01, effective date [Month Year] dated January 2017:

1. FA 1000, Regulatory Scope and Administrative Procedures for Use of DEP SOPs, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19286>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07948>);

2. FC 1000, Cleaning/Decontamination Procedures, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19287>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07949>);

3. FD 1000, Documentation Procedures, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19288>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07950>);

4. FM 1000, Field Planning and Mobilization, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19289>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07951>);

5. FQ 1000, Field Quality Control Requirements, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19290>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07952>);

6. FS 1000, General Sampling Procedures, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19291>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07953>);

7. FS 2000, General Aqueous Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19292>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07954>);

8. FS 2100, Surface Water Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19293>) dated January 2017

(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07955>);

9. FS 2200, Groundwater Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19294>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07956>);

10. FS 2300, Drinking Water Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19295>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07957>);

11. FS 2400, Wastewater Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19296>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07958>);

12. FS 3000, Soil Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19297>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07959>);

13. FS 4000, Sediment Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19298>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07960>);

14. FS 5000, Waste Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19299>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07961>);

15. FS 6000, General Biological Tissue Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19300>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07962>);

16. FS 7000, General Biological Community Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19301>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07963>);

17. FS 8100, Contaminated Surface Sampling, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19302>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07964>);

18. FS 8200, Clean Sampling for Ultratrace Metals in Surface Waters, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19303>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07965>);

19. FT 1000, General Field Testing and Measurement, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19304>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07966>);

20. FT 1100, Field Measurement of Hydrogen Ion Activity (pH), effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19305>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07967>);

21. FT 1200, Field Measurement of Specific Conductance and (Conductivity), effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19306>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07968>);

22. FT 1300, Field Measurement of Salinity, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19307>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07969>);

23. FT 1400, Field Measurement of Temperature, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19308>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07970>);

24. FT 1500, Field Measurement of Dissolved Oxygen, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19309>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07971>);

25. FT 1600, Field Measurement of Turbidity and Total Suspended Solids (TSS), effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19310>) dated January 2017 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07972>);

26. FT 1700, Field Measurement of Light Penetration (Secchi Depth and Transparency), effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19311>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07973>);

27. FT 1800, Field Measurement of Stage, Surface Water Velocity, and Discharge (Flow) and Computations of Streamflow, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19312>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07974>);

28. FT 1900, Continuous Monitoring With Installed Meters, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19313>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07975>);

29. FT 2000, Field Measurement of Residual Chlorine, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19314>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07976>);

30. FT 2100, Field Measurement of Nitrate Using Ultraviolet Optical Sensors, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19315>);

and,
31. FT 3000, Aquatic Habitat Characterization, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19316>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07977>).

(b) Standard Operating Procedures for Laboratory Activities, DEP-SOP-002/01, effective date [Month Year] dated January 2017:

1. LD 1000, Laboratory Documentation, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19317>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07978>);

2. LQ 1000, Laboratory Quality Control, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19318>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07979>); and,

3. LT 7000, Determination of Biological Indices, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19319>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017

(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07980>).

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dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07982>); and,

3. SCI 1000, Stream Condition Index Methods, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19322>)

dated _____ January _____ 2017
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07983>).

(2) The following documents and DEP forms are cited in certain DEP SOPs included in the numbered collections DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-002/01 or DEP-SOP-003/11 (citation locations in parentheses).

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(c) Methods and sections included in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, published by American Public Health Association (APHA), as listed below. These documents are copyright protected. Copies of these documents are available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at the Department of State,

R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at APHA, 800 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-3710, or from the publisher at <https://www.standardmethods.org/> <http://standardmethods.org/store/>.

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9. Method 4500-NO₃-B, Nitrogen (Nitrate) Ultraviolet Spectrophotometric Screening Method, 2016 (DEP-SOP-001/01), effective date [Month Year].

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~~2. ASTM D888-12e1, Standard Test Methods for Dissolved Oxygen in Water, 2012, ASTM International (DEP-SOP-001/01).~~

(e) ~~Department of Environmental Protection, Sampling and Use of the Stream Condition Index (SCI) for Assessing Flowing Waters: A Primer, DEP-SAS-001/11, effective date [Month Year] dated _____ 10/24/11 (DEP-SOP-003/11) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19325>)~~

~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04341>).~~

~~(f) Department of Environmental Protection, Sampling and Use of the Lake Vegetation Index (LVI) for Assessing Lake Plant Communities in Florida: A Primer, DEP-SAS-002/11, effective date [Month Year] dated 10/24/11 (DEP-SOP-003/11) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19326>) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04342>).~~

~~(g) United States Geological Survey, Temperature: U.S. Geological Survey Techniques and Methods, book 9, chap. A6.1, 14 p., 2024, effective date [Month Year] National Field Manual for the Collection of Water Quality Data, Book 9, Chapter A6, Field Measurements, Section 6.1, Temperature, Techniques of Water Resources Investigations, Version 2, 3/2006 (DEP-SOP-001/01) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19327>) (<https://www.flrules.org/gateway/reference.asp?NO=Ref-04343>).~~

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~~(h)(i) DEP Forms cited:~~

~~1. Form FD 9000-1, BioRecon Field Sheet, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-003/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07988>);~~

~~2. Form FD 9000-3, Physical/Chemical Characterization Field Sheet, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-003/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07989>);~~

~~3. Form FD 9000-4, Stream/River Habitat Sketch Sheet, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-003/11) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07990>);~~

~~1.4. Form FD 9000-5, Stream/River Habitat Assessment Field Sheet, effective date [Month Year] dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-003/11) (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19328>) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07991>);~~

~~2.5. Form FD 9000-6, Lake Habitat Assessment Field Sheet, effective date [Month Year] dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01)~~

<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19329>

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~~6. Form FD 9000-24, Groundwater Sampling Log, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01)~~

~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07993>);~~

~~7. Form FD 9000-25, Rapid Periphyton Survey Field Sheet, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01)~~

~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07994>);~~

~~8. Form FD 9000-27, Lake Vegetation Index Field Sheet, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-003/11)~~

~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07995>);~~

~~9. Form FD 9000-31, Lake Observation Field Sheet, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01, DEP-SOP-003/11)~~

~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07996>);~~

~~10. Form FD 9000-32, Linear Stream Vegetation Survey Field Sheet, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01)~~

~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07997>);~~

~~11. Form FD 9000-33, Vegetation Wetland Condition Index Field Sheet, dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01)~~

~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07998>);~~

~~3.12. Form FD 9000-34, Stream Habitat Assessment Training and Evaluation Checklist and Event Log, effective date [Month Year] dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-001/01)~~

~~(<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19330>)~~

~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07999>); and,~~

~~4.13. Form FD 9000-35, Stream Condition Index and BioRecon Training Checklist and Event Log, effective date [Month Year] dated January 2017 (DEP-SOP-003/11)~~

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~~(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08000>).~~

(i)(+) United States Geological Survey (USGS) references included in DEP SOP FT 1800, Field Measurement of Stage, Surface Water Velocity, and Discharge (Flow) and Computations of Streamflow, incorporated by reference in subparagraph 62-160.800(1)(a)27., F.A.C., effective date [Month Year], below (DEP-SOP-001/01). Copies of these documents are available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or may be obtained from the United States Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20192, or through USGS's website at

<https://pubs.usgs.gov/>

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j. Chapter A21, Wagner, C. Russell, 1995, Stream-gaging cableways, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19363>).

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(3) NELAC and TNI Standards, as listed below. These documents are copyright protected. Copies of these documents are available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at the Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at The NELAC Institute, P.O. Box 2439, Weatherford, TX 76086, or the publisher's website at <http://www.nelac-institute.org/index.php>.

(a) No change.

(b) The NELAC Institute (TNI), EL-V1-ISO-2016-Rev. 2.1 ~~2-0~~, Environmental Laboratory Sector, Vol. 1, Modules 1-7, Management and Technical Requirements for Laboratories Performing Environmental Analysis (2016), effective date [Month Year]. Referred to as "2016 TNI Standard" in this chapter and incorporated documents.

(4) EPA Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plan Standard Plans, EPA CIO 2105-S-02.1, Form Rev. 08/21/2023, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19333>) QA/R 5 (EPA/240/B-01/003), March 2001 (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04358>).

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(8) 40 CFR, Part 136.5, Approval of alternate test procedures for limited use, revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19340>) 7/1/16 edition (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08012>).

(9) 40 CFR, Part 136.6, Method Modifications and Analytical Requirements, revised as of July 1, 2024 (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19338>), effective date [Month Year] 7/1/16 edition (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08014>).

(10) 40 CFR Part 141, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, Subpart C, Monitoring and Analytical Requirements, section 141.27, Alternate analytical techniques, revised as of July 1, 2024, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19339>) 7/1/16 edition (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08016>).

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(12) No change.

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(a) Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, Method 10150, Determination of Chlorophyll *A*, Sections B, C, and D, 2022, published by APHA, effective date [Month Year]. This document is copyright protected. A copy of this document is available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at the Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at APHA, 800 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-3710, or from the publisher at <https://www.standardmethods.org/buy/>.

(b) EPA 445.0, In Vitro Determination of Chlorophyll *a* and pheophytin *a* in Marine and Freshwater Algae by Fluorescence, Rev. 1.2, September 1997, effective date [Month Year] (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19344>).

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(e) Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, Method 10200 H., Determination of Chlorophyll *A*, Sections 2, 3, and 4, 2011, published by APHA, effective date [Month Year]. This document is copyright protected. A copy of this document is available for review during normal business hours at the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality Standards Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, or at the Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, or from the publisher at APHA, 800 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-3710, or from the publisher at <https://www.standardmethods.org/buy/>.

(15) Chapter 64E-1, F.A.C., "Certification of Environmental Testing Laboratories," effective September 26, 2018, (<https://flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-19347>).

Rulemaking Authority 403.061, 403.0623 FS. Law Implemented 373.026, 373.309, 373.409, 373.413, 373.414, 373.416, 373.4592, 376.303, 376.305, 376.3071, 403.0623, 403.0625, 403.087, 403.088, 403.0881, 403.504, 403.704, 403.707, 403.722, 403.853 FS. History—New 4-9-02, Amended 6-8-04, 12-3-08, 7-30-14, 4-16-18,_____.

FT 1900, Continuous Monitoring With Installed Meters, is substantially rewritten. See F.A.C. for present text at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07975>. Sampling and Use of the Stream Condition Index (SCI) for Assessing Flowing Waters: A Primer, DEP-SAS-001/11, (DEP-SOP-003/11), is substantially rewritten. See F.A.C. for present text at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04341>. Process for Assessing Data Usability (DEP-EA-001/07), is substantially rewritten. See F.A.C. for present text at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-04369>.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE:
Lawrence Glenn, Director, Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration

NAME OF AGENCY HEAD WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Alexis Lambert, Secretary

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED BY AGENCY HEAD: February 18, 2026

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAR: July 17, 2024

Section III Notice of Changes, Corrections and Withdrawals

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Florida Forest Service

RULE NO.: 5I-6.002
RULE TITLE: Approved Best Management Practices BMPs
NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given that the following technical change has been made to the above rule:

5I-6.002 Approved Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The document titled Best Management Practices for Silviculture (DACS-P-01284, 2008) is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference in this rule. Copies of the document may

be obtained from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service, 3125 Conner Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1650, (850)681-5943 or Fax (850)681-5801 or online at <https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-08682>.

Rulemaking Authority 403.067(7)(c)2., 570.07(23) FS. Law Implemented 403.067(7)(c)2., 589.04(1)(a) FS. History—New 2-11-04, Amended 3-17-10, 12-6-17, Technical Change 3-11-26.

Note: The cover page of the Best Management Practices for Silviculture (DACS-P-01284, 2008) has been updated to include the rule where the material is incorporated by reference, to provide a version date, and to reflect the current Commissioner of Agriculture's name.

Section IV Emergency Rules

NOTE: The full text of Emergency Rules that are currently in effect can be viewed by going to <https://flrules.org/Notice/emergencyRules.asp>.

Section V Petitions and Dispositions Regarding Rule Variance or Waiver

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 04, 2026, the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, received a petition for variance and waiver submitted by Samantha Samarelli, Petitioner. Petitioner is seeking a variance and waiver from subsection 64B4-3.0085(4), F.A.C., which states that experience obtained under the supervision of a qualified supervisor will not count toward completion of the experience requirement until the registered intern has received board approval of the qualified supervisor. Petitioner requests that the Board retroactively recognize Dr. Simon as her Qualified Supervisor and allow the supervised clinical hours she accrued under Dr. Simon to count towards her licensure requirements.

Comments on the petition should be filed with the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin # C08, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3258, telephone: (850)488-0595, or by electronic mail – Ashleigh.Irving@flhealth.gov, within 14 days of publication of this notice.

A copy of the Petition for Variance or Waiver may be obtained by contacting: Ashleigh Irving, Executive Director, Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling, at the above address.

Section VI Notice of Meetings, Workshops and Public Hearings

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Library and Information Services

The Department of State announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Eastern

PLACE: This meeting may be attended in person or remotely via webinar. To attend in person: Room 307, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399. To attend remotely, register: <https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/meeting/register/7XsJFz-NQ-2NlnuSpROaiA>.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Executive Committee of the Friends of the State Library and Archives of Florida Inc. will meet to prepare for the April 6, 2026, Board Meeting.

For the procedure on making a public comment during the meeting, please refer to the Division's Public Comment Policy, <https://dos.fl.gov/library-archives/meetings-and-notices/public-comment-policy/>.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the Division of Library and Information Services at dlsinfo@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6607.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 (five) days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: the Division of Library and Information Services at (850)245-6607 or dlsinfo@dos.fl.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: the Division of Library and Information Services at dlsinfo@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6607.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Division of Library and Information Services

The Department of State announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 6, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to conclusion, Eastern

PLACE: This meeting may be attended in person or remotely. To attend in person: Room 307, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399. To attend remotely, register: https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/meeting/register/4dQJwH6tQQ6Vc0sHp8_wTQ.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Board of Directors of the Friends of the State Library and Archives of Florida Inc. will meet for the quarterly business meeting.

For the procedure on making a public comment during the meeting, please refer to the Division's Public Comment Policy, <https://dos.fl.gov/library-archives/meetings-and-notices/public-comment-policy/>.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: the Division of Library and Information Services at dlinfinfo@dos.fl.gov or (850)245-6607.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Administration

The Florida Agricultural Legacy Learning Center, Inc. Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 1:00 pm

PLACE: 7900 Old Kings Road N, Palm Coast, FL

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This meeting is to discuss general business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kara Hoblick: (386)446-7630 office, (386)527-1467 mobile

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kara Hoblick: (386)446-7630 office, (386)527-1467 mobile. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please

contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Kara Hoblick: (386)446-7630 office, (386)527-1467 mobile

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The Florida Department of Education announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATES AND TIMES: March 23-26, 2026, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET; March 31, 2026 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., ET; April 9, 2026, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., ET; April 14, 2026, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., ET; April 23, 2026, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., ET; April 27-30, 2026, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., ET; or until business is concluded, whichever is earlier. If business is finished in fewer meetings, subsequent meetings will not occur.

PLACES: March 23-26, 2026, In-person meeting: Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399;

March 31, 2026: virtual:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Y2M1MDA1NzctZDcxZC00MDM2LWwEwNWUtMmJiMTQ2OWQ4MmNm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22cbf08e03-f737-4659-8dab-72eb08e8f775%22%7d

Meeting ID: 268 855 413 518 92 Passcode: uy7Gr6PH;

April 9, 2026, virtual:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_M2RlNThiY2ItZmY1Yy00NDI1LTg5MjctNTU5YTE1ZmJlNDNm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22cbf08e03-f737-4659-8dab-72eb08e8f775%22%7d

Meeting ID: 271 151 211 060 40 Passcode: h8Pw77xV;

April 14, 2026, virtual:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZmU3YTtk4NDUtm2Zhc00ZDFmLWIxMGEtZThmZDNIM2IzZGQy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22cbf08e03-f737-4659-8dab-72eb08e8f775%22%7d

Meeting ID: 269 660 303 318 54 Passcode: ss3TN2Nq;

April 23, 2026, virtual:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OGFkYjE1YjMtMTQzZC00YTM2LWlzYjktOWYyOGM5NmRiMDA1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2263bf107b-cb6f-4173-8c1c-1406bb5cb794%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22cbf08e03-f737-4659-8dab-72eb08e8f775%22%7d

Meeting ID: 289 298 100 280 04 Passcode: 6rg6rG3H; April 27-30, 2026, In-person meeting: Hilton University of Florida

Conference Center Gainesville, 1714 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32607

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Science State Academic Standards

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Nicole.Dissmore@fldoe.org

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For more information, you may contact: Nicole.Dissmore@fldoe.org

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Florida State University

The Herbert Wertheim College of Business at Florida State University Art in State Buildings Program announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 11, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: FSU Legacy Hall, Level 1, Room 1201 402 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Art Selection Committee Meeting

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Amanda Karioth Thompson (850)800-6616 amanda@akt-artful.com

For more information, you may contact: Amanda Karioth Thompson (850)800-6616 amanda@akt-artful.com

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Division of Emergency Management

The Florida Division of Emergency Management ("FDEM") announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: April 10, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID: 236 229 531 721 4

Passcode: pB3SB96a

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Regularly scheduled quarterly meeting to discuss foundation updates.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Ms. Iyana Meeks at Iyana.Meeks@cmcgfla.com

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Ms. Iyana Meeks at Iyana.Meeks@cmcgfla.com. If

you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS

North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Communications Media Technology. The meeting will be conducted via communications media technology in the following format:

DIAL IN NUMBER: Toll free 1(888)585-9008

CONFERENCE CODE: 568 124 316

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: To conduct the regular business of the Middle and Lower Suwannee River and Withlacoochee River Task Force.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653-1603.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 2 business days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: (352)955-2200. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

The Agency for Health Care Administration announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8680390759031003227>

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting of the State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council to which all interested parties are invited. The purpose is to conduct a meeting of key health care stakeholders to discuss issues relating to implementing Florida Statutes mandating transparency in health care through public reporting of health care data.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Crystal Ritter, Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Bldg. 3, Mail Stop #16, Tallahassee, FL 32308-5403. The agenda will also be posted at: State Consumer Health

Information and Policy Advisory Council (myflorida.com) seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Crystal Ritter, Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis at Crystal.Ritter@ahca.myflorida.com or (850)412-3763. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Crystal Ritter, Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis at Crystal.Ritter@ahca.myflorida.com or (850)412-3763

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Emergency Communications Board

The Florida Emergency Communications Board announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 19, 2026, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Teleconference:

<https://meet.goto.com/229957069>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Access Code:

229-957-069

United States (Toll Free):

1(877)309-2073

United States:

+1(646)749-3129

Join from a video-conferencing room or system.

Meeting ID:

229-957-069

Dial in or type:

67.217.95.2 or inroomlink.goto.com

Or dial directly:

229957069@67.217.95.2 or 67.217.95.2##229957069

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

ECB 2025 Annual Report

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Leon.Simmonds@dms.fl.gov

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If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing,

he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Leon.Simmonds@dms.fl.gov

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

Board of Landscape Architecture

The Board of Landscape Architecture announces a telephone conference call to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 30, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: <https://meet.goto.com/583585909> or call (646)749-3129 Access Code: 583-585-909

United States: +1(646)749-3129

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Application Review/General Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Board of Landscape Architecture, 2601 Blairstone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32399. (850)487-1395.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Board of Landscape Architecture, 2601 Blairstone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32399. (850)487-1395. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Board of Landscape Architecture, 2601 Blairstone Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32399. (850)487-1395.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Children's Medical Services

The Child Abuse Death Review Circuit 9 Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 27, 2026, 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Microsoft Teams Meeting:

Meeting ID: 269 651 983 620 31

Passcode: Qr7sa9SH

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Committee will address administrative issues, review cases, and discuss the CADR Action Plan. A portion of the meeting is required by paragraph 383.412(3)(a), F.S. to be closed to the public to allow the Committee to discuss information that is confidential and exempt from public meetings and public

records. This portion of the meeting will be announced at the meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: brianne.bell@orlandohealth.com

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: brianne.bell@orlandohealth.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Children's Medical Services

The Child Abuse Death Review Circuit 7 Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 25, 2026, 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

PLACE: Florida Health Volusia County

1845 Holsonback Drive

Daytona Beach, FL 32117

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The Committee will address administrative issues, review cases, and discuss the CADR Action Plan. A portion of the meeting is required by Section 383.412(3) (a), F.S. to be closed to the public to allow the Committee to discuss information that is confidential and exempt from public meetings and public records. This portion of the meeting will be announced at the meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: sherry.duncan@flhealth.gov

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: sherry.duncan@flhealth.gov. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: sherry.duncan@flhealth.gov

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Division of Environmental Health

RULE NO.: RULE TITLE:

64E-9.016 Variances

The Department of Health announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Eastern Time

PLACE: Microsoft Teams meeting

Join

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2645522371433?p=MipMqPDqE0I4GR44HP>

OR Dial in by phone

+1(850)792-1375,,886820876# Tallahassee, FL

Phone conference ID: 886 820 876#

Your phone line and computer video will be automatically placed on mute. When your variance is called by Board:

To be heard on your PHONE press *5 to raise hand, and when acknowledged press *6 to unmute and press again to mute your line.

To be heard on VIDEO, press "raise hand button" to be acknowledged speak to Board.

NO WALK-IN VARIANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS MEETING.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: DOH Public Swimming Pool Advisory Board will review, discuss and make recommendations to the Department regarding applications submitted by owners/agents for variance from the state's public swimming pool codes per subsection 514.0115(9) of the Florida Statutes.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: By email: DOHPoolVariances@FLhealth.gov or by calling Ms. Jutta Tolbert, (850)901-6499 or by writing to DOH, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A-08, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1710. NOTE: The Agenda is available now.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 3 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: DOHPoolVariances@FLhealth.gov or Ms. Jutta Tolbert as listed above. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: DOHPoolVariances@FLhealth.gov or Ms. Jutta Tolbert as listed above.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Family Safety and Preservation Program

The Department of Children and Families announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 25, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., EST

PLACE: Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83427797532?pwd=Mo7rrcxrMOCp1PIGcSdnbmRgawoaKZ.1>

Meeting ID: 834 2779 7532

Passcode: DCFYAB

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+13052241968,,83427797532#,,, *340647# US

+16465588656,,83427797532#,,, *340647# US (New York)

Join instructions:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/83427797532?signature=dGHs-Wmo_uGZFSYLLW1EiUjo25avzuSBB-WTiW96bt4

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: The purpose of this meeting is for the Statewide Youth Advisory Board to conduct general business.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Kyle Johnson, Department of Children and Families, (407)495-9866 or kyle.johnson1@myflfamilies.com.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 1 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Kyle Johnson, Department of Children and Families, (407)495-9866 or kyle.johnson1@myflfamilies.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Kyle Johnson, Department of Children and Families, (407)495-9866 or kyle.johnson1@myflfamilies.com.

CONCRETE MASONRY EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Florida Concrete Masonry Education Council announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: March 18, 2026, 9:45 a.m.

PLACE: Video-Conference Meeting - Microsoft Teams Meeting

Number: (866)619-5581 Audio Access Code: 879 681 695#

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: General Business

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: Jennifer Starr, Interim Executive Director, at: jstarr@pcgus.com or via the Council's website: floridamasonrycouncil.org

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Jennifer Starr at jstarr@pcgus.com. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Jennifer Starr, Interim Executive Director, at: jstarr@pcgus.com

HOLT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Martin County Commission Chambers, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996.

The Construction Open House will be held virtually and in person.

The Virtual Public Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please use the following link to register: Go To Meeting – S.R. A1A/NE Ocean Blvd. You may also call +1(631)992-3221, access code: 238-706-496.

A brief presentation followed by questions and comments from the public will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. and again from 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Questions and comments from the public will follow a brief presentation.

The In-Person Construction Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Martin County Commission Chambers, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL 34996, and will have an informal open house format. FDOT staff and consultant staff members will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Financial Management No.: 447650-1-52-01

Project Description: State Road (S.R.) A1A/NE Ocean Boulevard Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation Project from NE Shore Village Terrace to south of S.R. 732/Jensen Beach Causeway Boulevard in Martin County.

The project improvements consist of milling and resurfacing of S.R. A1A/NE Ocean Boulevard to extend the service life of the road to provide long term resiliency, installing new drainage structures to improve stormwater management. Other improvements include widening of shoulders to increase width to 5-feet at select locations, upgrading of pedestrian curb ramps to comply with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for improved safety and connectivity and installation of traffic calming measures and speed feedback signs.

Construction will begin in March 2026 and is estimated to be completed in Summer 2027. The estimated cost is \$4,898,324.24.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: No agenda.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the

agency at least 7 days before the workshop/meeting by contacting: Michael Jacobs — FDOT Project Manager at michael.jacobs@dot.state.fl.us, or (772)579-3276.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

For more information, you may contact: Kim Johnson, Community Outreach Specialist, at (772)801-8736 or by email at Kim@holtcommunications.net.

**Section VII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Declaratory Statements**

NONE

**Section VIII
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding the Validity of Rules**

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

**Section IX
Notice of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges**

NONE

**Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of
the Joint Administrative Procedures
Committee**

NONE

**Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and
Purchasing**

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
INVITATION TO BID ADVERTISEMENT FSA26-PWR5.0:
Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging, Other Power Stations, Related
Equipment & Software

The Florida Sheriffs Association invites interested vendors, including manufacturer representatives, to submit responses in accordance with these solicitation documents. The Florida Sheriffs Association will serve as the Contract Administrator in the solicitation process and the administration of the resulting contract. The purpose of this bid is to establish a twelve (24) month contract, beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2028, with manufacturers and manufacturer’s authorized representatives for the purchase of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging, Other Power Stations, Related Equipment & Software.

The Florida Sheriffs Association invites interested bidders to submit bids. Refer to the Bid Calendar for major bid tasks, activities, and dates. All prospective bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Meeting on April 06, 2026, for FSA26-PWR5.0: Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging, Other Power Stations, Related Equipment & Software.

This contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder by brand, manufacturer, and specification.

Bidder warrants by virtue of bidding it is submitting a firm bid and the prices quoted in their bid response will be good for an evaluation period of sixty (60) calendar days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise agreed to by the FSA.

All bidders must submit a complete bid package online via the VendorLink bid system by May 20th, 2026, containing the following signed documents and supporting materials.

Qualification Packet (forms and materials required for bid qualification) include:

- Bidder Qualifications Form
- FSA Drug-Free Workplace Form
- Insurance Checklist & Valid Certificate of Insurance
- Federal Funding Willingness to Comply Form
- Certification Regarding Debarment and Suspension
- Certification Regarding Lobbying
- Completion of a digital attestation confirming compliance with E-Verify requirements pursuant to Section 448.095, Florida Statutes
- Completion of a digital attestation confirming compliance with SunBiz registration requirements
- W-9 Form

Bid Package:

- Price for each item bid
- Build sheets for each item bid on merged into a pdf document
- Option pricing for each item merged into a single pdf document (if bidder is offering options)

Failure to submit the above items will result in disqualification for the contract. Bidders are hereby advised that the Florida Sheriffs Association reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or separate portions thereof, and to waive any irregularity, technicality or omission if the FSA determines that doing so will serve in the FSA’s best interest. The FSA may also reject any bid not submitted in the manner specified by the solicitation documents.

| FSA26-PWR5.0 Bid Calendar | Date |
|--|-----------------------|
| Bid Announcement | 2/2/2026 |
| Voluntary Interested Bidder Workshop FSA26-PWR5.0 | 2/23/2026 |
| New Items & Specifications Submissions Due | 4/8/2026 |
| Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting FSA26-PWR5.0 and VendorLink Training | 4/6/2026 |
| Requests for Clarifications Due to FSA | 4/13/2026 |
| FSA Response to Requests for Clarifications | 4/17/2026 |
| Bid System Opens | 4/22/2026 |
| Cone of Silence | 4/22/2026 - 6/11/2026 |
| Bid Submissions Due | 5/20/2026 |
| Bid Tabulations Posted | 5/22/2026 |
| Public Bid Opening | 5/22/2026 |
| Bid Evaluations | 6/1/2026 - 6/4/2026 |
| Intent To Award | 6/11/2026 |
| Final Award | 7/1/2026 |

BARR AND BARR

UF-672 School of Music Demo/Abatement Package

Barr & Barr is seeking qualified bids for the UF-672 Music School Early Release demo package. The project is located on main campus in Gainesville, FL and consists of abatement, selective demolition of brick façade, two cast in place concrete stairwells, interior partition demolition, etc. Project start date is anticipated as May 1, 2026. Contact Lauren Pelini at LPelini@barrandbarr.com for addition information.

FORESIGHT CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC.

INVITATION TO BID

All demolition, painting, flooring, acoustical ceilings, plumbing, HVAC, and Electrical Trade Contractors FROM: Foresight Construction Group, Inc. CGC #1520606 PROJECT: Hillsborough Community College Ybor Campus YPST 162 Classroom. Foresight Construction Group, the Construction Manager, invites your company to bid the above mentioned project. SBE/MBE participation is strongly encouraged. BID DOCUMENTS: The bid documents are available through Foresight Construction’s Building Connected Website. All interested bidders can send an email to Ryan Plankenhorn at rplankenhorn@foresightcgi.com to receive a link to all the bid documents. It is the responsibility of all the vendors and bidders to make sure they visit the website regularly for updates. All revisions will be posted on Building Connected and a notice sent out electronically by email. PREQUALIFICATION: All bidders must be currently prequalified with Foresight Construction Group. To confirm your status contact Ryan Plankenhorn at rplankenhorn@foresightcgi.com. Prequalification forms can be found on our website at <https://foresightcgi.com/trade-partners/>. All Prequalifications must be submitted seven (7) days prior to the bid date. BID BONDING: All bids exceeding \$100,000 will be required to provide a 100% performance and payment bond. Please show the bond cost separately from your bid amount. SITE VISIT: TBD. The exact time will be sent out via notice on Building Connected. BIDS: All Bids over \$150,000.00 must be either delivered to the Foresight Construction Group Office located at 3917 NW 97th BLVD, Gainesville, FL 32606 in a sealed envelope with company name, address, project name, and bid package(s) listed on outside of envelope or submitted directly to Building Connected. The “Sealed Bid” function in Building Connected will be used for this project. Bidders must provide one (1) original copy of their bid if submitted via mail. All bids under \$150,000.00 can be submitted via Building Connected or via email to rplankenhorn@foresightcgi.com. Foresight bid form must be used. BID DUE DATE: All bids are due before Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 12:00 noon. Late bids may not be accepted. Foresight Construction Group and/or owner reserve the right to reject any/all bids and waive informalities in any bid.

**Section XII
Miscellaneous**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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