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Subject: Comment - FDACS Rule Development Chapter 5M-1
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Office of Agricultural Water Policy
Bill Bartnick, Environmental Administrator
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Tallahassee, Florida
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In Re: FDACS Rule Development of Chapter 5M-1 Division of Agricultural Water Policy

I respectfully submit public comment for your consideration to the above-stated notice of rule development amendment relating to definition, implementation verification and best management practices implementation assistance rule of the Department's statutory authority and responsibility as provided in Chapter 2020-150 Laws of Florida (SB 712), filed for record and in support thereof states:

The establishment of management zone(s) for forest land conversion program on agricultural lands used for crop production needs to be implemented by the department to reduce and eliminate adverse impacts of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer and compost contamination to Outstanding Florida Springs, rivers, streams and lakes in Florida, and

Required documentation of any chemicals applied to agricultural lands by the producer or landowner and of any chemicals used by bottled water industrial entities permitted for food establishment needs to be implemented by the department for protection of the Floridan Aquifer.

A clean and safe environment is vital to sustaining Florida's way of life and economic foundation. Public lands, wetlands, marshes, and estuaries are vital to maintaining and improving sustainable recharge for our groundwater aquifers, as well as clean and safe waterways that provide tourism, fishing, boating, and related businesses for significant revenue to the benefit of those who live, work, and enjoy life in our state. Adequate regulation of activities that impact these resources is vital to ensure that degradation does not occur.

The state's regulatory program should ensure consistency, efficiency, transparency, public participation and the ultimate protection of both land and water-related resources of Florida for the benefit of its citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment for this important rule development. If questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards,

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Copy to Christopher Pettit, Director of Office of Agricultural Water Policy, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Notice of Development of Rulemaking

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Division of Agricultural Water Policy

RULE NOS.:	RULE TITLES:
5M-1.001	Definitions
5M-1.008	Implementation Verification
5M-1.009	Best Management Practices Implementation Assistance

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rulemaking will implement the amendments to the Department's statutory authority and responsibilities as provided in Chapter 2020-150, Laws of Florida (SB 712) by revising the implementation verification process and adopting a nutrient application record form. The rulemaking also updates definitions, the Notice of Intent to Implement Best Management Practices form, and clarifies the best management practices implementation assistance rule.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: This rulemaking will address Agricultural Best Management Practices implementation assistance and verification.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: [403.067\(7\)\(c\)2.](#), [403.067\(7\)\(d\)2.c.](#), [570.07\(10\)](#), [570.07\(23\)](#), FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: [403.067\(7\)\(d\)2.c.](#), FS.

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

DATE AND TIME: November 5, 2020 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Go-to-Webinar: Prior to the workshop, please register at the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3378894200420208141>

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Office of Agricultural Water Policy, Bill Bartnick, Environmental Administrator, (850) 617-1705 / Bill.Bartnick@FDACS.gov

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

https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View_Notice.asp?ID=23770449

Latest Version	Rule No.	Rule Title	Effective Date
	5M-1.001	Definitions	11/1/2017
	5M-1.008	Implementation Verification	11/1/2017
	5M-1.009	Best Management Practices Implementation Assistance	11/1/2017
	5M-1.010	Temporarily Inactive Operations	5/12/2020

Rule Chapter: 5M-1

Chapter Title: DIVISION OF AGRICULTURAL WATER POLICY

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