

March 17, 2005

Mr. Daryll Joyner, Program Administrator
Total Maximum Daily Load Program
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Dear Mr. Joyner:

The Southwest Florida Watershed Council (SWFWC) has officially participated in the Impaired Waters (TMDL) listing process for the Caloosahatchee Basin (Group 3). Please note letter of October 21, 2004. We are disappointed that we have not yet received a response to this letter. In addition, various members of the SWFWC have also participated in the public hearing held in Ft. Myers on the draft verified list for the Caloosahatchee Basin.

With this correspondence, we are requesting a statement from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regarding the status and reason for the apparent delay in adopting the Draft Verified List of Impaired Waters for the Caloosahatchee Basin. According to the schedule as listed on the FDEP website, Group 3 Basins including the Caloosahatchee Basin, should have been adopted during the period 2003/2004, specifically September 2004. The official adoption of this list will help guide important planning now occurring in the Caloosahatchee Basin for water quality improvements. Please explain by written correspondence as to the reason for the apparent delay. Please respond by April 6, 2005.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Matt Fischer, Chairman
Southwest Florida Watershed Council

cc.

Ms. Karen Bickford, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Mr. Pat Fricano, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Mr. John Albion, Lee Board of County Commissioners
Mr. Robert Giesler, Glades Board of County Commissioners
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