



Fecal Coliform Guidance Toolkit

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This guidance document, prepared by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), provides assistance to local stakeholders with the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plan for waters impaired by fecal coliform. The main objectives of this document include understanding the variability of fecal coliform sources, determining the actions necessary to prepare a TMDL implementation plan, developing a monitoring plan to demonstrate success, and determining if the plan should be an adopted Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP). Appendix A, Fecal Coliform Criteria and Information, discusses the fecal coliform criteria and provides background information on bacterial indicators.

This guidance is intended for waterbodies with an adopted TMDL; however, the document is also useful for stakeholders to begin an assessment of any waterbody with a fecal coliform impairment. Where practical, examples of possible steps or actions are provided either as hyperlinks or reproduced documentation. Additional reference documents are listed as appendices, and copies of the documents can be obtained online or by contacting FDEP.

The document should be considered as guidance only and not as an interpretation of the rules that FDEP has promulgated. It will be periodically updated with new information about assessment techniques and other fecal coliform-related resources. If this guidance document was not recently downloaded, please check <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/bmap.htm>

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