



To: FWEA Utility Council

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Re: Florida Legislation Would Eliminate Class A and B Biosolids Land Application

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Last week, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services unveiled its 60-page Farm Bill, [SB 290](#) (Sen. Truenow). The bill would significantly affect biosolids land application practices in the state. Section 11 of the legislation provides that “[f]or a new land application site permit or a permit renewal issued after July 1, 2020, the permittee of a biosolids land application site shall...[e]nsure that only Class AA biosolids are applied to the soil.” Because of other language in the bill and the underlying statute, the new limitation would go into effect on July 1, 2026 for all permitted sites.

Land application prohibitions are already in effect in the Lake Okeechobee, Caloosahatchee, and St. Lucie watersheds. Additionally, recent updates to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) biosolids rules mandated new nutrient management plan requirements and setbacks that made many previous Class B land application sites unviable. As a result, many Florida utilities have already stopped land applying biosolids and began producing Class AA fertilizer or compost products. Obviously, the few remaining Class B sites would go away by July 1 if this bill is enacted, and all Florida utilities will (1) begin producing a Class AA product either alone or at regional biosolids treatment facilities, (2) land fill their biosolids, (3) truck the biosolids to other states to be land applied, or (4) develop alternative uses.

In order to determine the scope of the impact to Florida’s utility industry, the FWEA Utility Council requested information from FDEP on which utilities and other entities currently land apply Class B biosolids. That list is attached. FDEP notes that some of the listed utilities may have land application sites outside of the state and thus would not be directly impacted by this legislation.

We will continue to monitor this legislation and keep Utility Council members informed of the bill’s progress through the legislative process.

Entity	County Location
Edgewater, City of	VOLUSIA
Cocoa Water Reclamation Facility	BREVARD
Holly Hill, WRF	VOLUSIA
Melbourne/Grant Street	BREVARD
Melbourne/DB Lee WWTP	BREVARD
American Bio-Clean Rmf	VOLUSIA
On Top of The World South WWTF	MARION
Sumter Correctional Institution WWTF	SUMTER
Shelley's Septic Tanks RMF	ORANGE
Space Blvd Biosolids Treatment Facility	ORANGE
Modern Septic SMF	MARION
USN Mayport Naval Station WWTF	DUVAL
Orange Park WWTF	CLAY
Miller Street WWTF	CLAY
Perry WWTF	TAYLOR
Jasper WWTF	HAMILTON
Ridaught Landing WWTF	CLAY
Hilliard WWTF	NASSAU
Fleming Island Regional WWTF	CLAY
Players Club South WWTF	ST. JOHNS
Blacks Ford WRF	ST. JOHNS
City of Alachua AWRF	ALACHUA
Mid-Clay Regional WWTF	CLAY
Chiefland WWTF	LEVY
Live Oak WWTF	SUWANNEE
St. Margaret WWTF	COLUMBIA
Peter's Creek(fka Green Cove West) WWTF	CLAY
Keystone Heights WWTF	CLAY
Kicklighter WWTF	COLUMBIA
Moore's Sand & Septic SMF	ST. JOHNS
Burney's Septic SMF	ST. JOHNS
Jones Septage SMF	LEVY
Myers Hay Farm SMF	LEVY
Stephenson Septage Management Facility	DIXIE
Raymond Howard's Septic Biosolid Treatment Facility	SUWANNEE
Boone Septage Management Facility	BRADFORD
Smith Septage Management Facility	GILCHRIST
K.A. Farmers Septage Management Facility	NASSAU
Middleton SMF	PUTNAM
Jones Septage Management Facility # 3	LEVY
Hurlburt Field AWTP	OKALOOSA
Bonifay, City of - WWTF	HOLMES

Pace Water System WWTP	SANTA ROSA
South Walton Utility Company WWTP	WALTON
ECUA - Central Water Reclamation Facility	ESCAMBIA
Gulf Correctional Institution WWTP	GULF
NV Regional WWTF	OKALOOSA
Mary Esther WWTP	OKALOOSA
Crestview WWTP	OKALOOSA
George F French Water Reclamation Facility	OKALOOSA
Jay, Town of - WWTP	SANTA ROSA
Holley-Navarre Wastewater Treatment Facility	SANTA ROSA
Gulf Breeze Regional Water System WRF	SANTA ROSA
Sandestin WWTP	WALTON
Point Washington WWTF	WALTON
Jefferson Correctional Institution WWTF	JEFFERSON
Defuniak Springs, City of - WWTP	WALTON
Seacrest WWTF	WALTON
Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility	OKALOOSA
Walton County Commerce Park at Mossy Head WWTF	WALTON
Flush Factory	OKALOOSA
St Andrews WWTF	BAY
Panama City Beach WWTP #2	BAY
Blountstown WWTP	CALHOUN
Military Point Regional AWT Facility	BAY
Lynn Haven AWT	BAY
Millville AWT Facility	BAY
Jackson Correctional Institution WWTP	JACKSON
Chipley WWTP	WASHINGTON
Buccaneer Inn WWTF	FRANKLIN
Villas of St George WWTP	FRANKLIN
Liberty Correctional Institution WWTP	LIBERTY
Gretna, City of - WWTP	GADSDEN
City of Punta Gorda WWTP	CHARLOTTE
Fort Pierce Utility Authority--WWTF	ST. LUCIE
Broward Co North Regional WWTP	BROWARD
City of Cooper City WWTP	BROWARD
Town of Davie WWTP	BROWARD
Martin County Tropical Farms WWTF	MARTIN
Pembroke Pines, City of	BROWARD
Tir Na N'Og Ranch Rmf	OKEECHOBEE
Miramar, City of WWTF	BROWARD
Plantation Regional WWTP	BROWARD
Margate, City of West WWTP	BROWARD
Coral Springs Imp Dist WWTF	BROWARD

MDWASA South District WWTF	MIAMI-DADE
Town of Davie Water Reclamation Facility	BROWARD
Palmetto WWTP City of	MANATEE
H. Curren AWWTP	HILLSBOROUGH
Dunedin City of AWWTF	PINELLAS
Bradenton WWTP City of	MANATEE
Auburndale Allred WWTP	POLK
Clearwater City of Marshall Street WRF	PINELLAS
Clearwater City of East AWWTP	PINELLAS
Avon Park Correctional Institute	POLK
William S. Smith Water Reclamation Facility	HERNANDO
Aaa White's Septic Tank Service Rmf	HERNANDO
Polk Correctional Institution	POLK
A-1 Quality Service Lime Stabilization Rmf	POLK
City of Auburndale Regional WWTF	POLK
Wauchula City of WWTF	HARDEE
Appalachian Materials Systems Nordgren RMF	HERNANDO
AMS Central RMF	POLK
Cliff's Septic Services	HERNANDO