

Floridians support clean water and have **united across party lines** -- with **unanimous support** from the state Environmental Regulation Commission -- to offer a **Florida solution** to create smart, tough and responsible new rules to address water quality in our state.

We need you to **stand up for Florida** and call on the Environmental Protection Agency to timely approve Florida's strong new water rules in their entirety so our state can move forward and safeguard our waters.

With a federal court recently invalidating the EPA's rules for streams and rivers, it is critical that we implement these Florida-written water protections that correct flaws in the EPA rules.

Here's how to send your message to the EPA:

1. Please visit www.DontTaxFlorida.com
2. Click on the **WRITE TO WASHINGTON** tab at the top of the DontTaxFlorida.com website.
3. Provide your contact information.
4. **SEND THE MESSAGE** to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson.

Or you can click on this URL to go directly to the message:

<http://www.capwiz.com/energyfla/issues/alert/?alertid=60976301&type=ML>

Please **ACT NOW** and join your fellow Floridians in supporting this effort by sending this strong message to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson respectfully requesting the EPA to approve the Florida rules in their entirety.

Thank you for standing up for Florida.

Message to EPA re: numeric nutrient criteria

Dear Administrator Jackson:

After many months of debate, scientific study and careful consideration by Florida's environmental regulators, the Florida Legislature has unanimously approved the submission of new state rules to protect the precious water bodies that give our state its unique charm and character.

I am writing to ask you to timely approve these new Florida rules in their entirety.

The new state rules, which have been approved by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Environmental Regulation Commission, will do an outstanding job protecting Florida's lakes, streams and springs from the harmful effects of nutrient enrichment. These state rules are comprehensive and stringent. Importantly, the state rules carefully direct limited government and private resources to reduce nutrient loads as needed to protect Florida waters from harmful imbalances of flora and fauna. This feature of the Florida program squarely addresses the flaw in EPA's streams criteria that led the Federal District Court in Tallahassee to invalidate that portion of the EPA rule.

It has been estimated that the EPA's initial rule proposal would have increased the water bills of Florida households by as much as \$700 per year – a heavy burden for Florida's working families and businesses.

With the EPA's rules related to streams and rivers recently set aside by a federal judge, it is critical for EPA to move to put these Florida-written rules in place. The full implementation of the Florida rule that is before you now establishes tough standards that will accomplish the same goal as the EPA rules.

When it comes to addressing issues related to protecting water quality, the State of Florida has done everything that has been asked of it by the EPA. Our leaders found a Florida-driven solution to preserving our beautiful resources while protecting household budgets at a time when so many of our residents and businesses still struggle with a difficult economy.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott signed legislation unanimously approved by the Florida House of Representative and the Florida Senate to move this process forward and bring this issue to closure so our state can get on with the business of safeguarding our water resources. We ask that you let Florida be responsible for protecting its water bodies in a way that's best for Florida and its people. I encourage you to approve the Florida rules in their entirety.

Sincerely,