



Lower Flint-Ochlockonee Water Quality Committee Report CM10: April 19, 2011

LFO Water Quality Committee

- Jerry Lee, Chair
- Dean Burke
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- Chuck Lingle
- Jim Quinn
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Committee Meetings

- March 15th: Meeting summary in pre-meeting packet (pages 32-33)
- April 11th: Meeting summary – hand-out
- Reviewed new model results presentation
- Discussed outstanding issues and finalizing draft plan
- Developed recommendations to Council for today's meeting



Section 5.3

Explain Ochlockonee DO results – Page 5-5, 2nd paragraph:

In the Ochlockonee, the model projected that the number of stream miles where assimilative capacity is exceeded or unavailable will decrease from 13.77 miles to 0 miles over the same period. It is important to note, however, that the Ochlockonee results were attained after modifications were made to assumptions about 2050 permit limits and discharge volumes for several NPDES dischargers in the Basin, including BASF, Boston, Doerun, Moultrie, and Affinity Foods. These modifications were made to address assimilative capacity concerns under projected 2050 conditions. EPD will modify permit limits for any NPDES permit when assimilative capacity is exceeded, and therefore, this type of permit modification would be expected.

Committee recommends adoption of this revision (as presented in April 12th review draft)



Section 6.1

Add to list of uncertainties the plan (page 6-3, 2nd to last bullet item):

- *Legal challenge to the Tired Creek Reservoir in Grady County:*
The permit issued by the USACOE for a new reservoir on a tributary to the Ochlockonee River has been challenged by several stakeholder organizations and a county downstream in Florida. The litigants are concerned over wetland and water quality impacts of the reservoir. The litigation has implications for water resource management in the Ochlockonee River Basin and in the relationship between Georgia and Florida over shared water resources.

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Other Items

- Committee also reviewed plan explanation of new water quality modeling results on nutrients
- Letter of support from Council for Golden Triangle RC&D 319 grant proposal was sent (page 34 of pre-meeting packet)
- Committee recommends adoption of revisions presented today

