

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERS COALITION OF THE COUNTY OF MARTIN,  
FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE BLOCKAGE OF THE EPA'S NUMERIC NUTRIENT  
CRITERIA PROPOSED RULES**

**WHEREAS**, the Rivers Coalition is a 55 member organization of business, environmental and civic groups that represent more than 300,000 citizens from Florida and beyond,

**WHEREAS**, the Rivers Coalition formed in 1998 as a result of huge damaging freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee that polluted the St. Lucie Estuary and crippled the local economy,

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Rivers Coalition is, **"To fight for a safe, healthy and ecologically balanced St. Lucie River Estuary and Indian River Lagoon, natural resources that are vital to the economy and quality of life of Martin County and the Treasure Coast.**

**WHEREAS**, Agricultural and urban-turf Best Management Practices are not designed to meet water quality standards, current Best Management Practices are not designed to meet water quality standards, and they allow the continued addition of nutrients to our watersheds,

**WHEREAS**, The Rivers Coalition considers the continued loading of nutrients in our watersheds and water bodies a massive degradation, and an emergency. We request that you correct the ongoing nutrients overloading by changes to BMP allowances in the Northern Everglades legislation, and through rule making by FDEP. Residuals dumping must be banned and facilities ordered to switch their disposal to landfills, or preferably, to energy generation, similar to the City of Sanford's efforts.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved:**

Rivers Coalition hereby opposes the blockage of the EPA's Numeric Nutrient Criteria proposed rules.

Adopted by the Rivers Coalition on June 24, 2010.



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Attested by Leon Abood  
Chairman, Rivers Coalition