

EPA agrees to develop safe waters criteria

It took 10 years and a new administration in Washington for Floridians to get a promise of help in cleaning its waters.

Yesterday (Aug. 21), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency signed a consent decree in which it agrees to set legal limits for the nutrient poisoning triggering harmful algae blooms in Florida waters.

The agreement mandates that the U.S. EPA and its Florida counterpart will work together to develop numeric criteria to keep state waters safe.

The policy change came 13 months after five environmental groups in the state sued the federal government to speed up its efforts to set strict limits on nutrient poisoning in Florida's waters.



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