



REGULATION AND COMPLIANCE

Self-Certification

A online system enabling the general public and contractors to self-certify that construction of a single-family dock meets the statutory exemption and sovereignty submerged lands requirements may be useful to other regulation and compliance programs. For more information, please contact Geof Mansfield at the Department of Environmental Protection, 850-245-8356 or email geof.mansfield@dep.state.fl.us. 2006-DEP-001

Regulatory Review of Applications

Making a regulated company part of the regulatory review process concerning its own applications helps both sides to do their jobs correctly. For example, process time for review of 120 oil wells in the Florida Panhandle was reduced from 17 to 5 months for estimated state savings of 85% (1,020 man-hours) and industry time savings of 55%. Most wells passed on the first inspection. For more information, please contact Ed Garrett at (850) 245-3194 or email ed.garrett@dep.state.fl.us. 2006-DEP-024

Florida Inspection Reporting for Storage Tanks (FIRST)

The Department of Environmental Protection's FIRST program replaces paper-based inspections, film photography and manual data entry with a first-in-the-nation system. Using laptops, inspectors enter inspection data in the field and leave a signed paper copy of the inspection report with the facility owner/operator. Digital photography, laboratory reports, and other documents are attached in pdf format as part of the electronic file. This information is available to the public, tank owners, DEP petroleum cleanup site managers, and DEP managers the next day via the Internet. This system is adaptable to other agencies and similar programs in other states. For more information, please contact Marshall Mott-Smith at 850-245-8842 or email marshall.mott-smith@dep.state.fl.us. 2006-DEP-029