

By Senator Berman

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to advanced wastewater treatment;
providing legislative findings; requiring certain
sewage disposal facilities to submit specified reports
to the Department of Environmental Protection
beginning on a specified date and annually thereafter;
requiring the department, in consultation with water
management districts and sewage disposal facilities,
to submit specified reports to the Governor and
Legislature beginning on a specified date and annually
thereafter, and to post such reports on its website;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that the discharge of
inadequately treated wastewater and aging sewage disposal
facilities compromise the quality of the environment, including
freshwater, brackish water, and nearshore and offshore salt
waters, and threatens the quality of life and local economies in
this state that depend on those resources. The Legislature
further finds that requiring advanced wastewater treatment or
better at all sewage disposal facilities with a permitted
capacity of greater than 1 million gallons per day in this state
is a necessary long-term investment that will fundamentally
improve wastewater treatment.

(2) By July 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, sewage
disposal facilities with a permitted capacity of greater than 1
million gallons per day in this state shall report to the

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Department of Environmental Protection all of the following:

(a) Year of construction for the facility and any maintenance or upgrades.

(b) Total permitted volume of water treated daily.

(c) Actual permitted volume of water treated daily, including the most recent 1-year and 5-year averages.

(d) Current level of treatment, including concentrations for each of the following:

1. Biochemical oxygen demand.

2. Suspended solids.

3. Total nitrogen.

4. Total phosphorus.

5. Perfluorooctanoic acid.

6. Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid.

7. Molybdenum.

8. Other contaminants of emerging concern as determined by the department.

(e) Estimated total pollutant loading based on permitted volume and concentrations.

(f) Disposal methods and the volume discharged to any receiving waterbodies, if applicable, pursuant to s. 403.064(16), Florida Statutes.

(g) Total volume and concentration of any permitted and nonpermitted wastewater spills since 2010.

(h) Elevation of the facility and supporting infrastructure.

(i) Location within a floodplain, flood zone, or coastal high-hazard area and, if applicable, the corresponding zone number.

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(3) In order to prioritize the upgrade of sewage disposal facilities and investments in wastewater infrastructure, by December 31, 2027, and annually thereafter, the department, in consultation with the water management districts and sewage disposal facilities, shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report detailing all of the following for all sewage disposal facilities with a permitted capacity of greater than 1 million gallons per day in this state and post the annual report on its website:

(a) Year of construction for the facility and any maintenance or upgrades.

(b) Total permitted volume of water treated daily.

(c) Actual permitted volume of water treated daily, including the most recent 1-year and 5-year averages.

(d) Current level of treatment, including concentrations for each of the following:

1. Biochemical oxygen demand.

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88 receiving waterbodies, if applicable, pursuant to s.
89 403.064(16), Florida Statutes.

90 (g) Impairment status of any receiving waterbodies within
91 the watershed.

92 (h) Implementation status of total maximum daily loads and
93 basin management action plans and assigned reductions for load
94 allocations and wasteload allocations for pollutants of concern.

95 (i) Total volume and concentration of any permitted and
96 nonpermitted wastewater spills since 2010.

97 (j) Elevation of the facility and supporting
98 infrastructure.

99 (k) Location within a floodplain, flood zone, or coastal
100 high-hazard area and, if applicable, the corresponding zone
101 number.

102 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.