

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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30 Department of Environmental Protection all of the following:

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

33 (b) Total permitted volume of water treated daily.

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

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

38 1. Biochemical oxygen demand.

39 2. Suspended solids.

40 3. Total nitrogen.

41 4. Total phosphorus.

42 5. Perfluorooctanoic acid.

43 6. Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid.

44 7. Molybdenum.

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

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

49 (f) Disposal methods and the volume discharged to any
50 receiving waterbodies, if applicable, pursuant to s.

51 403.064(16), Florida Statutes.

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

54 (h) Elevation of the facility and supporting
55 infrastructure.

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

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

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

71 (b) Total permitted volume of water treated daily.

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

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

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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.