STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISCRETIONARY NOTICE OF ISSUANCE

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its issuance of a permit (File No. 61-0309661-001) to construct a shoreline restoration/stabilization project involving the filling of approximately 3,212 square feet of wetlands and surface waters along 150 feet of shoreline of a spring which flows into the Withlacoochee River, a Class III Special Outstanding Florida Waterbody. The project for the restoration and stabilization of 150 linear feet of shoreline is located at 5927 County Road 251 West, Lake Panasoffkee, Section 15, Township 17 South, Range 21 East, in Sumter County. In addition, the permit authorizes the construction of an exempt 450-square-foot single-family dock.

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) in accordance with Section 120.57, Florida Statutes. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within 14 days of publication of this notice. Petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes.

The petition shall contain the following information: (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner, the applicant's name and address, the Department Permit File Number 61-0309661-001, and the county in which the project is proposed; (b) A statement of how and when each petitioner received notice of the Department's action or proposed action; (c) A statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department's action or proposed action; (d) A statement of the material facts disputed by Petitioner, if any; (e) A statement of facts which petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; (f) A statement of which rules or statutes petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and (g) A statement of the relief sought by petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wants the Department to take with respect to the Department's action or proposed action.

If a petition is filed, the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate agency action. Accordingly, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any decision of the Department with regard to the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding. The petition must conform to the requirements specified above and be filed (received) within 14 days of publication of this notice in the Office of General Counsel at the above address of the Department. Failure to petition within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such person has to request a hearing under Section 120.57, F.S., and to participate as a party to this proceeding. Any subsequent intervention will only be at the approval of the presiding officer upon motion filed pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(2), F.A.C.

The application is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest District Office, 13051 North Telecom Parkway, Temple Terrace, FL 33637-0926.