

Requested Federal Actions

1. **EPA/USACE Re-assertion:** Invoke **§404(q)** to review the NPR finding and assume jurisdiction as warranted.
2. **Investigation:** EPA OIG should examine whether NPR letters are being used to bypass federal permitting.
3. **FEMA Coordination:** FEMA should evaluate excavation/floodplain activity in Segments 3A and 3B for compliance with **44 C.F.R. Part 60** and **EO 11988**.
4. **Notice of Filing:** FDOT, FDEP, EPA Region 4, and USACE must record this comment and provide written acknowledgment within **30 days**.

Conclusion

The record shows FDOT advanced Segment 3A through a false permit entry, ignored new hydrogeologic data, and proceeded with excavation that breached the aquifer within an Outstanding Florida Spring Priority Focus Area. This is not a paperwork error—it reflects a breakdown of lawful environmental governance.

The Stop the Sand Mine Committee requests that **EPA Region 4, USACE, and FEMA** initiate joint review and corrective enforcement under the **Clean Water Act, NEPA, and floodplain standards**. Until that review is complete, all activities relying on the **May 10, 2023 NPR** must be suspended.