

NOTICE OF RULE DEVELOPMENT

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

DIVISION: Office of Agricultural Water Policy

RULE NUMBERS:

5M-1.001

5M-1.004

5M-1.008

5M-1.012

RULE TITLES:

Definitions

Notice of Intent to Implement Best Management Practices

Implementation Verification

Enrollment by Rule

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The proposed rulemaking creates Rule 5M-1.012, F.A.C., which establishes an option to enroll in agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) for parcels 25 acres or less which meet certain criteria.

The proposed rulemaking also amends Rules 5M-1.001, 5M-1.004, and 5M-1.008, F.A.C., to ensure alignment with newly created Rule 5M-1.012, F.A.C., and amends the instructions to the Nutrient Application Record Form (FDACS-04005, rev. 06/24). This rule development will create a potential BMP enrollment option and process for lower impact operations that meet the statutory and rule criteria.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The subject area of the proposed rule development is enrollment and implementation of water quality and water conservation BMPs for smaller, less intense agricultural operations.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: Sections 403.067(7)(c)2., 403.067(7)(d)4., 570.07(10), 570.07(23), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: Sections 403.067(7)(c)2., 403.067(7)(c)3., 403.067(7)(d)4., F.S.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Yesenia Escibano at Yesenia.Escibano@FDACS.gov

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.