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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo
President, Florida Senate
409 The Capitol
404 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Paul Renner
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear Governor DeSantis, President Passidomo and Speaker Renner:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is committed to protecting Florida's water resources, which are vital to our state's environment, economy and communities. DEP works collaboratively with the Legislature, Florida's water management districts, partner state agencies, and local governments and stakeholders to implement projects and programs to protect and restore our state's iconic water resources.

In fulfillment of section 403.0675, Florida Statutes, DEP has prepared its annual report detailing the status of many of these key programs including total maximum daily loads, basin management action plans, minimum flow and minimum water levels and recovery or prevention strategies.

This report was developed by DEP in conjunction with the Northwest Florida Water Management District, South Florida Water Management District, Southwest Florida Water Management District, St. Johns River Water Management District and Suwannee River Water Management District.

This year's annual report is available electronically at floridadep.gov/STAR. This interactive format is provided to increase transparency, accountability and information accessibility. DEP encourages users to take advantage of the report's format to easily explore specific waterbodies, geographic areas, individual stakeholders or projects of interest. All project data, or selected and filtered subsets of project data, are available for download from the site.

If you have questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me or Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary for Ecosystems Restoration, at 850-245-2031.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

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