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Dear Mr. King: *Ephraim*

Enclosed are materials related to the development and adoption of total maximum daily loads (TMDL) for four significant coastal waters in Florida. The coastal waters include the Indian River Lagoon, the lower St. Johns River, Tampa Bay and the Caloosahatchee. The TMDLs for these waters have been formally adopted pursuant to Florida law and have been subsequently approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. We request you utilize the documentation generated through the TMDL process and include the TMDL nutrient loading limits for these coastal waters as site specific criteria in your January rule language. These site specific criteria would be used in lieu of applying the interim targets generated using the Sparrow Model. Your consideration of these materials is appreciated. I recognize the time constraints facing EPA and would encourage you to utilize staff in Region IV who is very familiar with the scientific foundation of these TMDLs.

Sincerely,

*Jerry Brooks*

Jerry Brooks, Director  
Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration

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Enclosures