

C-51 BASIN RULE CRITERIA REVISIONS RULEMAKING

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On March 10, 2004, the District Governing Board authorized publication in [Florida Administrative Weekly \(FAW\)](#) of a Notice of Rule Development to amend Chapter 40E-41, Part III C-51 Basin, F.A.C., to:

- revise basin boundaries; and
- revise criteria applicable to Environmental Resource Permits and Surface Water Management Permits in the C-51 Basin.

The notice was published on page 1349 of FAW Volume 30, Number 14, dated April 2.

November 15, 2004 - Update

The C-51 Basin rule development process is currently on-hold until a specific date for full operation of Stormwater Treatment Area 1East (STA-1E) is determined. Construction of the STA and C-51 Canal improvements are being finalized. However, specific water quality treatment efficiencies of the STA must be demonstrated prior to full operation. When this date is determined the rule development will continue and an effective date will be established.

In the interim Palm Beach County modified the new C-51 Basin model, including the revised sub-basin boundaries and updated topographic information, to reflect more current conditions and operations (without STA-1E in operation). The modified model was used to determine updated 100 year peak stage elevations. These elevations were then used in developing the C-51 Basin Rule Interim Guidance Memorandum. New permit applications can be reviewed using these peak stage elevations in the compensating storage calculations and determination of the finished floor elevation.

Key Dates:

Thursday, April 29, 2004	Public workshop about rule development, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Storch Room, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach
Thursday, May 20, 2004	Deadline for providing to the District written comments and information relating to the rule development.