

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
RECOMMENDED POSITION FOR ESTABLISHING
QUALITY ASSURANCE PROTOCOLS AND
PANEL OF SCIENTISTS**

In the January 4, 2011 Report, the Special Master recommended that “the TOC decide on quality assurance protocols that will be applied under the Settlement Agreement consistent with the TOC’s mandated authority under the Settlement Agreement.” The Special Master further recommended that a “panel of scientists could serve the function provided for it in Appendix D well to assist the TOC” (Page 103).

State parties request that:

1. The TOC adopt as its protocol the Department of Environmental Protection’s Process for Assessing Data Usability (DEP-EA-001/07), which is incorporated by reference in Florida’s Quality Assurance Rule (62-160.800(d), F.A.C.), which became effective December 3, 2008. A copy of the protocol is attached.
2. The TOC establish a panel of scientists to assist the TOC with QA/QC determinations, consistent with Monitoring Plan set forth in Appendix D, paragraph 4, pages D-5, D-6. The State Parties further recommend that the Federal Parties and State Parties each designate one scientist with QA/QC credentials to serve on the panel and that those two scientists agree on the selection of a third member to serve on this panel of scientists.