

SWAMP WATERS POLICY

Most wastewater discharges to swamp waters are small and remote, and there is a limited ability to model swamps or make effective predictions regarding the potential impact of wastewater discharges to such systems.

Based on a study of swamp dischargers conducted by Modeling/TMDL and ESB in 1996, the following NPDES permitting strategy was developed , and which became effective in February 1998:

The Division will permit new and expanding dischargers to swamp waters (SW) on a case by case basis, with individual permit limits as deemed appropriate for the particular location. Due to the low DO regimes in swamp waters during warm weather, the Division should continue to require minimum summer effluent limits of **BOD₅ = 15 mg/l** and **NH₃-N = 4 mg/l** in order to avoid further DO depletion in such systems during critical periods.