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Subject

[Docket No: EPA-HQ-OW-2006-0141; FRL-8180-7]; [FR Doc: E6-08814]; [Page 32887-32895]; Water pollution control: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System-- Water transfers

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the EPA's new proposal to stop regulating the transfer of water from one location to another because it would apply even to polluted waters that are transferred through the extensive series of channels and natural streams that bisect our state. Polluted water has an adverse effect on every part of the ecosystem with which it comes in contact. Our rivers are dying now because of the discharges of polluted water from Lake Okeechobee, and this proposed regulation will only exacerbate its demise.

Corporate farmers and water transfer authorities should not be exempt from obtaining Clean Water Act permits before conducting water transfers. Our environment needs the protection provided by the Clean Water Act and the EPA should be upholding these standards for the public good.

I strongly urge the EPA to reverse its course and reject this policy change and not allow more polluted water to be discharged into our rivers and streams.