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To: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The National Ground Water Association (NGWA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed rule regarding new private residential irrigation wells in the Upper Floridan Aquifer. NGWA, alongside the Florida Ground Water Association (FGWA) and the Water Systems Council (WSC), strongly opposes this ban, as it disproportionately restricts residential well owners while permitting other large-scale users continued access to the same water resources. We urge you to reconsider this approach, which would have significant implications for property rights, environmental sustainability, and local economies.

We respectfully request that DEP remove the prohibition on private residential irrigation wells from the proposed rule. Such a measure would unfairly restrict individual rights, impact small businesses and homeowners, and potentially aggravate the strain on public water systems. Thank you for considering our comments. We are available to provide additional information if needed.

Sincerely,

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