

MAF Weekly Report – August 20, 2012

Time is Running Out to Nominate Manufacturers of the Year

August 31 is the last day to nominate a manufacturer for MAF Manufacturer of the Year. Regional manufacturers, nominate your best and brightest or your regional manufacturing winners. Manufacturing companies, nominate yourselves! MAF Associate members, nominate a manufacturer! Send your nominations to Phil.Centonze@pos-impact.com. A manufacturing company must be a member of MAF or one of our regional manufacturing association members to be eligible. Nominate by August 31 and turn in your completed questionnaire by September 7. Help us recognize the best!!! Winners will be announced at the MAF Annual Manufacturers Summit and Marketplace on December 6 in Orlando.

Florida Primary Results for Manufacturers

The Florida Primary Election on August 14 yielded many great results for manufacturers and a few disappointments. Of the fifteen Manufacturers Making a Difference (MMAD) supported House candidates with a primary race, twelve won their seats. Our disappointments were Don Curtis of House District 7, Michael Grant of House District 76 and Steve Perman of House District 81, all defeated in the primary.

In primary races for the Florida Senate, MMAD supported six candidates with a primary, three of whom won their seats. Unfortunately, Victoria Siplin of Senate District 12, James Frishe of Senate District 22 and Rachel Burgin of Senate District 24 were defeated. MAF's Manufacturers Making a Difference campaign committee will make additional campaign contributions for the general election. Thanks to all of you who support our campaign committee with your contributions. If you would like to learn more about MMAD, please contact nancy@nstephens.com.

Take Action on EPA Proposal on Air

On August 15, 2012, Candy Munz, MAF, participated in the National Association of Manufacturers' (NAM) teleconference regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to lower PM2.5 standards. (PM2.5 refers specifically to fine particle matter found in the air that is less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers.) On June 29, 2012, the EPA published a proposed stringent new Clean Air Act standard that would lower the current standard of 15 micrograms per cubic meter to either 12 or 13; the Agency is also taking comment on standards as low as 11 micrograms per cubic meter.

So what does this mean for manufacturing? This proposed lower level could cause many localities to become non-attainment areas. These "non-attainment areas" suffer numerous and long-lasting economic consequences including severe restrictions on economic activity and federal funding for transportation development. Furthermore, it is not even clear at this time that the new standards are needed. The EPA has entered into a settlement with certain environmental organizations to finalize the PM2.5 standards by December 14, 2012. As a result the

Agency will only be accepting comments on the proposal through August 31. NAM is asking manufacturers to write the EPA urging them to maintain current standards and explain the economic consequences of setting a more stringent standard. MAF has joined NAM in opposition to EPA and we will soon be sending you a sample letter to send if this is of concern to you.

Manufacturing Task Force in Hillsborough

Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higgenbotham reached out to the manufacturing community in Hillsborough County last spring to better define their needs. The initial round table luncheon resulted in defining a Manufacturing Task Force in the Tampa Hillsborough County Economic Development Corporation. Tom Trotter, Vice President and General Manager of Chromalloy Castings, will chair the Manufacturing Task Force. The second meeting of the Task Force was hosted by HCC's Engineering Technology Program and FLATE on the Brandon Campus on August 15. The group toured the advanced manufacturing labs after setting three major goals for the coming year: to establish a resource guide and EDC webpage specifically for new and existing manufacturers; define and promote the educational opportunities that support manufacturing in the county; and to survey manufacturers to better define the county's manufacturing sector profile. Watch for more activity and visibility of manufacturing in Hillsborough County. For more information, contact Danielle M. Ruiz, Director, Business Retention & Expansion, Tampa Hillsborough EDC (druiz@tampaedc.com) or Marilyn Barger, Executive Director, FLATE (barger@fl-ate.org). Thanks to Marilyn Barger for this news.

FDEP Holding Webinar on Institutional Controls

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management is offering a webinar for all interested parties to go over the latest updates to the Institutional Controls Procedures Guidance. The Webinar is September 12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. ET. The title is *Overview of FDEP's June 2012 Institutional Controls Procedures Guidance*. Reserve your spot at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/243914722>
For more information contact Rebecca Robinette at Rebecca.Robinette@dep.state.fl.us.

State Refinancing Debt

CFO Jeff Atwater has directed the Department of Financial Services to refinance the state's debt to lower interest rates and save Floridians money. Since January 2011 the Department has refinanced nearly \$2.9 billion in outstanding debt, resulting in a debt savings of \$536 million for Floridians. The State Board of Education Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) bond interest rates have been reduced from 4.97 percent to 2.76 percent which is expected to result in a savings of approximately \$85.1 million or 19.9 percent of the principle amount being refunded.

Florida Economic Outlook

The Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research issued a report “Florida: An Economic Overview” on August 16. A few of the points made follow:

- The job market will take a long time to recover – about 743,500 jobs have been lost since the most recent job peak. Rehiring will not be enough to significantly drop the unemployment rate.
- Florida’s prime working-age population (25-54) is forecast to add about 2,500 people per month.
- It would take the creation of about 1 million jobs for the same percentage of the total population to be working as was the case at the peak of employment.
- Population growth is expected to continue strengthening. In the near term growth is expected to average 1.2% between 2012-2015 and then continue its recovery in the future, averaging 1.4% between 2020 and 2025. Most of Florida’s population growth through 2030 will be from net migration. Contrast this with a growth rate of 3%/year between 1970-1995.
- Florida is on track to become the third most populous state by 2016, surpassing New York.

This is a very interesting report for those planning their future in Florida. The report is attached for your convenience.

Short Notes

- FDEP is initiating rulemaking to address Section 403.707(9), Florida Statutes (F.S.), which requires that all construction and demolition debris landfills be constructed with liners and leachate control systems. That same statute also requires that all construction and demolition debris be processed prior to disposal when economically feasible. FDEP’s rulemaking will also address Section 403.087(6), F.S., which requires that all permit fees be updated every five years to account for inflation. Finally, FDEP will also be making several minor changes to update and clarify the rule chapter. Preliminary text of the draft rule amendments is not yet available.
- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s new Air General Permit Electronic Registration Submittal will assist about 1,200 Florida businesses in getting air general permits electronically. As an addition to the department’s electronic business portal, the automated registration system applies to air general permits, with the exception of dry cleaners. The online registration system is part of an ongoing paperless effort and increases the efficiency and consistency of the department’s permitting processes.
- Jon Costello, Governor Scott’s Legislative Affairs Director, has resigned to take a seat on the Northwest Florida Water Management District Board of Directors.
- At the August 16, 2012 Florida Energy Summit, Commissioner Adam Putnam called for a continued discussion on energy to build on the 2012 legislation. Putnam’s goal is to secure a stable, reliable and diverse supply of energy. There were hints by legislators of reviving legislative discussions about

renewable portfolio standards and fuel diversity requirements for energy products during 2013.

- On August 14 FDEP Secretary Vinyard sent a letter to EPA inquiring about EPA's 303(c) review of FDEP's Numeric Nutrient Criteria rule. The 60 day review period expired on August 13 and FDEP expected the Florida rule to be approved by EPA by the review period expiration. No response to date from EPA.
- FDEP is embarking on Human Health Based Surface Water Quality Criteria rulemaking. This could be as onerous as the Numeric Nutrient Criteria rulemaking. FDEP is planning to adopt such a rule at the end of the year.
- The Sierra Club is planning to launch a water sentinel program in Florida whereby they would take water samples in Florida for their own water quality testing.
- Two key appointments have been made for the FDEP Southwest District Office. Mary Yeargan, P.G., was named as Director of District Management and Brian Armstrong, P.G., as Assistant Director. Mary Yeargan returns to FDEP's Southwest District after spending the past 12 years working at the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) of Hillsborough County. Brian Armstrong comes to FDEP from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

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Southwest Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: 40D-21.275

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rulemaking is necessary to establish that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) will provide notice of a Declaration of Water Shortage to those Permittees whose permits will be affected or whose permitted water use will otherwise be restricted by a Water Shortage Declaration. The District previously provided notice of a Declaration of Water Shortage to all Permittees within an area affected by a Declaration of Water Shortage.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Sonya White, Senior Legal Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637-6759, (813)985-7481, ext. 4660. (OGC#2012012)

Department of Environmental Protection

RULE Number: 62-7

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Subsection 403.707(9), F.S., requires that all construction and demolition debris landfills be constructed with liners and leachate control systems. This same subsection also requires that all construction and demolition debris be processed prior to disposal when economically feasible. Section 403.087(6), F.S., requires that all permit fees be updated every five years to account for inflation. The rule chapter must be amended to address these new requirements. There are also several minor changes that need to be made to update and clarify the chapter.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Solid Waste Management.
IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE WEEKLY. THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS: Richard Tedder, Department of Environmental Protection, MS 4565, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, telephone (850)245-8735, or email at Richard.Tedder@dep.state.fl.us

Southwest Florida Water Management District

RULE NO.: 40D-8.041

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: This rule will amend Rule 40D-8.041, F.A.C., to establish Minimum Flows for the Lower Myakka River, pursuant to Section 373.042, F.S. The establishment of the minimum flows will ensure that the minimum hydrologic requirements of the water resources and ecology of the Lower Myakka River are maintained.

SUMMARY: Section 373.042, F.S., requires the District to establish minimum flows and levels for water bodies located within the District. The District is required to maintain and submit a priority list of water bodies to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection indicating the schedule for the establishment of minimum flows and levels. This rulemaking will establish minimum flows for the Lower Myakka River, one of the water bodies on the priority list. For purposes of this rule, the Lower Myakka River extends from the outlet of Lower Myakka Lake to the mouth of the river at Charlotte Harbor.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS: Sonya White, Office of General Counsel, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33637-6759, (813)985-7481 (4660) (OGC #2008069)

The **North Florida Regional Water Supply, Partnership Stakeholder Advisory Committee** (The Advisory Committee) is a committee of stakeholders selected by the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District in consultation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, to advise these agencies on issues affecting water supplies in both water management districts. The Advisory Committee announces a public meeting to which all persons are invited.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, August 28, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Alachua City Commission Chambers, Alachua City Hall, 15100 N.W. 142nd Terrace, Alachua, FL 32615

GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: This is a meeting of the Advisory Committee described above. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and adopt committee operating procedures and a work plan, and review the key requirements of a regional water supply plan to be developed by the two water management districts. An opportunity for public comment will be provided near the end of the meeting. NOTE: One or more members of the Governing Board from each of the water management districts named above may attend and participate in the meeting of the Advisory Committee. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: St.

Johns River Water Management District, Attention: Julie Green, 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, Florida 32177, (386)329-4240, email: jgreen@sjrwmd.com or by visiting the North Florida Regional Water Supply Partnership website: www.northfloridawater.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18 MAF Environmental Teleconference, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. E.T., Dial in number is (712) 775.7000; PIN 317371#.

December 6-7 MAF Manufacturing Summit and Manufacturers of the Year Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport Hotel, Orlando, FL. Now accepting sponsors and exhibitors. Go to www.mafmfg.com for more details or contact becky@nstephens.com.