

**Update on**  
***Ad Hoc Committee on Environmental Events Coordination***  
**July 15, 2011**  
***Prepared for Dean Campbell***

- An email distribution list for the Lower St. Johns River (LSJR) Environmental Events group was created and is being used to exchange information among field staff about events observed in the field. A complete contact list was also created for field staff, so they can call or email one another when needed.
- A monthly calendar of monitoring activities was created so the field crews can look up who is scheduled to be out during events. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), and COJ all agreed that they could upload their monitoring calendars on a monthly basis.
- There was discussion about also having a separate repository for data, photographs, and reports that are generated from the sampling events. The TAC website has been updated to include field observations, laboratory results and diagnostics, and photographs that were sent to Tiffany Busby. The information, by category, is in chronological order with the newest information on top. Additional information can be sent to Tiffany for posting.
- FDEP conducts transect sampling for chlorophyll-*a* during the period of April through October. Dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations below 5 mg/L and DO saturation levels greater than 100% are noted. Pat has arranged that Sharon Piltz (FDEP) will send a notice to the distribution list when one of these DO thresholds is met.

**Data Storage and Analysis**

- Lucy Sonnenberg spoke to the information technology (IT) staff at Jacksonville University (JU) about whether JU could host a website for the central repository. They are able to host and the site can be set up with a public access portion and a restricted portion that requires log in information for access.
- Neil Armingeon has agreed to share information he receives from the public about events.

**Relaying Current Environmental Information to the Public**

- Still ongoing-- A teleconference with public information staff may be scheduled. Teresa Monson and Kraig McLane at SJRWMD, Jodi Conway at FDEP, Jan Landsberg at FWC, and Andy Reich at Florida Department of Health (FDOH) should be involved in discussions on relaying information to the public.
- The River Report will include a new section on current events to discuss significant events for the year. This section could be used as a standalone document for distribution to the public. The report will be completed in May or June and would, therefore, focus on the events of the prior year. The discussion will mainly be about what occurred, since a lot of the research efforts that will provide conclusions are still in progress.