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**Science is not a Four Letter Word** – Dear environmental activist, Show us your data gathered by using the scientific method and subjected to rigorous independent peer review and we’ll show you ours. By the way data is a four letter word. You quote lots of data, but you never show us the verifiable science behind it.

**Big Brother Landscape Company** – Otherwise known as the EPA. It’s not enough that water management districts and authorities across the USA monitor their watersheds and aquifers and impose water use restrictions based on real time pressures on local aquifers. No the EPA is seeking to issue a uniform 50-state watering restriction of twice per week.

To further intrude into private property matters, EPA is proposing all new homes only have 40 percent of their landscape in irrigated turf. Not satisfied with those intrusions into local governance and homeownership, the EPA says it will issue a magic number to limit the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus in all U.S. water bodies with Florida being the guinea pig model.

Where will EPA get the data to make such a determination for every creek, river, lake and bay in the U.S.? They’ll get it from the states of course or not use it all, if their crystal ball isn’t on the fritz. According to data gathered by our FLDEP over the past ten years, current nutrient levels in our waterways vary tremendously depending on the region, rainfall patterns, soils and potential nutrient inputs. How can EPA come up with one number for fifty states without undoing nature and wrecking local budgets trying to comply?

I see I’m in danger of going over my word budget for this column. While going over budget seems to be a trend for congress, I could get in real trouble with our publisher. If you feel like running off at the keyboard, don’t write me, write your legislators. If more of us did that, we could clear up some of that gloom and doom.