

EPA: Groundwater protection is states' job

In a task force report and in a speech to a group of governors, the EPA has been saying that it is largely the responsibility of the states to protect groundwater from pesticide contamination. The Goundwater Task Force, which was formed in July 1989 to review the agency's groundwater protection program and develop policies, released its report in early May.

The report noted the importance of the state role in managing and protecting groundwater, and said that such management could require decisions on groundwater allocation, land use, and pesticide restrictions.

EPA is encouraging the states to develop "generic" management plans, according to Susan H. Wayland, deputy director of the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. Wayland addressed the National Governors Association's Conference on Comprehensive Groundwater Protection Programs in March.

Given the economic crises many states are experiencing, it is unclear how these plans will be financed, managed and enforced. Superintendents will need to keep abreast of changing regulations as states develop their own groundwater protection programs.

Above article seen in "The Florida Green", July August 1991 issue.



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