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SFWMD ePermitting Enhances Public and Business Efficiency *System saves time and expense with online filing/searching of permits*



West Palm Beach, FL – Continuing its commitment to customer-friendly practices, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) offers Florida businesses an online ePermitting database as a cost-effective tool to apply for water permits and research permit-related information.

“Along with enhancing public access, this advanced system improves efficiency for conducting business with the District,” said SFWMD Executive Director Carol Ann Wehle. “ePermitting is faster, easier and provides cost savings for the many businesses that work across South Florida.”

With the SFWMD ePermitting system, customers have convenient, 24-hour online access to conduct a variety of business, including:

- Submitting a permit application and/or permit compliance data
- Searching for application and permit information
- Submitting payment for permit fees
- Applying to transfer an existing permit

- Subscribing to receive electronic noticing of permit-related information
- Obtaining help and instructional guides to use the system efficiently

ePermitting reduces applicant paperwork, eliminates printing and postage costs and reduces permit processing time. To assist customers with the ePermitting system, the SFWMD is hosting a series of free workshops. Separate sessions will focus on Environmental Resource Permits and Consumptive Water Use Permits. The following training dates have been scheduled:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	TRAINING TYPE
March 28	3301 Gun Club Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406	9 - 12 1 - 4	Environmental Resource Consumptive Water Use
May 11 May 12	1707 Orlando Central Parkway, Suite 200 Orlando, FL 32809	1 - 4 1 - 4	Environmental Resource Consumptive Water Use
May 25 May 26	2660 Horseshoe Drive North Naples, FL 34104	1 - 4 1 - 4	Environmental Resource Consumptive Water Use
June 2 June 3	2301 McGregor Boulevard Ft. Myers, FL 33901	1 - 4 1 - 4	Environmental Resource Consumptive Water Use
Click here for a list of all training sessions throughout the District.			

Launched in September 2005, SFWMD ePermitting now has more than 7,500 user accounts. To date, nearly 200 individuals subscribe to the system’s e-notice feature, allowing users to subscribe to receive electronic notifications regarding permit-related information. This information includes details on newly received applications, permits issued, regulatory agendas and rulemaking changes. The notices can be customized by each user, including by county or permit type.

The SFWMD continues to upgrade its services to permittees and other customers. Following an extensive conversion of microfiche files, more than 35 years of regulatory permit information are now available on the ePermitting online database, resulting in direct, easy and quick public access to permit files.

All converted data, as well as existing applications and information on the training sessions, can be accessed online at www.sfwmd.gov/ePermitting.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.