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## **ATM Evaluates Indian River Lagoon as Possible Drinking Water Source**

### ***Large-scale desalination ruled out***

Gainesville, FL - One of the top options for supplying water to Central Florida has been dropped as a result of a study recently performed by Applied Technology & Management, Inc. (ATM) for the St. Johns River Water Management District.

The goal of the study was to help determine the possibility of pumping and desalinating up to 60 million gallons of water per day from the Indian River Lagoon to satisfy future demand for drinking water for Central Florida. The District chose sites along the Indian River Lagoon because of the proximity to two existing power plants south of Titusville and the ability to co-locate the desalination plants.

The report completed by ATM scientists concluded that withdrawing more than 10 million gallons per day (MGD) would be unfeasible, due to potential environmental impacts.

The lagoon is considered to have one of the largest varieties of sea life in the nation, and State and Federal agencies have already spent millions of dollars in restoration.

### **About ATM**

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