

Water Reuse: The Florida Model

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This presentation will provide a status report on water reuse in Florida. Data from the **2006 Reuse Inventory** will be presented. Florida has experienced dramatic increases in the popularity of water reuse as evidenced by the fact that permitted reuse capacity totals over 1.3 billion gallons per day – about 58 percent of the total permitted capacity of all domestic wastewater treatment facilities in the state.

The paper will also examine future directions in water reuse in Florida. Guided by the **2003 Reuse Strategies Report**, the state's focus in water reuse will increasingly be on efficiency and effectiveness in the use of reclaimed water as a means of conserving water and for augmenting available water supplies. Recent legislation in Florida has placed increased emphasis on and has created a significant funding source for implementation of alternative water supplies – including water reuse. That state legislation also places increased emphasis on efficiency and effectiveness in the Water Reuse Program.

As Florida enters an “Age of Enlightenment” in water reuse featuring increased efficiency and effectiveness, the state's Vision of Water Reuse in 2020 will be presented.

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