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Title: Reduce ground water pollution from sources such as septic and storage tank infrastructure to watersheds associated with priority reef areas to improve water quality and reef health.

Objective: The intended outcomes of this recommended management action include: improved groundwater quality, target identification of sources and types of pollution, reduction of septic tank use in Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative region and the implementation of advanced wastewater treatment before disposal in deep well injection.

Background: This recommended management action is being proposed because groundwater is a major source of freshwater to estuarine and nearshore coastal waters off southeast Florida. Groundwater has been contaminated with pollutants that adversely affect the coral reef ecosystem.

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