



FISH TESTING RESULTS

CONCERNING FISH FROM THE STORMWATER POND AT JENSEN AND HIGHLAND, LAKELAND, FLORIDA

The FDOH Investigation of Fish

On November 10, 1999 the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission assisted the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) by collecting three types of fish from the stormwater pond located at Jensen Avenue and Highland Street west of Lakeland. The stormwater pond receives runoff from the Landia Chemical Co. (Landia)/Florida Favorite Fertilizer (FFF) hazardous waste site. The fish were analyzed at Savannah Labs in Tallahassee for organochlorine pesticides and arsenic. Each of the fish was also sampled for inorganic arsenic at Battelle Labs in Washington State.

The FDOH analyzed the data from the laboratories and determined that there is currently no public health hazard from pesticides or arsenic for adults or children eating armored catfish, bluegill or nile perch from the stormwater pond. However, we do not know what exposures occurred in the past from eating the fish.

The FDOH distributed a draft copy of the health consultation explaining this

The FDOH has determined that there is currently no public health hazard from pesticides or arsenic associated with eating armored catfish, bluegill or nile perch from the stormwater pond located at Jensen Avenue and Highland Street.

information at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) public meeting on February 1, 2000. If you would like a copy or have any question, please call Susan Bland at the FDOH, (850) 488-3385.

FDOH Investigates the Site

In 1999 the FDOH conducted a Public Health Assessment on the Landia/FFF hazardous waste site at 1405 W. Olive St. in Lakeland.

The FDOH assessed potential health effects from chemicals found at this site by EPA and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

One FDOH focus was the ditch along the east side of the Landia/FFF property.

