

Stop the Charade & Accept Reality Sewage Kills Coral

Every day of the year 13 million gallons of inadequately treated sewage is pumped into the ocean east of Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach and onto a coral reef ecosystem. The sewage is laden with nutrient pollution, pathogens, hormones, pharmaceutical waste and byproducts.

The permit required for the Delray ocean sewage outfall pipe to dump into the ocean expired December 2005. The sewer plant has failed to meet the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and has been unable to get a new discharge permit.

In their most recent attempt to get a renewed permit, sewer plant consultants conducted a week long tracer dye test, at a cost of 100's of thousands of dollars, to shift the blame for a coral killing algae bloom away from the plant's ocean sewage discharge pipe.

Like an exploding dye packet in a bank robber's loot bag, the sewer plant dye test blew-up in their face.

Reef Rescue volunteers took to the air and sea to conduct an independent survey and provide photographic evidence of dye migration from the Boynton Beach Inlet and the Delray Beach ocean sewage outfall pipe.



Photo enhanced to highlight tracer dye

Boynton Beach Inlet



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Delray Beach

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Carried north by the predominate current, dye and buoys placed into the inlet traveled away from the reef. Dye released from the ocean sewer pipe flowed right to the reef, underscoring what Reef Rescue has been telling them since 2003 – the Gulf Stream flows north and sewage kills coral!

Tell your representatives its time to give-up this futile and wasteful pursuit to renew the ocean discharge permit and move rapidly forward with the approved plan to close the outfall. It's time to dismiss the consultants who have mislead the towns into believing the cause for the coral killing algae bloom can be blamed on a lack of algae eating fish, cold water upwellings, dust from the Sahara Desert and the Boynton Inlet.

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