

# History of Florida's Cleanup Program

## The Petroleum Cleanup Program

The State of Florida and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have been dealing with the problem of petroleum contamination since 1984. Since that time numerous statutes, administrative rules, and guidance documents have established requirements and procedures for petroleum storage system registration and compliance, for petroleum contamination assessment and remediation, and for programs that provide financial assistance for cleanup. **The State of Florida no longer provides funding assistance for newly reported discharges. The responsible party or parties and/or their insurance providers must bear the cost for any required assessment and cleanup.**

