Citizen Oversight Committee Bio: Don Deis Science



Don Deis, a Certified Environmental Professional (CEP), has more than 40 years of practice in the environmental science field in government and as a consultant to industry and government. He has worked with Atkins/SNC Lavalin, an international science and engineering firm, for the past 25 years. His areas of interest include environmental evaluation, assessment, and monitoring of marine, estuarine, and coastal projects; restoration of estuarine and marine ecosystems; disaster response and planning; natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) and restoration related to disasters; and environmental rules and regulation. Mr. Deis has a M.S. in marine ecology from Florida Atlantic University. As a coastal ecologist, he has particular interest in water quality and hard bottom (reef), salt marsh, and seagrass habitats. He has studied these habitats throughout Florida, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean. He has been working on projects and programs within the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) system throughout his career. He is currently volunteering his time with Brevard Zoo and Satellite Beach on experimental seagrass planting projects and the seagrass nursery along with other oyster, clam, and water quality projects.