

Aquifer Watch Nitrates Study Begins With OSFR Wells

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Aquifer Watch volunteers Dr. Rick Copeland and Jim Hatchitt

[Aquifer Watch](#) volunteers Dr. Rick Copeland of Tallahassee and Jim Hatchitt of Gainesville began their study of nitrates contamination within the ten mile area of Poe Springs today, with the very first well visited here at 914 SW Riverland Court, residence of OSFR member and volunteer Jim Tatum.

The study will test the wells for nitrates and also measure water levels, and will span a time period of several months.

Dr. Copeland is the founder of Aquifer Watch, and Mr. Hatchitt is affiliated with the Alachua County of Environmental Protection.

[AquiferWatch](#) is an organization dedicated improving the participation of citizens of Florida in the management of their water resources, with emphasis on groundwater. It is dedicated to assisting citizen volunteers in the monitoring of our

groundwater resources and to educating Floridians in the principles of groundwater hydrology.

The second well visited was that at [Rum 138](#), belonging to OSFR president Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, thus revealing that OSFR is very much involved with this monitoring endeavor.