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**RE: City of Belle Glade
Palm Beach County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)
NPDES Permit No. FLS000018
Response to the Year 6 Annual Report Comments**

Dear Mr. van den Akker:

On behalf of the City of Belle Glade, we are responding to your comments in the Year 6 Inspection Notification and Annual Report Comments letter dated May 4, 2009. We have the following responses to each of the three (3) comments:

1. *Section VII, Part III.A.6: Pesticides, Herbicides, and Fertilizer Application” and III.A.7.e “Illicit Discharge and Improper Disposal – Public Reporting”:* Please provide an explanation of why no public education and outreach activities occurred.

Due to staff turnover within the City, we have no records of public education and outreach activities for Year 6.

2. *Section VII, Part III.A.7.c: “Illicit discharges and Improper disposal – Investigation of suspected Illicit Discharges and/or Improper disposal”:* The permittee reported “0” illicit discharge training activities and “0” municipal personnel and field staff trained. Please provide an explanation of why no training occurred and confirm if staff has been trained to perform illicit discharge and improper disposal inspections.

Staff at the City has periodically watched training videos on illicit discharges. However, we cannot confirm if a video training session was held during the Year 6 report period.

3. *Section VII, Part III.A.9: “Construction Site Runoff”:* The permittee reported 482 construction site plan/permit application reviews for private sites, but “0” construction projects requiring a Notice of Intent (NOI), “0” inspections of construction sites performed, and “0” for the number of building permit applicants notified. The permittee also included the comment “Building Inspector is no longer employed with City.” Please clarify whether the permittee conducted no activities under the construction program in year 6 or if the records could not be found for reporting purposes because the Building Inspector left.

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Since no records could be found for reporting purposes, and additional information was not available to confirm whether construction activities occurred under the construction program in Year 6, we reported "0" activities.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at (561) 684-3375 or via email at karen.brandon@aecom.com.

Sincerely,

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