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May 28, 2009

Mr. Steven Michael Kelly  
NPDES Stormwater Section  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Mail Station 2500  
2600 Blair Stone Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

Dear Mr. Kelly:

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO NPDES MS4 YEAR 6 ANNUAL REPORT  
COMMENTS

A response to the May 4, 2009, Annual Report Comment and request for  
additional information are provided below.

**Palm Beach County**

1) *Section VII, Part III.A.1 "Structural Controls and Stormwater Collection  
System Operation": Please provide an explanation of why no exfiltration trench  
inspection and maintenance activities occurred.*

In year 6 Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works initiated a MS4  
GIS mapping project which included identifying the location of exfiltration  
trenches. Information on the location and dimensions of exfiltration trenches  
owned and operated by the County were not previously available in a format to  
allow routine inspections, prior to this mapping effort. Significant proactive  
inspections of exfiltration trenches have commenced during the current permit  
term. Reporting of exfiltration trench inspection and maintenance activities  
shall be provided in the next annual report.

Should you have any question regarding this matter, please contact  
Brian Gentry at (561) 233-2515.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Finneran, Environmental Director  
Resources Protection

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cc: Alan Werptney, P.E.  
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