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**Subject: Palm Beach County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)
NPDES Permit No. FLS00018 Year 1, Cycle 3 Annual Report Comments - Request
for Additional Information**

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Please see Florida's Turnpike Enterprise comments and additional information requested by Florida Department of Environmental Protection NPDES Stormwater Section for the Palm Beach County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Permit No. FLS00018 Year 1, Cycle 3 Annual Report.

FDOT Turnpike Enterprise

1. Section VII, Part III.A.7.c of the Annual Report form requires the permittee to conduct and report proactive and illicit discharge inspections annually within the MS4. If these activities are conducted by another entity or municipality, then the permittee remains responsible to report these required inspection activities. If no inspections were conducted during the reporting period, whether proactive or reactive, then a complete explanation must be provided in Column F "Comments". Provide explanations for the "0" activities performed in the proactive and reactive sections of Part III.A.7.c of the Annual Report.

The Turnpike's Proactive and Illicit Discharge inspections are conducted through a number of avenue's which include routine inspection through NPDES coordinator inspections, daily contract manager patrol and Traffic Management Center Incident Response. All spills on the Turnpike are reported and responded to. The appropriate method of remediation is used and all incidents are reported to FDEP's Bureau of Emergency Response. During this reporting period there were 2 incidents.

Reactive inspections are listed under Section VII. Part III.A.7.d Illicit Discharges and Improper Disposal.



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2. Section VII, Part III.A.7.d of the Annual Report form requires the permittee to train employees and contractors working in the MS4 on required procedures to report spills. This training can be as simple as explaining the necessary contacts should a spill be encountered, and whether containment or other responses are authorized. Explain how the FDOT Turnpike Enterprise plans to satisfy the personnel- training requirement during the current reporting period.

We conduct these trainings annually but there were no trainings held during the short 6 month reporting year. We also have an Emergency Spill Response Standard Operating Procedure that all field employees are trained and FDEP received a copy of it with the Year 1 Cycle 3 Annual Report.

3. Section VII, Part III.A.7.g of the Annual Report form requires the permittee to obtain and report SSO incidents and preventive activities performed within the permittee's jurisdiction, even when performed by a third party (wastewater operator, municipality, and/or the county health department). Provide the information required by this section of the Annual Report or adequately explain activities not performed in Column F "Comments" of the Annual Report.

The Florida Turnpike being a limited access toll road/highway transportation system does not have the typical issues with Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) and Sanitary Wastewater Contamination.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Marek
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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise