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April 18, 2019

Mr. Jason Andreotta, Acting District Director
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast District Office
3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 7210-1
West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

SUBJECT: Martin County, Florida Site Investigation
Letter Response

Dear Mr. Andreotta,

We are in receipt of a letter authored by former Director Jennifer Smith dated March 28, 2019 (the Letter) regarding the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) investigation into the discovery of concentrations of Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in the City of Stuart and surrounding areas within Martin County (County) and on County-owned properties above U.S. EPA established Health Advisory Limits (HAL).

According to the Letter, concentrations of PFOA and PFOS were detected in monitor wells near Martin County owned properties as a result of sampling conducted by the Department in 2018. Martin County acknowledges that according to 62-780 F.A.C., Contaminated Site Cleanup Criteria, a Person Responsible for Site Rehabilitation (PRSR) is required to initiate a site assessment within 60 days of discovery of the contamination and to submit a site assessment report to the Department within 270 days of discovery of the contamination. The County is without sufficient information to determine whether it is a PRSR under the Rule. However, the County is committed to working with the Department to ensure the spatial extent of any PFOA and PFOS above the HALs or Florida's Cleanup Target Level (as indicated in the Letter) is known and full remediation, where warranted, is completed.

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Ms. Diane Pupa has been contacted as requested and a meeting has been scheduled on May 9, 2019 with Ms. Pupa and other Department representatives. We look forward to discussing the previous findings; future investigation and potential remediation as necessary. In the meantime, if the County can provide the Department with any additional information that would aid in the process going forward, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Taryn Kryzda
Martin County Administrator

C: Sam Amerson, Utilities & Solid Waste Director
Anne Murray, Hydrogeologist / Water Resources Coordinator