

City of Pahokee

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Subject: Palm Beach County Year 1, Third Term Permit
Request for Additional Information – City of Pahokee
NPDES Permit No. FLS00018

Dear Mr. Kuhl:

The following is in response to your letter dated April 12, 2012 requesting additional information:

1. Section VII, Part III.A.1 of the Annual Report form requires the permittee to inspect 10% of the total MS4 pipes and culverts, owned and operated by the City, annually. Provide the number of inspections performed during the reporting year or provide an explanation for why inspections were not conducted in Column F "Comments".

Response: Currently the City does not have a map of its MS4 system (catch basins, pipes, drainage area). The City is in the process of generating a map with its facilities and will provide it along with the number of inspections in the next annual report.

2. Section VII, Part III.A.3 of the Annual Report form requires the permittee to report the frequency of street sweeping activities and the loadings of total nitrogen and phosphorus removed in pounds. We understand the City has experienced severe budget reductions and has been unable to purchase, lease, or contract the necessary equipment or services. In addition to the explanation provided with this annual report, provide an estimate of the miles of curb and gutter associated with roadways owned and operated by the City, and documentation that the City has included funding for street-sweeping services in their Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget request.

Response: The City has only 0.25 miles of curb and gutter which does not justify the expense of street sweeping.

3. Section VII, Part III.A.5 of the Annual Report form requires the permittee to list facilities (yards and associated shops) which support road maintenance activities and a list of facilities (which usually consist of waste-fleet yards or yards providing temporary storage of road-side litter, street-sweeping residuals, or

road-side debris). If facilities owned and operated by the City, and subject to this Part, are operated by another entity (Glades Utility Authority), then the City remains responsible for reporting these facilities and the associated inspection activities in this Part of the Annual Report form.

Response: The comment in this Section of the report was incorrect. There are no waste transfer or waste storage facilities operated by the City or other entities within the City.

4. Section VII, Part III.A.6 of the Annual Report form requires City employees, which apply pesticides or herbicides to buildings or other properties, to obtain the appropriate certification from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Provide a list of the City's employees which apply pesticides or herbicides and a description of the City's plan and schedule to obtain the necessary certifications.

Response: The City applies over the counter Roundup for weed control. The City's employees applying this product are currently not certified through DACS. Training is available through the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service. The City will send these employees through this training program and report it in the next annual report.

5. 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 municipality's jurisdiction, even when performed by a third party (wastewater operator, the county health department, or a regional utility). Provide the information required by this section of the Annual Report form or adequately explain activities not performed in Column F "Comments" of the Annual Report.

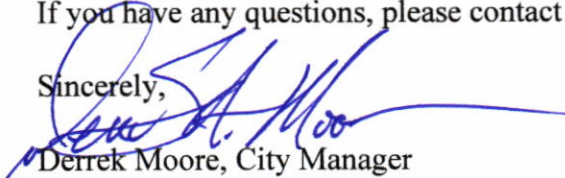
Response: The City Manager is a member of the Glades Utility Authority board and will request, obtain and update the information on this activity in the next annual report.

6. Section VII, Part III.A.8.a of the Annual Report form requires the permittee to maintain a current inventory of all existing high risk facilities discharging into the permittee's MS4, and to prioritize facilities for annual inspection. Provide an explanation of why the City has reported "0" inspections for the 54 facilities inventoried.

Response: The City reported this information incorrectly. The 54 facilities is the number of all local businesses within the City. This list will be compared to the area served by the MS4 to identify any applicable facilities requiring an inspection. All information will be reported in the next annual report. There are no operating landfills or toxic release inventory sites within the City. There are nine (9) facilities on the EPA RCRA list that are located within the City.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,


Derrek Moore, City Manager