



City of Fort Myers
Saeed Kazemi, P.E.
City Manager

November 30, 2017

RE: FDEP ID: COM 288039, Response Letter

Jon Iglehart
South District Director, FDEP
2295 Victoria Avenue, Suite 364
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Dear Mr. Iglehart,

In response to your letter of November 28, 2017, City staff remains committed to providing FDEP with accurate and certified results of the South Street testing as soon as they are available from the consultants. To that end we have kept the lines of communication open, meeting with your agency on a regular basis and providing updates to the Department as soon as they are received. In addition, the City will issue a weekly summary update to be sent to FDEP and local media as well as posting on the project website.

On July 24, 2017, the City launched a project website at www.3348SouthStreet.com to inform the public about the project. The website contains project documents, maps and press releases. The public was made aware of the site on July 25, 2017. The site is linked to the City's website at www.cityftmyers.com.

On November 8, 2017, City staff and our consultants, GFA International, Inc., met with FDEP staff at your Fort Myers office to discuss the preliminary results of the initial groundwater monitoring. At this meeting it was discussed that additional monitoring wells should be added to the testing plan and included in the Phase One results to provide a more refined profile of the site characteristics.

On November 16, 2017 the consultants wrote a letter to city staff reporting that the preliminary test results were inconclusive. The consultants recommended and requested that four additional offsite monitoring wells be installed and tested to allow them to better interpret the results. This letter was provided to FDEP.

On November 20, 2017, the consultant sent an e-mail to FDEP saying that testing would commence on November 27, 2017 and continue until approximately December 8, 2017. The testing includes the deep soil samples, installation of four off-site monitor wells at the location discussed, and monitor well sampling.

Finally, on November 27, 2017 the City's project manager spoke with you about the status of the soil sampling and timeline of the well drilling and testing. As discussed, the offsite wells are scheduled to be drilled on November 30, 2017 and December 1, 2017 with samples to be collected on December 4 and 5, 2017. We encourage the Department's participation in conducting split sampling with the City on the next groundwater sampling of the ten wells.

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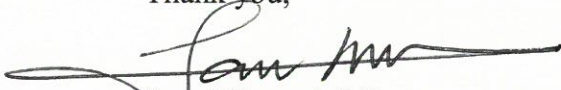
We have maintained consistent and open communication with FDEP through every step of the process. The City will continue to provide updates and status reports as we move forward, ensuring that FDEP and our residents receive accurate certified information.

Attached please find the certified analytical reports received November 29-30, 2017 and the certified ground water flow diagram and ground water elevation summary received November 30, 2017.

The City intends to hold a public meeting during the month of January 2018 to notify the community about the results. As with our August 1, 2017 public meeting, we hope that the Department will attend the meeting and speak with the public regarding the certified analytical reports.

If you have any other questions or concerns please contact the Project Manager, Richard Thompson, P.E. at (239) 321-7630.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saeed Kazemi', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Saeed Kazemi, P.E.
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cc: Honorable Mayor and City Council