



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

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RE: ID # COM\_288039, City Block Bordered by South Street, Henderson Ave,  
Jeffcott Street, and Midway Avenue

Dear Mr. Kazemi:

The Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) reviewed the undated Transportation and Reuse Work Plan (“Plan”) prepared by PPM Consultants, Inc., and submitted to the Department from the City of Fort Myers (“City”) by email from Richard Thompson on November 28, 2018.

The Plan states that “the excavated material will be loaded onto dump trucks that will be sealed and covered to prevent water leakage and dust during offsite transport in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 316.520. The dump trucks will travel via major highways from Fort Myers to the LafargeHolcim cement plant in Theodore, Alabama.”

The Plan addresses measures for prevention of any potential discharge of the material during transportation and is consistent with the requirements of Chapter 62-780, F.A.C. The Department has no objection to the City’s implementation of the Plan.

The Department remains committed to continuing to perform its stringent oversight to ensure clean-up and monitoring is done in accordance with Florida law. Please note that, once source removal is completed, the City will be required to conduct additional onsite and offsite sampling to ensure complete remediation and to help ascertain whether the sludge is the source of the offsite arsenic levels or the arsenic is from another source or naturally occurring.

If it is determined through this assessment that the sludge removal was incomplete, or that the sludge is the source of offsite contamination that is not resolved through the source removal, additional corrective measures may be required.

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We ask that you continue to provide the Department weekly written updates and keep us informed regarding the City's progress.

We also encourage the City to provide frequent updates to the community and any interested parties as you move forward with remediation of the site.

Sincerely,



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Director of District Management

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