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SENT BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Saeed Kazemi
City Manager
City of Fort Myers
Email: skazemi@cityftmyers.com

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 Amended Transportation and Disposal 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 December 4, 2018.

The Plan addresses measures for prevention of any potential discharge of the material during transportation. It has also been confirmed that both Clark Environmental, Inc. and the Cedar Trails Landfill are authorized to process and receive the material under their existing permits. As presented, the Plan is consistent with the requirements of Chapter 62-780, F.A.C. Therefore, 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Iglehart", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jon M. Iglehart
Director of District Management

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