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Melissa Meeker  
Executive Director  
South Florida Water Management District  
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West Palm Beach, Florida 33406

Dear Ms. Meeker,

Please see the enclosed Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (Department) final National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) watershed permit (File No. FL0778451) and associated consent order (OGC# 12-1148) for the operation and maintenance of the Everglades Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), and an Everglades Forever Act (EFA) watershed permit (File No. 0311207) and associated consent order (OGC# 12-1149) for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Everglades STAs; individually known as STA-1 East, STA-1 West, STA-2, STA-3/4 and STA-5/6. The referenced documents were signed and executed by the Department yesterday, September 10, 2012. These documents are issued pursuant to the requirements of the EFA, Section 373.4592, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and the NPDES program delegated to the State of Florida, pursuant to Title 122, Code of Federal Regulations, and Section 403.088, F.S.

The following documents may be obtained by accessing the Department's website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wqssp/everglades/ecp-sta.htm>

- STA NPDES Watershed Permit (File No. FL0778451-GL/7A-RA)
- STA NPDES Watershed Permit Fact Sheet
- STA NPDES Watershed Permit Consent Order (OGC#12-1148)
- STA Everglades Forever Act (EFA) Watershed Permit (File No. 0311207-001)
- STA Everglades Forever Act Watershed Permit Consent Order (OGC# 12-1149)
- STA Figures 1 through 5
- STA NPDES/EFA Watershed Permit and Consent Orders Exhibit A: "Technical Support Document for Derivation of the Water Quality Based Effluent Limit for Total Phosphorus in Discharges from Everglades Stormwater Treatment Areas to the Everglades Protection Area"
- STA NPDES/EFA Consent Orders Exhibit B: "Restoration Strategies Regional Water Quality Preliminary Plan" and appendices.
- Appendix A: Model Documentation Report
- Appendix B: DMSTA Modeling Sheets
- Appendix C: Corrective Action Description and Details
- STA EFA Watershed Permit Exhibit B: "Everglades Marsh Dissolved Oxygen Site Specific Alternative Criterion"
- STA NPDES/EFA Consent Orders Exhibit C: "Downstream STA1W, STA1E, and STA2 Transect Monitoring Plan"
- STA Pollution Prevention Plan

Please review this document carefully and make copies for all appropriate persons associated with the project. Please discuss the document with your staff, contracted/hired personnel, and applicable others to ensure compliance with the conditions and requirements contained therein.

Any party to this order (permit) has the right to seek judicial review of the permit under section 120.68 of the Florida Statutes, by the filing of a Notice of Appeal under rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of General Counsel, Mail Station 35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after this notice is filed with the Clerk of the Department.

If you have any problems accessing the Department's website or have any questions, please contact Kelli J. Edson at [Kelli.Edson@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Kelli.Edson@dep.state.fl.us) or 850.245.3180. When referring to this permit, please use the file number indicated above.

Sincerely,



Ernie Marks, Administrator  
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