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Mr. Jerrel E. Phillips
Director
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P.O. Box 14463
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Dear Mr. Phillips:

Thank you for your September 29, 2011, letter to the Honorable Bill Nelson regarding an appeal to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's NPDES permitting authority. Your letter was forwarded to the Region 4 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for response.

The information included with your letter is currently being reviewed by staff in the EPA's Regional Office of Environmental Accountability. Due to the information requested, we are coordinating with appropriate staff in other Divisions in order to provide a thorough response. We hope to have a final response to you within two weeks.

If you have questions in the interim, please contact me or the Region 4 Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Wise".

Allison Wise
Acting Director
Office of External Affairs

cc: The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate



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Dear Mr. Phillips:

Thank you for your September 29, 2011, letter to the Honorable Bill Nelson regarding your Petition to withdraw the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's NPDES permitting authority. Your letter was forwarded to the Region 4 office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for response.

We are continuing to evaluate the information included with your letter, and the significant issues raised by that information. In light of the significant issues raised, we are coordinating our response on this matter with appropriate staff and management, both within the EPA Region 4 and offices in EPA's Headquarters. We will provide further updates to you as we continue our investigation and proceed to a formal resolution of the Petition.

If you have questions in the interim, please contact me or the Region 4 Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming".

Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming
Regional Administrator

cc: The Honorable Bill Nelson
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