

Antonia Hover

From: Antonia Hover on behalf of Records Clerk
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4:22 PM
To: 'Robert Jensen'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: RE: Florida Atlantic University Septic Sys Research

Good Afternoon, Robert Jensen.

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20200226, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach.

Thank you!

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From: Robert Jensen <rjensen2525@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Records Clerk <CLERK@PSC.STATE.FL.US>
Subject: Fwd: Florida Atlantic University Septic Sys Research

This letter is intended to be placed in Docket #20200226

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From: **Robert Jensen** <rjensen2525@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM
Subject: Re: Florida Atlantic University Septic Sys Research
To: Environmental Utility <eu777offices@gmail.com>, <Commissioner.Passidomo@psc.state.fl.us>, <Commissioner.Clark@psc.state.fl.us>, <Commissioner.LaRosa@psc.state.fl.us>, <robinmadden@islanderproperties.com>

Received, thank you.

Jack:

Thank you for this generalized description of ground water pollution. Unfortunately, it does not contain specific information for any sources of ground water pollution, run-off pollution from commercial and industrial sights, and pollution from the release of untreated sewage into the estuaries from overloaded sewage treatment plants during heavy rains or tropical storms. Even if sewers were installed everywhere in Charlotte County, ground water nutrients leaching into the estuaries is a complex problem that cannot be solved or measurably mitigated by the installation of sewers on PI and DPI. For instance, Cape Coral in Lee County with 300 mile of canals is entirely sewerred, and they have experienced the worst algae blooms in SWF. They have discovered that run-off from roads and parking lots into the drainage systems as well as fertilizers from homes and golf courses is the leading cause of pollution in the estuaries. Living directly on the back bay of Ft. Myers Beach for 25 years, I have personally observed and investigated raw sewage discharges during severe storms directly into the estuary

from a Lee County sewage treatment plant several miles from our house. These discharges of raw sewage are large and Gross with disgustingly visible debris, and are sometimes reported to the news media.

In closing, your problem is the installation of sewers on LGI where substandard lots and many years of unpermitted buildings combined with poor drainage resulting in large areas of standing water have created an unhealthy mixing of ground water and pollutants from substandard septic systems. These conditions do not exist on PI or DPI. I believe that most citizens would support your installation of sewers on LGI to help mitigate the ever evolving health hazard created by LGI residents during the past fifty years.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Robert Jensen

On Tue, Jan 18, 2022, 1:37 PM Environmental Utility <eu777offices@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Interested Party/ Island Resident:

Attached is the most recent study on how Septic Systems affect our pristine waters. This article was posted January 7, 2022 in South Central Florida Life online.

You can access the report with this link

<https://www.southcentralfloralife.com/stories/septic-tanks-feeding-algal-blooms,26750>

or for those who do not like to click links, the whole article is attached in pdf format.

Please give it a read.

Thank you for your time,

Jack

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