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Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 8:19 AM
To: 'kaflgi9148@aol.com'
Cc: Consumer Contact
Subject: FW: Wastewater Certification docket # 20200226-SU
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Good Morning, Art and Karyn Flatau.

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!

Toni Hover

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From: Karyn Flatau <kaflgi9148@aol.com>
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Subject: Wastewater Certification docket # 20200226-SU

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March 7,2021

RE: Wastewater Certification

Docket #20200226-SU

Art & Karyn Flatau

9148 Grand Ave. Placida, Fl 33946 (LITTLE GASPARILLA ISLAND)

I am writing this in support of wastewater certification for our island. We have lived here full time for 12 years. We always had the hope of a sewer and water coming to the island. We got the water, which Mr Boyer was responsible. No problems, great water!

Our concerns: Currently we have an aerobic treatment system. According to House Bill 375, that became law July 1, 2013, has specific requirements for the maintenance. It must be pumped every 3 years and inspected every 6 months. Currently, there is only one company that comes out to inspect. Per bill 375, if we lose our maintenance provider, we are responsible for all maintenance and inspection. Reports would then have to be sent to the DEP. The same company that does our maintenance also does the pumping out. What if they decide to not come out to the island anymore? We have had it pumped out 4 times. This last time we were put on a waiting list. Apparently there were a number of tanks that required pump outs. We are at the mercy of the barge, the tides and the weather for any service vehicles that have to come over to our island.

We have experienced flooding over the island in the 12 years we have lived here. This means that yards are flooded for sometimes 2 weeks at a time. You can imagine the brown yuk that is floating around. It also smells. Irma was bad. The USGS has a good article (with pictures of our island). Featured story: Before and After: Coastal change Caused By Hurrican Irma published Oct, 6, 2017. Last year it rained most of the summer and again we were under water for weeks. Our yard had at least 8 inches of water for nearly a month and a half. Yes, my drain pipes from septic were under water. Yes, we

had "yuk" in our yard! Needless to say, it was pretty gross on the island.

Our island has fulltime residents, but marjority are rental homes. Most are listed on VRBO. These homes have old septic tanks, some homes empty into the gulf and the bay (no tanks).

My concern is for the environment. This problem is not going away. I have 5 homes that will be built in my subdivision alone. All, by the way, are in favor of wastewater for the island.

We can't wait for the next big storm to expose our tanks. Attached is a picture of our island after Irma.

We are hoping that you grant Mr. Boyer the certification needed. I think we all want what is best for our barrier islands and surrounding waters.

Sincerely,

Art & Karyn Flatau



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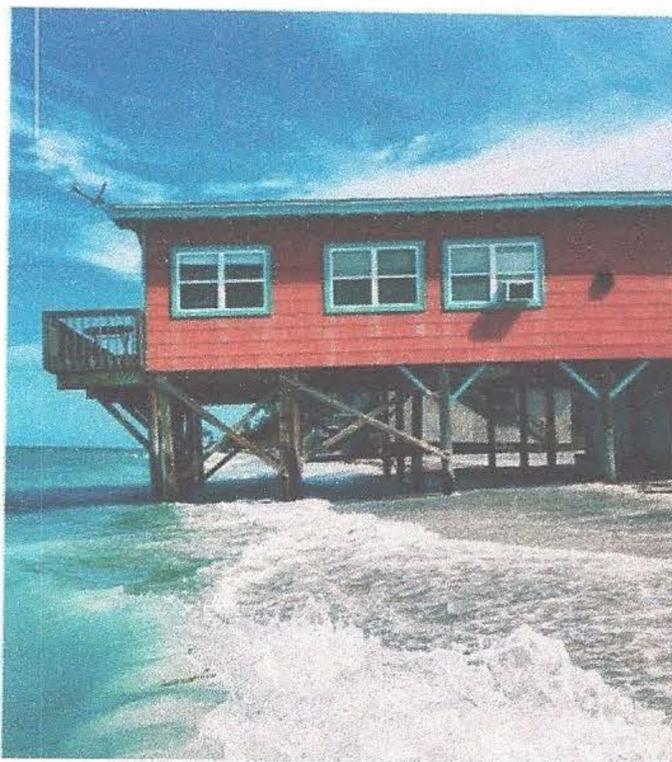
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