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Attached please find three documents of one page each: (1) a letter from the Utility Corporation of Florida briefly indicating our response to a storm emergency, (2) a letter from our plant operator to the DEP outlining the same incident, (3) a letter from our engineer to the DEP in reference to the incident.

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Utility Corporation of Florida, Inc.
100 Clubhouse Lane, Sebring, FL 33876

September 12, 2008

Clerk of the Commission
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Docket #080079-SU for the Utility Corporation of Florida Inc

In response to questions raised by Pat Brady this morning, we are sending two letters which will document our handling of a recent storm emergency. Because of the volume of rainwater from Tropical Storm Fay, a pond which had previously been used as a reuse storage pond was opened, allowing storm water to enter the drainage canal, in order to avoid a backup into villa septic tanks.

We are in the process of correcting our permit with the DEP; the resolution is pending.

Attached please find an e-mail which was sent by our plant operator, Tom Quinn to Keith Kleinmann of the DEP on August 22, 2008. Also attached is an e-mail from Aaron Bowles of MBV Engineering also addressed to Keith Kleinmann.

Please let us know if anything else is needed.

Sincerely,

s/Lois M. Schlabach,
Utility Corporation of Florida, Inc.
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From: "Aaron Bowles"

To: "Keith' 'Kleinmann"

Cc: "Philip' 'Reed" "Junaid' 'As-Salek"

Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 5:29:58 PM (GMT-0500) America/New_York

Subject: RE: Spring Lake Canal Visit

Mr. Kleinmann,

Let me introduce myself. My name is Aaron Bowles and I am an engineer with MBV engineering and am currently representing The Spring Lake S/D WWTF. I had left messages with you and Brandon Ivy and was given Junaid's number to contact regarding the subject situation. As per my discussion with Junaid, this e-mail shall serve as notification of what we are intending to do at the subject site. What has been done, as I understand, is that the WWTF re-use pond/ stormwater pond has been opened for direct discharge to an existing adjacent ditch or swale. Please note that it is my understanding that this was done to mitigate some of the stormwater problems they were encountering. Previously, however, a month ago or so the re-use water had been diverted from the re-use pond to directly discharge to some of the surrounding, limited public access golf course areas ensuring no re-use water was entering the pond that is now discharging off-site. I have recently been informed of the existing situation and understand that it may be an acceptable solution, however the FDEP may not have been properly notified of the proposed modifications. In talking with Junaid, whom happened to be very helpful, I explained our situation and expressed that we would be addressing this matter in a timely manner.

I have informed Junaid and the operator, Tom Quinn, that based on the answer we receive from you will determine if we have to close the pond up immediately or are able to wait until the issue is permitted. What I had explained to Junaid is that we don't want to close the pond up, only to find out that the beginning of next week we can open it back up. If you feel it will be a lengthier process, we can close it up now. However if you feel it is something that can be resolved in a very short period of time, we would very much chose to leave the system as is and make whatever modifications will be required upon receiving approval. There is a concern with the on-coming storms that there may be a higher potential of flooding should the pond be closed back up. Again, I am not 100% familiar with the existing storm system and will be looking into it extensively very shortly.

I hope the above makes sense and if you could please respond to the above, it would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to speaking with you on this matter.

Thanks.

s/Aaron

From: "THOMAS QUINN"
To: "keith kleinmann"
Cc: "Philip Reed" "Michael Tellshow"
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 9:18:41 PM (GMT-0500) America/New_York
Subject: Reuse Irrigation Pond

Mr. Kleinmann

The owner of Spring Lake Golf & CC. removed a sand plug from the pond. This allowed 2-3 million gallons of storm water to leave the isolated pond and enter the canal on the NE side.

The pond has not been used for reuse for at least one month. All effluent from the wwtp has been put directly on the golf course.

The reason for removing the plug was to avoid a backup of storm water into the septic tanks at the villas. The high water level was caused by Tropical Storm Fay.

MBV engineering in Vero Beach is working on changing the use of the reuse pond. If you have any questions, please call Aaron Bowles at 1-772-569-0035.

Called operator (412) at the State Warning Point and advised of the overflow to the canal.

If you have any questions, please call 863-214-5195 or email.

s/Thomas A. Quinn
Utility Corp of Florida
Operator