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Subject: RE: Concerning Analytical Language for Tertiary Wellfield zone

Good morning Juan,

Please see below for a description of the rationale/analysis supporting the code change. Please let us know if this is sufficient. Will this information also be included in the background materials for the June 25th Plan Board meeting? We would be interested in the background materials to see if there is anything we may need to be prepared to help address.

The City of Gainesville and Gainesville Regional Utilities were approached with a request for a change in the City of Gainesville Land Development Code concerning Wellfield Protection. The specific request is to allow a Special Use Permit for developments that will include the installation of underground storage tanks of petroleum in the Tertiary Zone. GRU agreed to amend the code to allow for underground storage of petroleum products in the Tertiary Zone with a Special Use Permit, but only with the approval of GRU. GRU will analyze each request on a case by case basis and will consider any potential environmental benefits and impacts to the wellfield.

GRU worked in collaboration with the City of Gainesville and the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department on this revision. GRU is supportive of this amendment as it will provide opportunities to have a net protective and environmental benefit. There are numerous installations of underground storage tanks for petroleum in the Tertiary Zone that were installed before the creation of the Code. This new language will allow GRU, on a case by case basis, to determine if the removal of old underground storage tanks and the installation of new, more protective underground storage tanks, will provide a net protective benefit to the environment and GRU's wellfield.

GRU vigilantly protects our wellfield and will only approve cases that are protective of GRU's water supply and the environment. This change only addresses petroleum products and does not allow for the installation of underground storage tanks for hazardous materials.