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February 23, 2016

Lee Niblock
County Manager
Alachua County
12 SE 1st Street
Gainesville, FL 32601Subject: Alachua County Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)
NPDES Permit ID Number FLR04E005
Cycle 3 Audit Report

Dear Mr. Niblock:

An audit of Alachua County Phase II MS4 Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) was conducted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department), on **February 3, 2016** under the State's federally approved National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program.

Based on the findings in the audit, the Department has determined that Alachua County has satisfied SWMP elements as required by the *Generic Permit for Discharge of Stormwater from Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems* (Rule 62-621.300(7)(a), F.A.C.) and as specified in your approved Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under the generic permit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (850)-245-7523 or Candace.Richards@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candace Richards".

Candace Richards
MS4 Phase II Coordinator
NPDES Stormwater ProgramCc: Gus Olmos, Water Resources Manager
James Link, Stormwater Engineer
Sally Adkins, Clean Water Program Coordinator
Stacie Greco, Senior Planner

Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Stormwater Audit Report

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

MS4 Permittee: Alachua County
Permit Number: FLR04E005
Audit Year: Cycle 3 Year 2
Audit Date/Time: February 3, 2016 10:30 am – 5:00 pm
Audit Notification: January 8, 2016

Inspector(s):

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II. SITE VISITS

☐ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory ☒ Not Applicable

III. SWMP IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW

BMPs	Department Comments/Recommendations
Element 1 – Public Education	The Partnership is doing a tremendous job implementing a public educational program. All BMPs were thoroughly presented and documented. All of the community events that the partnerships are doing seems to have an impact on the residents. Focusing on one specific campaign a year should have a greater impact on the homeowners, the scoop the poop campaign appears to be a big success. Involving younger children is a great way to focus on change in the future and hopefully behavior changes.

	No recommendations or required improvements needed.
Element 2 – Public Participation	Public meetings appeared to be tracked well by maintaining copies of agendas and meeting minutes. Having these meetings televised benefits the members of the community to have the opportunity to be aware of the issues concerning stormwater. The County seems to promote the residents to participate in many of the various Clean Up events that happen throughout the year to support healthy waterways. No recommendations or required improvements needed.
Element 3 – Illicit Discharge	The County is performing a remarkable amount of inspection programs to ensure the County does not have illicit discharges in their system(s), around town or at the haz material facility. The Department commends you on the tracking of illicit discharges found, the map locations of these discharges is a good way to identify patterns and provide further education in these areas. The Department reviewed your SOP prior to the audit and everything appears to be in good order and is being properly implemented. No recommendations or required improvements needed.
Element 4 – Construction Site Runoff	The County appears to be performing multiple inspections of construction sites. The documentation is done well by identifying the measures that were checked and if any follow up action needed to be done by the contractor. However, on the County SOP it appears that private construction projects are not receiving the same levels of inspections frequency. All construction sites should be inspected and documented properly. Please update the SOP to take out the word “may” conduct initial inspection. This should always be completed.
BMP 6a - Maintenance and Good Housekeeping	Utilizing a work management system is beneficial in order to track all maintenance activities in an efficient and accurate way. The County is doing a great job of maintaining a street sweeper program and conducting system cleanings. These activities help to reduce debris and other material from getting into your local waterways. No recommendations or required improvements needed.
BMP 6a - Maintenance and Good Housekeeping Training	The Department appreciates the County training not only all applicable staff but expanding the amount of Departments that are receiving stormwater training. Having a multitude of employees able to identify stormwater issues or concerns will help expand pollution prevention throughout your area.