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Subject: Dewatering Regulations 62-621.300(1) and (2)

Dear,

We are writing to solicit your assistance in making applicants aware, when they come to your office for a dewatering permit, that there are also State regulatory requirements for the disposal of ground water from any dewatering activity. We are particularly concerned about discharge to surface waters of the State including discharges that take place into stormwater management systems. We request that your agency inform the permit applicant that they need to check with FDEP before proceeding with their dewatering activities.

The FDEP has established regulations that provided for a Generic Permit for produced ground water discharges from non-contaminated sites and from petroleum contaminated sites. The latter permit category may be short term (30 days or less) such as for tank removal or for long term discharges associated with remediation of hydrocarbon contamination at a site. The requirements for permitting for this Generic permit are stated in DEP Chapter 62-621 Florida Administrative Code (FAC) regarding the discharge of produced ground water. A copy of Rule 62-621.300 (1) and (2) of Florida Administrative Code is attached in case you would like to review further.

Please also be advised that discharges to surface waters of the State from sites that are contaminated with other than hydrocarbons still require permit coverage, but that a Generic permit does not apply.

Please contact Mr. Ali Kazi, Industrial Wastewater Program Manager at 407-893-3317 or ali.kazi@dep.state.fl.us with any questions on permitting matters. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Sincerely,

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