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Anthony (Tony) Cunningham, P.E., Utilities Director
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Re: Warning Letter
MCUD Oak Run WWTF
DW Facility ID # FLA012697
Marion County

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

On August 11, 2025, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (“Department”) was notified by the State Watch Office (“SWO” Report 2025 6895#) that your facility, MCUD Oak Run WWTF, had an unauthorized discharge of approximately 45,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater in potential violation of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (“Fla. Stat.”), and Rules 62-620, Florida Administrative Code (“Fla. Admin. Code”), which prohibits unauthorized discharges. The Department acknowledges receipt of the necessary information related to the spill.

Additionally, a Complaint Investigation was conducted at the Oak Run WWTF collection system on October 6, 2025. During this investigation, possible violations of Chapter 403, F.S., and Chapter 62-604, F.A.C. were observed.

During the inspection Department personnel noted the following:

- Objectionable odors were noted near List Stations OKR-001, OKR-002 and OKR-008.
- A number of manhole covers and bases showed signs of severe corrosion and concrete deterioration.

Violations of Florida Statutes or administrative rules may result in liability for damages and restoration, and the judicial imposition of civil penalties, pursuant to Sections 403.121 and 403.161, Florida Statutes.

Please contact Hannah VanBuren at (407) 897-4146, within **7 days** of receipt of this Warning Letter to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter. The Department is interested in receiving any facts you may have that will assist in determining whether any violations have occurred. You may bring anyone with you to the meeting that you feel could help resolve this matter.

Please be advised that this Warning Letter is part of an agency investigation, preliminary to agency action in accordance with Section 120.57(5), Florida Statutes. We look forward to your cooperation in completing the investigation and resolving this matter.

Sincerely,



Aaron Watkins, Director
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Enclosures: Inspection Report (with attachments)

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