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Re: Compliance Assistance Follow-up
Immokalee WWTP
FLA014132
Collier County

Dear Ms. Deyo:

The Department appreciates the June 1st, 2017 discussion at the Immokalee Water & Sewer District (IWSD) Board Workshop. It revealed our collective concern for the health of Lake Trafford, and the willingness of both parties to resolve the issues of non-compliance. The actions taken by the IWSD once notified of the reporting violations revealed good faith efforts to comply with the permit conditions. More critical for the watershed however, was the Board's willingness to collect additional data to better understand the facility's impacts to nutrient concentrations in the effluent and groundwater, and modify operations as appropriate.

Concerns related to the land application of biosolids on the site from a number of perspectives were shared, but ultimately there was agreement that the protection of Lake Trafford and its recent \$21 million-dollar restoration would benefit from additional information including the following:

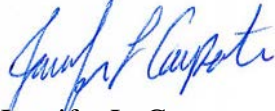
- Additional nutrient monitoring in the groundwater wells and effluent
- Investigation of the options for modifications to plant operations to reduce the amount of nutrients going to the watershed
- Assessment of the nutrient dynamics and land management practices (Nutrient Management Plan) on IWSD's property

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It is the Department's understanding that work on the first two bullets and part of the third has already begun. Completion of these efforts may obviate the need for additional actions discussed at the meeting. We look forward to IWSD's continued good faith efforts to ensure compliance and protect the health of Lake Trafford.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there are questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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