

Attachment No. IV



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Lee County Utilities
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Notice of Acceptance to Use a General Permit
Lee County
Permit Number: 125120-284-DSGP
Project: Fort Myers Shores Phase 1D Water
Main Replacement
Connected To: 5364048

Dear Ms. Bickle,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Notice of Intent to Use a General Permit for Construction of Water Main Extensions for Public Water Systems, pursuant to Rule 62-555.405, Florida Administrative Code, received on March 17, 2023 (Notice). The proposed project includes: 4,045 LF of 12-inch HDPE (DR11) water main replacement, 3,446 LF of 8-inch HDPE (DR11) water main replacement.

The Department does not object to your use of such a General Permit. The construction activities shall conform to the description contained in your Notice and any deviation may result in enforcement action. You have 5 years to perform the work described in your notice under this General Permit.

Please be advised that you are required to abide by the general requirements for general permits, as specified in [Rule 62-4.540](#), Florida Administrative Code, and the specific requirements of this general permit, as specified in [Rule 62-555.405](#), Florida Administrative Code. Additionally, you must abide by the applicable rules of [Chapters 62-4](#), [62-550](#), and [62-555](#), Florida Administrative Code.

Upon completion of construction of the project, and before placing the facilities into operation for any purpose other than disinfection, testing for leaks or testing equipment operation, you shall submit [Form 62-555.900\(9\)](#), Florida Administrative Code, to the Department using the contact information provided in the letterhead address. Additional information regarding the steps necessary to place the project into operation are attached for your convenience. **The system shall not be placed into service until the Department clears the project for use.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Brian Eastham by telephone at (239) 344-5616 or by email at Brian.Eastham@FloridaDEP.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nolin Moon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nolin" and the last name "Moon" clearly distinguishable.

Nolin Moon
Environmental Administrator

Attachments:
Clearance Requirements

Cc:

Joel Allan Makau, P.E., Lee County Utilities, Professional Engineer, amakau@leegov.com

CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for clearance upon completion of projects are as follows:

1) Clearance Form

Submission of a fully completed Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Form [62-555.900\(9\)](#), *Certification of Construction Completion and Request for Clearance to Place Permitted PWS Components into Operation* to SD_newapps@dep.state.fl.us.

2) Record Drawings, if deviations were made

Submission of the portion of record drawings showing deviations from the DEP construction permit, including preliminary design report or drawings and specifications, if there are any deviations from said permit (Note that it is necessary to submit a copy of only the portion of record drawings showing deviations and not a complete set of record drawings.).

3) Bacteriological Results

Copies of satisfactory bacteriological analysis (a.k.a. Main Clearance), taken within sixty (60) days of completion of construction, from locations within the distribution system or water main extension to be cleared, in accordance with Rules [62-555.315\(6\)](#), [62-555.340](#), and [62-555.330](#), F.A.C. and American Water Works Association (AWWA) Standard C 651-92, as follows:

- Connection to an existing system
- The end point of the proposed addition
- Any water lines branching off a main extension
- Every 1,200 feet on straight runs of pipe
- Each location shall be sampled on two consecutive days, with sample points and chlorine residual readings clearly indicated on the report.
- A sketch or description of all bacteriological sampling locations must be provided.

4) Pressure Test Results

Copy of satisfactory pressure test results demonstrating compliance with AWWA Standard requirements.

If the project is placed into operation before obtaining clearance from the South District Office, the permittee may be subject to enforcement actions and possible penalties.

Please contact the Department of Environmental Protection, South District Office at (239) 344-5600 or by e-mail at SouthDistrict@dep.state.fl.us for more information.