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DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

SUBJECT: NPDES Permit Quality Review

Dear Mr. Janjic:

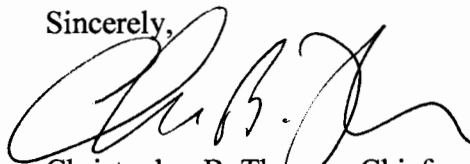
Thank you for agreeing to host the Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 (EPA) for the Permit Quality Review (PQR) state visit during April 14-15, 2020. The PQR process uses a standard procedure to assess how a permitting authority implements certain requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program.

The PQR process begins by the EPA selecting approximately 10 permits for review. The EPA will then conduct a preliminary review of the selected permits prior to performing a state visit. Following the preliminary permit review, the EPA will perform a more detailed evaluation of all supporting documents for the permits selected for review at your office. It will be helpful to have the entire permit file available as the administrative record generally contains the majority of the information needed for the PQR review. The EPA usually conducts file reviews without state staff present.

During our visit, the EPA may interview your senior technical permitting staff to discuss permitting practices and permit limit development. The state visit will conclude with a discussion of our preliminary findings. The EPA will prepare a final PQR report that may identify and recommend action items for improving NPDES permit development.

We greatly appreciate your time preparing for and participating in the PQR process. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr. Kip Tyler at (404) 562-9294 or via email Tyler.Kip@epa.gov. Thank you again for taking the time to accommodate us for this review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.B. Thomas", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Christopher B. Thomas, Chief
Permitting and Grants Branch
Water Division