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Mr. Michael Cobb, Director
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Via Inter-Campus Mail

Reference: Compliance with Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4) Requirements

Dear Michael:

The University of West Florida (UWF) has a long-standing tradition of excellence regarding good environmental stewardship and compliance with environmental regulations.

As part of the University of West Florida's Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit (MS4), NPDES Permit No. FLR04E057, we must have a lead Department to ensure the University complies with the permit requirements. I request the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) serve as the lead department for the UWF.

A Phase II MS4 is defined as a system of publicly owned conveyance(s) and includes roads, curbs, gutters, swales or ditches that discharge to surface waters of the State (Outfalls), and is designed or used solely for collecting or conveying stormwater.

The MS4 permit requires that we define and prohibit illicit discharge. Illicit discharge is defined as any material entering the storm sewer system that is non-stormwater related including illegal dumping. The UWF prohibits in all cases the illicit discharge to our stormwater system. Your department is authorized to take appropriate measures to prevent such illicit discharges.

The MS4 Permit also requires that we address regulation of stormwater in terms of sediment and erosion control for construction sites. The EH&S Department will be responsible for plans review for compliance with our MS4 Permit prior to project commencement and will subsequently be responsible to ensure compliance during actual construction through on-site field inspections. Any non-compliance noted during the site inspections will be noted and corrective actions initiated immediately.

Please indicate your willingness to have the Department of Environmental Health and Safety accept the role as the lead department to ensure compliance with the UWF MS4 Permit requirements via email to presidentsoffice@uwf.edu.

Sincerely yours,

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