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**RE: Consent Decree (Case: No. 1:12-cv-24400-FAM),
Reference DOJ Case No. 90-5-1-1-4022/1,
Section IX – Paragraph 52 – Delay,
Section XVII, Paragraph 77– Notices, Notification of Completion for Consent Decree Appendix D-2,
Capital Improvement Projects 1.6 Sludge Thickeners and 1.8 Dewatering Facility at SDWWTP**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The purpose of this notification letter is to inform the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) that Consent Decree (CD) Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) 1.6 Gravity Sludge Thickeners and CIP 1.8 Dewatering Facility at the South District Wastewater Treatment Plant (SDWWTP) achieved substantial completion on April 16, 2025.

On July 28, 2016, EPA and FDEP approved the Miami-Dade County's (County) request for non-material change to modify the scope of Project 1.6 to replace the gravity sludge thickeners with centrifuge thickening system (See Attachment 1). The revised description for CD 1.6 Sludge Thickeners, and the Request for Non-Material Change Letter from the Miami-Dade County Letter dated February 8, 2016, is install a new mechanical sludge thickening and dewatering systems including mechanical, structural, electrical, and all other ancillary items. The original project description for CD 1.8 Dewatering Facility, as per CD Appendix D, is to replace existing interim dewatering building with a new permanent dewatering facility, to include centrifuges, controls, polymer system, structural, mechanical and electrical systems.

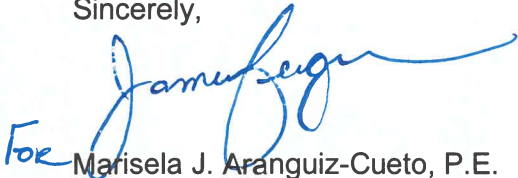


CD Project No.	Project Name	CD Description: Original or Revised	Substantial Completion Date
1.6	Sludge Thickeners	Install a new mechanical sludge thickening and dewatering systems including mechanical, structural, electrical, and all other ancillary items	April 16, 2025
1.8	Dewatering Facility	Replace existing interim dewatering building with a new permanent dewatering facility, to include centrifuge, controls, polymer system, structural, mechanical and electrical systems.	April 16, 2025

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering such information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (786) 552-8894.

Sincerely,


For Marisela J. Aranguiz-Cueto, P.E.

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Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department

Attachment: Approval Letter for Request for Non-Material Change – CD Project 1.6 – Sludge Thickeners

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Attachment 1



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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
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Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department

Re: Consent Decree (Case: No.: 1:12-cv-24400-FAM)
Reference DOJ Case No.: 90-5-1-1-4022
Section VI – Specific Capital Improvement Projects, Paragraph 19(i)
Section XX – Modification
Request for Non-Material Change – CD Project 1.06 – Gravity Sludge Thickeners

Dear Ms. Goldenberg:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 (EPA) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) are in receipt of Miami-Dade County's (Miami-Dade) February 8, 2016 request for a Non-Material Modification of Project 1.06 (Gravity Sludge Thickeners – South District WWTP) by changing the scope of Project 1.06. Specifically, Miami-Dade is proposing to replace the current gravity sludge thickeners with a centrifuge thickening system. Miami-Dade will abandon the current gravity sludge thickeners once the centrifuges are online.

The EPA and FDEP hereby approves this modification. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Brad Ammons of the EPA at (404) 562-9769 or via email at ammons.brad@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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