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October 7, 2025

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File No: 8.DC.42

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Environment and Natural Resources Division
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RE: DOJ No. 90-5-1-1-4022/1
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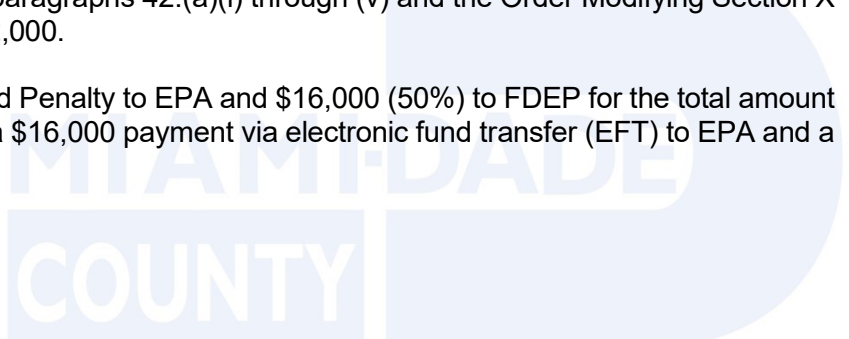
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast District – West Palm Beach
3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 7210-1
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
Attn: Compliance/Enforcement Section
Sirena.Davila@dep.state.fl.us

**RE: Consent Decree (Case: No. 1:12-cv-24400-FAM),
Reference DOJ Case No. 90-5-1-1-4022/1,
Section X – Paragraphs 42(a), 44 and 46 – Stipulated Penalties and Order Modifying Section (X)
(Document 156)
Payment of 2024 EPA and FDEP Demand for SSO Stipulated Penalties**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Miami-Dade County (County) received a Demand for Stipulated Penalties letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) dated September 8, 2025. Based on the Quarterly Reports submitted to United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and FDEP pursuant Section IX, Paragraph 32 of the Consent Decree (CD) for the reporting period of January 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024, EPA and FDEP elected to assess stipulated penalties for eighteen (18) Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) of 1,000 gallons or more that reached waters of the United States. EPA and FDEP assessed stipulated penalties pursuant to Section X, Subparagraphs 42.(a)(i) through (v) and the Order Modifying Section X (Document 156) of the CD in the amount of \$32,000.

The County paid \$16,000 (50%) of the stipulated Penalty to EPA and \$16,000 (50%) to FDEP for the total amount of \$32,000. As required, the County disbursed a \$16,000 payment via electronic fund transfer (EFT) to EPA and a \$16,000 Check to the FDEP.



In accordance with Section X, Paragraphs 44 and 46 of the CD, the County is required to submit proof of payment within 30 days of the written demand for stipulated penalties. Please find copies of the EFT transaction records and the check to FDEP attached herein.

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 

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MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
POOLED CASH ACCOUNT
P.O. BOX 330316 MIAMI, FL 33233-0316

Check Date: 10/07/2025		Vendor Name: STATE OF FLORIDA		Check Number: 00843085			
Invoice Number		Invoice Date	Voucher ID	Gross Amount	Payment Deductions		Paid Amount
					Insp Gen Fee	User Access Fee	Discount
DEMAND LETTER:CASE1: 12CV24400-		10/07/2025	DP61967	16,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
							16,000.00

Payment to State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) of \$16,000.00 as per the EPA and FDEP September 8, 2025; Consent Decree No.:1:12-cv-24400-FAM; OGC File No. 10-1941 Demand for Stipulated Penalties for SSO events of 1,000 gallons or more for the months of January 2024 through December 2024 that reached waters of the United States during this period.

NEW! Direct Deposit, visit www.miamidade.gov/water/vendor-deposit.asp

The attached check represents the amount due you as shown on our records.
For additional information, contact (305) 665-7471

Check Number	Date	Total Gross Amount	Total Insp Gen Fee	Total User Access Fee	Total Discount	Total Paid Amount
00843085	10/07/2025	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00

THIS CHECK HAS A VOID PANTOGRAPH ON THE FACE AND A SECURITY WATERMARK ON THE BACK - HOLD AT AN ANGLE TO VIEW.



Miami-Dade County, Florida

MIAMI-DADE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
POOLED CASH ACCOUNT

00843085

11-24/1210

VOID AFTER SIX MONTHS

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
MIAMI, FL 33131

Pay
Exactly

SIXTEEN THOUSAND AND XX/100 DOLLAR

Date 10/07/2025

Pay Amount

\$16,000.00**

To The
Order Of

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
2600 BLAIR STONE ROAD
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-2400



Handwritten signature
CHAIRMAN

Memo: FDEP OGC File Number 10-1941, "Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund"

⑈00843085⑈ ⑆121000248⑆ 2696206503470⑈



Wire Transfer Detail Report

Custom

As of 10/08/2025

Company: MD-WATER

User: FRANK BENITEZ

10/08/2025 09:25 AM ET

Commercial Electronic Office®

Treasury Information Reporting

Currency: USD

Bank: 121000248

Account: 2696206503470(FL)

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

WASD POOLED CASH FUND

Debit Wire Amount	Process Date Time	To:	Corresponding Bank:	Status
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Wells Message Number:

251007138371

Confirmation Number:

33063

Value Date:

10/08/2025

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16,000.00

Transaction Reference Number:

251007138371

USD Equivalent Amount:

16,000.00

Originator ID:

2696206503470

Originator Name and Address:

**MIAMI DADE WATER & SEWER DEPT
ATTN: FRANK BENITEZ OR CARIDAD ESTE
3071 SW 38TH AVE 5TH FL
MIAMI FL 33146 US**

Instructing Bank Code/ID:

N/A

Instructing Bank Name and Address:

N/A

Sending Party ID:

002696206503470

Sending Party Name and Address:

**MIAMI DADE WATER & SEWER DEPT
ATTN ILEANA LILLO
3071 SW 38TH AVE 5TH FL
MIAMI FL 33146-1520**

Bank to Bank Info:

N/A

Beneficiary Bank Code/ID:

N/A

Beneficiary Bank Name and Address:

N/A

Originator to Beneficiary Info:

**USAO/FLS MIAMI DADE COUNTY
DJ NUMBER: 90-5-1-1-4022/1
CDCS NUMBER: 2014A40899
EFT NO. : USAO25E384**

Text:

**021030004 TREAS NYC/FUNDS TRANSFER DIVISION WASHINGTON, DC US GW00000079599327 ORG=MIAMI DADEWATER & SEWER
DEPT ATTN: FRANK BENITEZ OR CARIDAD ESTE 3071 SW 38TH AVE 5TH FL MIAMI FL 33146US RFB=33063 OBI=USAO/FLS MIAMI
DADE COUNTY DJ NUMBER: 90-5-1-1-4022/1 CDCS NUMBER: 2014A40899EFT NO. : USAO25E384 OPI=2696206503470 /FTR/
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USD/16,000.00

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1.000000

Fed/CHIPS/SWIFT Reference Number:

100811B7032R000912

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10/07/2025 02:25 PM CT

Sender Reference Number:

GW00000079599327

Originating Bank Code/ID:

N/A

Originating Bank Name and Address:

N/A

Receiving Party ID:

021030004

Receiving Party Name and Address:

**TREAS NYC/FUNDS TRANSFER DIVISION
WASHINGTON, DC
US**

Intermediary Bank Code/ID:

N/A

Intermediary Bank Name and Address:

N/A

Beneficiary Code/ID:

N/A

Beneficiary Reference ID:

15030001

Beneficiary Name and Address:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UETR:

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-16,000.00 Account Net Total



Wire Transfer Detail Report

Custom

As of 10/08/2025

Company: MD-WATER

User: FRANK BENITEZ

10/08/2025 09:25 AM ET

Commercial Electronic Office®

Treasury Information Reporting

-16,000.00 Net Total For Bank 121000248 (USD)

-16,000.00 Net Grand Total For Currency (USD)

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