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Ms. Mary Jean Yon, Director
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Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
Twin Towers Building
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Dear Ms. Yon:

At your request, the Superfund Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 has reviewed the methodology and conclusions presented in FDEP's investigation report on The Acreage. Specifically we reviewed the following documentation:

The Acreage Drinking Water and Soil Sampling (February, March and April 2010), Loxahatchee, Palm Beach County, Florida – Sampling Information for Soil (SIS) Report, #2010-04 which can be found on the FDEP Southeast District Office "Acreage" web page at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/southeast/acreage/default.htm> near the bottom of the page, under the general heading: Reports and SIS and Water for The Acreage Community, Palm Beach County (February, March and April 2010).

The FDEP's investigation was comprehensive in its analytical testing and included sufficient number of ground water samples to screen this large area for drinking water contamination and sufficient number of soil samples to support the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) evaluation of health concerns. We agree with FDEP's conclusion that the data show no indication of widespread ground water or soil contamination; nor any evidence suggesting the existence of any significant localized source(s) of contamination. The radiological data provided in this report show no results that would warrant further investigation, or would cause any elevated risk to the public. All results from the gamma spectroscopy analysis are comparable to natural background levels that are typical for these radionuclides in Florida soils and ground water.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the details of your investigation and conclusions associated with The Acreage and we hope that our review and comments are helpful to FDEP,

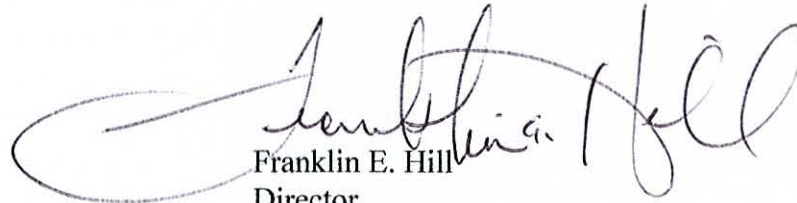
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FDOH, and the community. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 562-8599 or have your staff contact Glenn Adams of our Technical Services Section at (404) 562-8771.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Franklin E. Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "F" and "H".

Franklin E. Hill
Director
Superfund Division

cc: Mr. Doug Jones, FDEP