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To: Sutton, Kaitlyn
Subject: Florida Reviews Water Quality Limits Every 3 Years. The Public Has Until Friday To Chime In - WLRN Miami

Hello Ms. Sutton

I understand there's a time limit to respond to the above by Friday.

I wish to comment on what I know best and that is the enormous amount of raw sewage spills that have been occurring not only statewide but, also, in Tallahassee. There has, already, been an enormous amount of scientific comment as to how these Spills affect our water quality so I'll comment on another aspect.

Just here in Tallahassee, we have had over 11 MILLION gallons spill over the past 10 years. We have an aging clay vitreous piping collection system that needs to be replaced asap. These spills are mainly because of infiltration of storm water during rain events, plus Our faulty generator system that apparently needs periodic maintenance and testing to assure they come on when power is down! This isn't rocket science, as they say.

Millions of gallons of sewage have flowed into several of our larger water bodies of Lake Lafayette, Lake Munson, Lakes in Killearn, and Holley Pond, and others in this time period.

We see reports to FDEP that indicate certain amounts of sewage have been recovered, however, after some review, question the actual amounts recovered.

Additionally, what is NOT talked about is if there is an infiltration issue, there is very likely an EXFILTRATION issue of sewage leaking from the same faulty clay pipe collection system.

Thankfully, FDEP recognized our issues starting in 2007, developed Consent Orders in 2009, Amended In 2009 when things didn't get better. However, there was no transparency with local citizens until December, 2018! Additionally, review of thousands of public record documents indicate that our City Commissioners did not approve or even review each Consent Order and discuss in public!

Based on the above, FDEP should require:

- Commissioners should review any CO's in public and approve
- quarterly reports should be reviewed by Commissioners as to the status their CO's
- Any penalties incurred as a result of spills should be an agenda item for public transparency (Tallahassee has incurred over \$100K in penalties since our CO's went into effect)
- all underground utilities to conduct an Infiltration/Input (I/I) study to create a baseline Of where their system is functioning. This should be reviewed by each City Commission and Made public record for that meeting and discussed openly with the public.
- cities should NOT be allowed to substitute spill financial penalties for local "environmental" Projects. This is such a dis-incentive for a city to fix their system. Many times, these projects Are probably already on the drawing board
- finally, require more accurate accounting of recovered spill amounts and not allow subjective information

Thanks for your time and let me know if you have any questions,

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