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May 10, 2004

Mr. Peter Butt, Vice President
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Dear Mr. Butt:

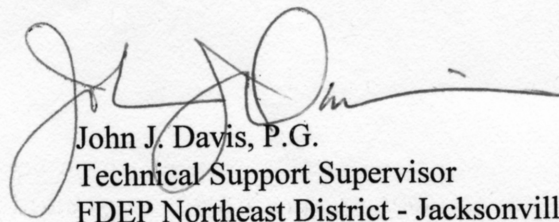
Re: Madison Blue Cave System Tracer Study
Permit Determination
Madison/Hamilton Counties - Ground Water/UIC

Information on your upcoming tracer study, with target release date May 13, 2004, was received April 27, 2004. Your letter details the introduction of up to 20 pounds of sodium fluorescein dye into the Madison Blue Spring Cave System, with the focus of subsequent sampling to be at various springs along the Withlacoochee River.

Given the chosen dye and manner of use, I do not believe your investigation presents a threat to the environment or public health. Therefore, no DEP permit will be required under the Ground Water Monitoring provisions of Chapter 62-522, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), nor the Underground Injection Control provisions of Chapter 62-528, F.A.C.

Thank you for informing me of these tracer studies, and as always, please feel free to give me a call at (904) 807-3313, if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Technical Support Supervisor
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