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Ms. Cindy Jones, C.F.E., Acting Division Director
Personal Property Division
Office of the Property Appraiser
Miami-Dade County
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 710
Miami, Florida 33128

Re: General Asphalt Co., Inc.
Pollution Control Devices

Dear Ms. Jones:

In accordance with §193.621, Florida Statutes, if it becomes necessary for a manufacturing or industrial plant or installation “to install or construct a facility in order to eliminate or reduce industrial air or water pollution, those facilities shall be deemed to have value for purposes of assessment for ad valorem property taxes no greater than their market value as salvage”.

I have reviewed the material attached to your letter of May 8, 2009 regarding air pollution control devices at General Asphalt Co., Inc. In my opinion, the baghouses listed in the submittal are “primarily for the purpose of pollution control” and are eligible for assessment as pollution control devices pursuant to §193.621, Florida Statutes.

I will also note that although the General Asphalt Co., Inc. submittal appears to have been signed by an engineer, there is no Professional Engineer certification seal apparent. It is possible that this is just not visible on my photocopy of the letter. I would like to remind you that, in accordance with DEP Rule 62-8, Florida Administrative Code, a current evaluation of General Asphalt’s equipment by a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida should also be submitted prior to approval. My advice is to obtain the Florida registration number for the engineer responsible for the evaluation, and upon such proof of registration, approve accordingly.

If there are any questions on this determination, please contact me at (850) 245-2002.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Halpin, P.E.
Administrator, Siting Office