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Mr. Matthew Chaiken, Deputy Appraiser
Commercial Property Dept., Utilities Division
Broward County Property Appraiser's Office
115 S. Andrews Avenue, Room 111
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: Marathon Petroleum Pollution Control Devices

Dear Mr. Chaiken:

I have reviewed the material attached to your September 29, 2010 email concerning pollution control devices at Marathon Petroleum Company, LLC's Terminal Blending Facility (Marathon) located in Fort Lauderdale.

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". Only those facilities installed to eliminate or reduce air or water pollution are eligible for this type of assessment.

In my opinion, the installation of secondary containment for storage tanks as required by 62-762, Florida Administrative Code is "primarily for the purpose of pollution control" and is eligible for full assessment as a pollution control device pursuant to §193.621, Florida Statutes. Please note that the estimates of salvage value listed for the control equipment seem lower than values we typically see. I suggest that you ask Marathon to provide justification for estimating salvage values at one percent of cost as opposed to a higher percentage.

If there are any questions regarding this determination, please contact Cindy Mulkey at (850) 245-2175 or me at (850) 245-2002.

Sincerely,

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