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Mr. Rick D. Hacht, President
H&H Liquid Sludge Disposal, Inc.
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Re: Pressley Ranch Biosolids Application Site
DW Facility ID# FLA801097
Indian River County

Dear Mr. Hacht,

The Department is committed to protecting water quality and enhancing Florida's natural resources, including Blue Cypress Lake. As you may be aware, we are currently conducting a watershed assessment to help us better understand all potential nutrient sources in the watershed and their possible connection to nutrient levels in the lake.

Per my conversation with Mr. Blake Hacht, the Department understands that H&H Liquid Sludge Disposal, Inc. will not land apply any biosolids at Pressley Ranch until after the wet season. Halting your application of biosolids for the next 180 days is important to helping the Department perform a thorough assessment of Blue Cypress Lake, and we appreciate your cooperation, as well as the cooperation of the owner of Pressley Ranch.

To reiterate, your permit requires a minimum unsaturated soil depth of two feet between the depth of biosolids placement and the water table level at the time biosolids are applied to the soil. During the last inspection, it was noted that the soil was saturated and there was evidence of ponding. As such, any application of biosolids at this time would be a violation of your permit conditions. Before any biosolids are applied, we ask that you notify the Department so that we can ensure these requirements would be met.

We appreciate your interest and assistance in protecting Florida's water quality. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at jennifer.k.smith@floridadep.gov or 561-681-6642.

Sincerely,

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