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Subject: Notice of Funding and Requirement of New Site Access Agreement
Hernando Cnty Property
20 N Main St
Brooksville, Hernando County, FL
DEP Facility ID# 278841330
Eligible Discharge Dates: 01/12/2023 (ATRP)
Priority Score: 68

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this letter because a discharge of petroleum product on your property was reported to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on January 12, 2023 and is eligible for state funding assistance. The information contained in this letter is provided to help you understand the discharge(s) eligibility program(s) and what actions may be required of you. This letter will consist of two sections; Section 1 asks you to provide the DEP with permission to enter your property (site access), so we may conduct any necessary assessment and/or remedial cleanup, if needed. Section 2 provides information about your property's discharge(s). If the information contained within this letter is unclear, or you have questions regarding the process, you can contact Ms. Grace Rivera at the DEP via email at Grace.Rivera@floridadep.gov or by phone at 850-245-8882. Please have the DEP Facility ID# available when contacting her, which is in the subject block above.

Section 1: A Site Access Agreement (SAA, attached) is required before your property can be assessed or remediated using any of the state-funded cleanup programs. The SAA is between the property owner/responsible party (RP) and the DEP. Florida law requires the DEP to select contractors using a competitive procurement selection process. The DEP Petroleum Restoration Program (PRP) will consider any input you may want to provide regarding the assessment and remediation of the discharge(s) at your property. You also have the option of establishing a separate access agreement between yourself

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and the DEP selected contractor. The DEP does not review nor give advice regarding these separate agreements. Additionally, the separate access agreement must be subservient to and cannot contradict the DEP SAA. Please review and answer all the appropriate boxes within the SAA and **provide contact information** when completing the agreement. An instruction page is also attached to assist you in completing the form properly.

Section 2: The below discharge on your property is eligible for funding under the following PRP program: 01/12/2023 (ATRP)

Abandoned Tank Restoration Program (ATRP) where the State pays for the site assessment and remediation. For additional information about this eligibility program please go to link listed below: <https://floridadep.gov/waste/petroleum-restoration/content/abandoned-tank-restoration-program-atrp>

Please execute and return the attached Site Access Agreement (SAA) using the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope within 30 days of the date of this letter or email the completed agreement to Grace Rivera at Grace.Rivera@floridadep.gov. **In case the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope has been displaced, please use the following address: Alan Sakole, DEP-DWM Administrative Services, NorthStar Contracting Group, Inc., 325 John Knox Rd., Building C, Suite 100, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.**

We must advise you that if you do not provide site access to your property within 30 days, you may lose your property's eligibility from the State-funded Petroleum Restoration Program. If such eligibility is revoked due to your failure to allow the Department access to provide assessment and remediation services on your property, the total cost of cleanup of your property will become your responsibility. On average, assessment and remediation cost per discharge is about \$300,000 or more. To avoid losing this opportunity, we urge you to provide access to your property by signing and returning the Agreement provided with this letter. If you have any questions or issues, please contact Ms. Grace Rivera at the DEP via email at Grace.Rivera@floridadep.gov or by phone at 850-245-8882.

Sincerely,



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cc: Oculus File

Enclosures: Access to OCULUS Instructions
Instructions for Completion of Site Access Agreement
Site Access Agreement
Frequently Asked Questions

Please note this cover letter is for your personal records and should not be returned to the Department.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR SITES SCORED 30 AND HIGHER

What is the Petroleum Restoration Program?

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Petroleum Restoration Program (PRP) includes the technical oversight, management, and administration of the assessment and cleanup of property contaminated by discharges of petroleum and petroleum products from stationary petroleum storage systems. Petroleum contaminated sites that are eligible for cleanup by the State will be funded in priority order based on the potential threat to the public health and the environment.

What facility or site is this letter referring to?

For information specific to your property please visit the Department's Contamination Locator Map (CLM) on its website:

1. Go to the PRP main page <https://floridadep.gov/waste>
2. Click on the blue CLM – Contamination Locator Map under the Waste Management Quick Links on the left of the screen
3. Select "Petroleum" from the search criteria, select "Continue."
4. Search for the site using an address, a 5-digit zip code or a city.

Is this Site Access Agreement required?

Yes, property owners must provide permission for the Department and its contractors to access the property that is the location of the contamination. Such permission is required by state law to retain the state-funded eligibility and so that the Department and its contractors can conduct the work necessary to cleanup the property. Owners are asked to grant that permission by signing a Site Access Agreement. Please review all pages of the document provided, and don't hesitate to call the Department with any questions you may have.

Will the site assessment or remediation work impact my business?

Contractors are required to notify the property owner and any operator on the property before the contractor comes to the property to perform field work. This is your opportunity to inform the contractor of anything that is happening on your property or that has changed since the last time the contractor was on the property. Site rehabilitation may temporarily block parts of your parking lot while work is being conducted. You will be informed when this may happen.

What will my property look like when this is done?

Your property will be restored as nearly as practicable to the conditions which existed prior to activities associated with contamination assessment or remedial action were taken.

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What if there is an issue with the work conducted at my site?

Once you sign the Site Access Agreement, you will be assigned a PRP site manager. The site manager is responsible for overseeing the technical and administrative aspects of the site cleanup. Your assigned site manager will be contacting you at various times during the process but you may contact the PRP site manager any time to discuss any problems or concerns you may have about the work. You will also have an opportunity to evaluate the performance of the contractor that works on your contaminated site. If you would like to participate or provide input with respect to how site rehabilitation proceeds on your property, please select (YES) to paragraph 21B of Site Access Agreement.

Will I be expected to pay for this work?

Look on the PRP cover letter for this request and you will see what program(s) for which your contamination is eligible. If your contamination is eligible for the Early Detection Incentive Program (EDI), and that is the only contamination on your property, then you should not have to pay for anything. If your contaminated site is in a state-funded eligibility program that has a deductible: Petroleum Liability and Restoration Insurance Program (PLRIP), Abandoned Tank Restoration Program (ATRP), and Innocent Victim Petroleum Storage System Restoration Program (IVPSSRP), the deductible payment is subtracted from the state's funding limit (cap). For contaminated sites that are in a cost share program: Petroleum Cleanup Participation Program (PCPP), in addition to a site access agreement, the cost-share/cost savings/combination PCPP agreement will have to be executed before work can proceed. In FPLRIP and PCPP, the Department is limited as to how much state money it can expend. If contamination cannot be remediated under those funding caps, then you may be required to expend funds to complete the cleanup.

Who will be doing the work on my property?

The Department has competitively procured qualified cleanup contractors through Agency Term Contracts. One of our Agency Term Contractors (ATCs) will be selected for your site, unless your site is eligible under a cost share program such as PCPP or Advanced Cleanup where the owner or other responsible party can recommend a contractor to the Department. You will be notified of the selected ATC and have the option to evaluate and reject the ATC prior to work assignment if you are not satisfied with the selection. See paragraph 21C & 21D of the Site Access Agreement.

How long will it be before something is done on my site after access is granted?

Once the signed Site Access Agreement is received by the Department, a site manager will be assigned to your site. The assigned site manager will then contact you within 30 days to discuss the next steps and will be able to answer any questions you have about the program.

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Who do I contact about my site?

- For general questions concerning your site and the Site Access process or agreement, please contact Grace Rivera at **850-245-8882** or **Grace.Rivera@FloridaDEP.gov**.