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Subject: Notice of Funding and Requirement of New Site Access Agreement
Blue Wave Investments Inc
1555 E Jefferson St
Brooksville, Hernando County, FL
DEP Facility ID# 279818458
Eligible Discharge Dates: 03/17/2021 (ATRP)
Priority Score: 29

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 March 17, 2021 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 three 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). Section 3 will provide information regarding the remediation process of the discharge(s) for your property and the options available to you. 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 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: 03/17/2021 (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>*

Section 3: If your property Priority Score is 29 or lower, your site is eligible to enter the voluntary low-score initiative outside of Priority Score funding: the **Low-Scored Site Initiative (LSSI)**. This initiative was designed specifically for low-scored sites where assessment or remediation activities may not have occurred for a long period of time. The DEP has found that approximately 30% of the low-score sites require minimal or no remediation. The LSSI is for qualifying sites that have a score of 29 or lower.

Under the voluntary **LSSI Initiative** the DEP provides up to \$35,000 for assessment activities, and up to \$35,000 for limited remediation, if warranted. Co-pay/cost-saving requirements associated with some Program eligible discharges are waived while under the LSSI Initiative. The LSSI Initiative requires owners to accept an LSSI No Further Action (LNFA) site closure (should it qualify), wherein minimal contamination remains onsite. If contamination has migrated out of your property boundaries or if specific soil impacts exist at the site, the site may not meet the LNFA requirements. If at any time while under the LSSI Initiative it is determined that an acceptable closure is not feasible, assessment and/or remedial activities will immediately stop until the site is within Priority Score funding range. Under the LSSI Initiative, the site owner can recommend a contractor to perform the work by submitting the LSSI application. The application can be found at: <https://floridadep.gov/waste/petroleum-restoration/documents/low-scored-site-initiative-application-contractor-selection>. An SAA must be submitted as part of the LSSI application.

If there are discharges associated with the property that are not funded by a state-funded eligibility program, the state-funded discharges may not qualify for LSSI. Site assessment information will have to be evaluated by the DEP to assess the relationship between a non-program discharge contamination and state-funded contamination before cleanup activities can proceed.

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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 DEP 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.