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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF USE OF A GENERAL PERMIT

PERMITTEE:

Mer Sea on Navarre Beach, LLC
By: Steve Hering, Manager
2757 Cypress Pointe Circle
Navarre, FL 32566

PERMIT NUMBER:

0439419-001-DWC/CG

ISSUE DATE:

October 19, 2023

EXPIRATION DATE:

October 18, 2028

COUNTY:

Santa Rosa

PROJECT NAME:

Mer Sea on Navarre Beach

WASTEWATER TREATMENT:

Navarre Beach WWTF

FACILITY ID:

FL0023981

Dear Mr. Hering:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your *Notification/Application for Constructing a Domestic Wastewater Collection/Transmission System* for the Mer Sea on Navarre Beach sewer project, 0439419-001-DWC/CG. Our Office received the Notice on August 28, 2023. The application fee was paid on October 18, 2023.

This letter is to advise you that the Department does not object to your use of such general permit.

The domestic wastewater collection/transmission system project as permitted will construct approximately 1,990 linear feet (LF) of 8-inch PVC gravity sewer with 9 sanitary sewer manholes for service to a 48-lot single-family subdivision. The proposed 8-inch gravity main will connect to two (2) existing manholes on South Carolina Street. The wastewater from the project will eventually flow to the Navarre Beach WWTF, FL0023981, for treatment.

The project development site is located on the northeast corner of White Sands Boulevard and Carolina Street in Navarre, Santa Rosa County, Florida.

The construction shall be in accordance with the construction drawings certified by Gerald McGuire, P.E., on August 28, 2023.

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Please note the attached requirements apply to your use of this general permit for constructing the proposed domestic wastewater collection/transmission system. You are further advised that the construction activity must conform to the description contained in your *Notification/Application for Constructing a Domestic Wastewater Collection/ Transmission System* and that any deviation will subject the permittee to enforcement action and possible penalties.

When referring to this project, please use the project name and file number indicated above. If you have any questions, contact Chuck Harrell by email at charles.harrell@FloridaDEP.gov or by phone at (850) 595-0581.

Sincerely,



William A. Evans, P.E.
Water & Wastewater Permitting Supervisor

cc:

Gerald McGuire, P.E., JMA Engineering Services, Inc. (jerry@mcguire-assoc.com)

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REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR DOMESTIC WASTEWATER COLLECTION/TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS:

1. This general permit is subject to the general permit conditions of [Rule 62-4.540, F.A.C.](#), as applicable. [\[62-4.540\]](#)
2. This general permit does not relieve the permittee of the responsibility for obtaining a dredge and fill permit where it is required. [\[62-604.600\(6\)\(b\)1\]](#)
3. This general permit cannot be revised, except to transfer the permit. [\[62-604.600\(6\)\(b\)2\]](#)
4. This general permit will expire five years from the date of issuance. If the project has been started and not completed by that time, a new permit must be obtained before the expiration date in order to continue work on the project. [\[62-4.030\]](#)
5. Upon completion of construction of the collection/transmission system project, and before placing the facilities into operation for any purpose other than testing for leaks or testing equipment operation, the permittee shall submit [Form 62-604.300\(3\)\(b\), Notification of Completion of Construction for a Domestic Wastewater Collection/Transmission System](#). The form shall be submitted electronically by using the Department's Business Portal at <https://www.fldepportal.com/go/> (via "Submit" then "Registration/Notification" and "Submit Notifications to DEP." The submission is "Division of Water Resource Management Domestic/Industrial Wastewater" and the submittal type is "Notification of Completion of Construction for a Domestic Wastewater Collection/Transmission System."). This form is available at the Department's Internet site at: <https://floridadep.gov/water/domestic-wastewater/content/domestic-wastewater-forms>. [\[62-604.700\(2\)\]](#)
6. Abnormal events shall be reported to the Department's Northwest District Office in accordance with [Rule 62-604.550, F.A.C.](#) For unauthorized spills of wastewater in excess of 1000 gallons per incident, or where information indicates that public health or the environment may be endangered, oral reports shall be provided to the STATE WATCH OFFICE TOLL FREE NUMBER (800)320-0519 as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours from the time the permittee or other designee becomes aware of the circumstances. Unauthorized releases or spills less than 1000 gallons per incident are to be reported orally to the Department's Northwest District Office within 24 hours from the time the permittee, or other designee becomes aware of the circumstances.

The oral notification shall be followed by a written submission, which shall be provided within five days of the time that the owner/operator becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain: a description of the spill, release or abnormal event and its cause; the period and duration of noncompliance including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; clean-up actions taken and status; steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence; the type of sanitary sewer overflow structure (e.g., manhole); the discharge location address and latitude/longitude; type of water discharged; discharge volumes and volumes recovered; volume discharged to surface waters and receiving waterbody name; types of human health and environmental impacts of the sanitary sewer overflow (e.g., beach closure); whether the noncompliance was caused by a third party (e.g., contractor); and, whether the sanitary sewer overflow was related to wet weather. The written submission shall

be provided electronically. Electronic submission is available using the [Department's Business Portal](#) at <https://www.fldeportal.com/go/> (via “Submit” followed by “Report” or “Registration/Notification”).

In accordance with Section 403.077, F.S., unauthorized releases or spills reportable to the State Watch Office shall also require a public notice of pollution report. Reporting may be made or by reporting electronically using the [Department's Business Portal](#) at <https://www.fldeportal.com/go/> (via “Submit” followed by “Report” or “Registration/Notification”) and selecting the option to also submit the public notice of pollution report, or reporting may be made to the [Department's Public Notice of Pollution](#) web page at <https://floridadep.gov/pollutionnotice>. [\[62-604.550\]](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Once a collection/transmission system is cleared for operation, the provisions below shall be met by the owner/operator of the system in accordance with [Rule 62-604.500](#), F.A.C.

1. All collection/transmission systems shall be operated and maintained to provide uninterrupted service. All pump stations shall be operated and maintained to provide the emergency pumping capability requirements in paragraph 62-604.400(2)(a), F.A.C., the lightning and transient voltage surge protections in paragraph 62-604.400(2)(b), F.A.C., and the design and signage requirements in paragraph 62-604.400(2)(d), F.A.C. Also, all equipment, pipes, manholes, pump stations, and other appurtenances necessary for the collection/transmission of domestic wastewater, including equipment provided pursuant to subsection 62-604.400(2), F.A.C., shall be maintained to function as intended. [\[62-604.500\(2\) and \(3\)\]](#)
2. The owner/operator of a collection/transmission system shall evaluate and update the emergency response plan portion of the operation and maintenance manual annually. The emergency response plan shall assess system security including cybersecurity; water quality monitoring for sanitary sewer overflows affecting surface waters; and, hurricane and severe storm preparedness and response. [\[62-604.500\(4\)\]](#)
3. Collection/transmission systems shall be maintained to minimize excessive infiltration and inflow into the collection/transmission system, as well as excessive leakage from the collection/transmission system. The owner/operator of a collection/transmission system shall take corrective actions when infiltration, inflow, or leakage is excessive. Infiltration and inflow are considered excessive if one or both cause or contribute to sanitary sewer overflows. Leakage, or exfiltration, is considered excessive if it causes or contributes to a violation of surface water quality standards or ground water quality standards. [\[62-604.500\(5\)\]](#)

4. All collection/transmission systems shall be operated and maintained to prevent sanitary sewer overflows. Owners/operators shall evaluate the cause of all sanitary sewer overflows and evaluate potential corrective measures to avoid future sanitary sewer overflows. Corrective actions shall be taken by the owner/operator of the collection/transmission system if excessive inflow and infiltration causes or contributes to a sanitary sewer overflow. The owner/operator of a satellite collection system shall take corrective actions for a sanitary sewer overflow in the receiving collection system caused by excessive inflow and infiltration in the satellite collection system. [\[62-604.500\(6\)\]](#)
5. The approved Operation and Maintenance Manual and emergency response plan pursuant to [Rule 62-604.500\(4\), F.A.C.](#), shall be kept available at a site convenient for use by operation and maintenance personnel and for inspection by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection personnel.