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April 22, 2011

Ms. Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, DC 24060

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Please find enclosed a Petition from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) withdraw its January 2009, determination that numeric nutrient criteria are necessary in Florida. It also requests that EPA restore to the state its responsibility for the control of excess nutrients, including the pursuit of nutrient criteria. We are confident that EPA will find the information in the petition compelling and grant the petition after review.

As clearly demonstrated by the petition, the State of Florida, including its citizenry, local governments and businesses, is very committed to addressing excess nutrients pollution. We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herschel T. Vinyard Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Herschel T. Vinyard Jr.
Secretary

c: Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming