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Good Afternoon Theresa Heiker -

Let me begin by complimenting the RFP Titled: Request for Proposals for Leon County Comprehensive Wastewater Treatment Facilities Plan that is provided as Attachment 1 to Agenda Item #15 on the December 12 County Commission program. Clearly you have given consideration to several of the comments that I provided in my communication of October 27 as well as those of others who took the time to also provide their thoughts.

I think that the draft of the request for proposals is quite good but I do have a couple of suggestions for minor improvements. I note that this RFP clearly and appropriately emphasizes the concerns about providing information that can result in reducing the nitrogen nutrient load to Wakulla Springs, especially in the area of the soft and thin sands in the southern Woodville Karst Plain. The RFP does also recognize the county-wide scope of this study but I think that it would be in order to add a couple of additional statements to increase attention to the fact that the results of this study are expected to provide essential input to management decisions in all parts of the county where septic systems are, or might become, issues of concern in the decades to come.

With this in mind I recommend that a brief paragraph be added to the end of **Section II. PROJECT BACKGROUND** (page 1 of 11). This paragraph could say something to the effect of: *"The reduction of the nitrogen nutrient load from OSTDS to groundwater, which ultimately discharges at Wakulla Spring, is a major current concern. However, such loading is also an issue at a number of county's surface waterbodies which are known to exceed state nutrient concentration limits. In addition to the direct impacts of the nutrient loads in these lakes and streams, it has recently been demonstrated that their subterranean discharges also contribute to the nutrient load at the springs."* I have noted that these points are made elsewhere in the RFP but I think it would be well to express them in this section as well.

Also, if you agree that it is a true statement, a sentence may be added to the end of item 5) "Effects of Septic Systems in the Lake Jackson Watershed" (page 4 of 11) which would read: *"At present there are many older neighborhoods around the lake and along its shoreline where OSTDS retrofits are now, or may soon become, an issue."*

Finally I note that I benefited from the eight-page Issue Statement that precedes the RFP. I think that this would also be of importance to contractors competing for this project. Although it would not be appropriate to add this Issue Statement to the RFP, I think it would be a good idea to provide a reference in the RFP to this additional information that is available on the County's web site.

Again, let me express my appreciation for the well-composed RFP.

Respectfully,

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