

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

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Mr. Doug Dent, Senior Vice President Ecological Laboratories, Inc. Doug.dent@ecologicallabs.com

RE: Algae treatment Emergency Response Trial Plan submitted August 21, 2018 and amended August 22, 2018

Dear Mr. Dent:

Thank you for submitting the above referenced temporary pilot algae treatment program. The Department of "Environmental Protection ("Department") has no objection to the proposed temporary algae treatment pilot program in conjunction with the City of Cape Coral as proposed in Attachment 1 including the following provisions:

- The test area as depicted in the submittal documents is segregated from open waters by a barrier placed in the canal.
- Signage shall be posted as depicted in the submittal.
- Each resident will be personally contacted and a letter sent to each home in the area of treatment prior to treatment initiation.
- Water quality monitoring is conducted as presented in the submittal, and results provided to the Department.
- Adverse impacts to natural flora and fauna shall be documented, and any necessary mitigative actions shall be considered the responsibility of Ecological Labs.
- The pilot program runs for no longer than 180 days from placement of the product, after which this letter shall expire.
- The County Health Department shall be kept apprised of the pilot project

The Department appreciates the City's and Ecological Laboratories Inc. to address algal impacts to waterways in the community, and efforts to protect the residents and visitors. Please feel free to contact the Department regarding this program or additional measures to address algal bloom management.

Sincerely,

Jon M. Iglehart

Director of District Management

Attachment