



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-117

Date: October 17, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

Re: United States Environmental Protection

On October 7, 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency notified the City of Fort Lauderdale that it will conduct an inspection of the City's **public water system** from November 14-18, 2022, in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300j-4(b)(1).

The SDWA was passed by Congress in 1974, with amendments added in 1986 and 1996, to protect the quality of drinking water in the U.S. This law focuses on all waters actually or potentially designed for drinking use, whether from above ground or underground sources. Under the SDWA, the EPA sets the standards for drinking water quality and monitors states, local authorities, and water suppliers who enforce those standards. The Act authorizes the EPA to establish minimum standards to protect tap water and requires all owners or operators of public water systems to comply with these primary (health-related) standards.

Given the importance of providing safe drinking water in light of events that have occurred in Jackson MS, Flint MI, and other parts of the Country, we see this as an opportunity for Fort Lauderdale to again demonstrate to our residents that our water meets all required primary drinking standards and is safe to consume. We welcome the EPA's upcoming visit and are taking all necessary steps to coordinate for their arrival and prepare for this external inspection.

Attached – Environmental Protection Agency Notification Letter

c: Anthony G. Fajardo, Assistant City Manager
Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, Interim City Auditor
Department Directors
CMO Managers



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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ELECTRONIC EMAIL
CONFIRMATION OF EMAIL RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor of City of Fort Lauderdale
City Hall 8th Floor
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Re: Written Notice to Supplier of Water
Public Water System: City of Fort Lauderdale
PWS ID Number: FL4060486

Dear Mayor Trantalis:

The purpose of this letter is to provide written notice, as required by Section 1445(b)(1) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300j-4(b)(1), that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 will be inspecting your facility. The EPA plans to conduct the inspection of the facility from November 14 through November 18, 2022.

Section 1445(b)(1) of the SDWA gives the EPA, upon presentation of appropriate credentials and this written notice to any supplier of water or other person subject to national primary drinking water regulations (NPDWR) prescribed under Section 1412 of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300g-1, or in charge of any of the properties subject to the NPDWR, authority to enter any establishment, facility or other property of such supplier or other person subject to the NPDWR in order to determine whether such supplier or other person has acted or is acting in compliance with this title, including for this purpose, inspection at reasonable times of records, files, papers, processes, controls, and facilities in order to test any feature of a public water system, including its raw water source.


Pursuant to Section 1445(c) of the SDWA, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-4(c), failure or refusal to comply with any requirement of Section 1445(b) or the SDWA may result in a civil penalty not to exceed \$62,689. *See* Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment Rule, 87 Fed. Reg. 1676 (Jan. 12, 2022), codified at 40 C.F.R. § 19.4.

The City may, if it so desires, assert a confidential business information (CBI) claim covering any or all information furnished to the EPA during the inspection. Further details on how to make a CBI claim are included in Enclosure A.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Brianna LaPapa of my staff at 404-562-8165 or at lapapa.brianna@epa.gov

Sincerely,

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Bryan Myers, Chief
Drinking Water Enforcement Section
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