

## Department of Environmental Protection

Jeb Bush Governor Northeast District 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200 Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590

Colleen M. Castille Secretary

August 15, 2005

The Honorable Ansley Acree, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Nassau County 96160 Nassau Place Yulee, Florida 32097

SUBJECT:

Proposed Settlement of West Nassau Class I Active and Closed Landfills', and Bryceville

and Lofton Creek Closed Landfills' Late Reports

OGC File No.: 05-1947

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

William C. Green

Acting District Director

Copies furnished to: Mike Mahaney, County Administrator

FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
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#### NOTICE OF RIGHTS

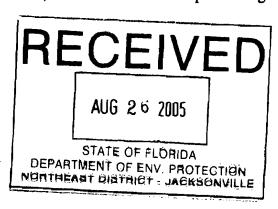
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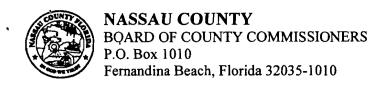
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JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Ex-Officio Clerk

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

MICHAEL S. MULLIN County Attorney

MIKE MAHANEY County Administrator

August 24, 2005

Mr. Michael Fitzsimmons, Administrator Waste Program
Department of Environmental Protection 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200
Jacksonville, FL 32256-7590

RE: Proposed Settlement OGC File No.: 05-1947

Dear Mr. Fitzsimmons:

Enclosed please find Nassau County's check in the amount of \$5,250.00 as and for complete settlement of the above referenced matter, along with the executed letter accepting the Department's offer to resolve this matter, as authorized by the Board of County Commissioners in their meeting of August 22, 2005.

Please return a fully executed copy of the letter completing resolution of the matter after the Department executes same. A self-addressed envelope has been included for your convenience.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours

John A. Crawford Ex-Officio Clerk

JAC: jb

CC: Lee Pickett, Interim Solid Waste Director

(904) 548- 4660, 879-1029, (800) 958- 3496

3. **Solid Waste Business:** Approval of proposed settlement of West Nassau Class I Active and Closed Landfills' Late Reports. Funding Source: 70341534-531313.

#### **EXPANSION ITEM**

Agenda Request For:

August 22, 2005

**Department:** 

Solid Waste

Background: Correspondence dated August 15, 2005 has been received from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) in response to Mike Mahaney's, Nassau County Administrator, July 19, 2005 letter which was a response to FDEP's June 21, 2005 Warning Letter (WL05-0733SW45NED) regarding late reports. The August 15, 2005 FDEP letter requests the County to "...review enclosed Consent Order for a breakdown of the penalty amount and respond within the requested time frame." Time frame deadline is September 11, 2005 for response and within 30 days of signing response letter for civil penalty payment amount of \$5,250, reference OGC File No. 05-1947. Reports are now delivered by the Solid Waste Department to Ship 'n Mail on Amelia Island and verification of receipt is received.

Financial/Economic Impact to Future Years Budgeting Process or Effect on Citizens: Procedures have been enacted to avoid situation in future as described above.

Action requested and recommendation: Request Board approve settlement letter from FDEP dated August 15, 2005, authorize Chairman to sign, and approve \$5,250 civil penalty payment. Check for \$5,250 should accompany signed settlement letter.

Is this action consistent with the Nassau County Comprehensive Land Use Plan? Public facility element Section 4

Funding Source: 70341534-549000 Other Current Charges upon processing of budget transfer from 70341534-531313 Prof Svcs-Leechate, Mr. Mahaney to approve.

### Reviewed by:

Department Head

Legal

Finance

Administrator



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# Department of Solid Wosle Sept. Environmental Protection

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OGC File No.: 05-1947

Dear Chairman Acree:

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Emerson Raulerson by telephone at 904.807.3365 or by email at <a href="mailto:Emerson.Raulerson@DEP.State.FL.US">Emerson.Raulerson@DEP.State.FL.US</a>.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Fitzsimmons Administrator

Waste Program

Enclosures (2)

cc Mike Mahaney, County Administrator

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Sincerely,

William C. Green
Acting District Director

FOR RESPONDENT:

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of Nassau County, HEREBY ACCEPT THE
TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT OFFER IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

By: \_\_\_\_\_
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

DONE AND ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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#### **CHECK REQUEST**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

DATE:

August 22, 2005

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Department of Environmental Protection

Northeast District Office

7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 200B Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7590

RE:

"OGC File No. 05-1947"

"Ecosystems Management and Restoration Trust Fund"

AMOUNT:

\$5,250

ACCOUNT: <u>70341534-549</u>000

**EXPLANATION:** OGC File No. 05-1947 civil penalties regarding WN Class I Active and Closed Landfills', and Bryceville and Lofton Creek Closed Landfills' Late Reports

FORWARD CHECK TO: DEP at above address along with original signed settlement letter dated August 15, 2005. Above reference (RE:): must be included in check description field.

REQUESTED BY: Cathy Lewis APPROVAL: APPROVAL: Modern Micros

ok to send check us money order par Emerson Raderson, EDEP at 1:20 8/19/05



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**Nassau County** 

**Board of County Commissioners** P.O. Box 4000 Fernandina Beach, FL 32035-4000



ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOID AFTER 60 DAYS

Vendor Number 1253

Check Date 08/25/2005

Check Number 111885

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5,250.00

To The Order Of

FL DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NORTHEAST DISTRICT OFFICE 7825 BAYMEADOWS WAY, STE 200B JACKSONVILLE, FL 32256-7577

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