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Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2004 6:41 PM
Attach: ATT00007.htm
Subject: Hauling of materials to Airport Property

Marty informed me today that you intend to write an article stating that I was responsible for what happened. I can assure you that I was given a directive to haul material that had been dumped in a drying bed at the island plant from main breaks to the airport. My immediate supervisor told me that he had talked to John L. & Pat W. and they said to take the materials there. If I remember my supervisor said it was costing too much to take it to the landfill. When the driver said the materials were leaking fluids on the road I told them to stop hauling. I then told my supervisor that I had stopped the hauling. I was against what we were doing from the start, but I was told to do it. I am sure that the crew will verify my memory of the events, in fact they will tell you I am a thorn in their side about following the laws. I will be home most of Thursday, 475-[REDACTED]

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Subject: Last e-mail was from John Newburn not my wife Ellen I use her e-mail at home

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MEMORANDUM

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



City on the Gulf
Venice, Florida

TO: Martin Black, AICP, City Manager

THRU: R. Christopher Sharek, PE, Utilities Manager

FROM: Dave Adinolfi, Distribution Superintendent
John Newburn, Distribution Supervisor

DATE: January 7, 2005

SUBJECT: Past and Present Practices

It has been necessary at times to store wet material from water main breaks and place dry material at the site to expedite compaction and repaving of roadways. At one time this material had been stored on site at the Island Beach Wastewater Plant. The material would dry and we would utilize the dry material for another area that needed fill. This material would be loaded by backhoe into a dump truck at the area of the break and hauled to the plant for storage. This practice took place sometime until the late 1990's when space at the plant became limited. I'm not sure who requested or who approved the use of the Airport site for storage. The County had been utilizing the area south of the Festival area to store material removed from ditches and swales. That is the same area where we stored our wet material from water main breaks. We utilized this site until late 2000 or early 2001 when we built storage bins in the rear of the water plant property. We continue to store wet materials to date in these bins for reuse or disposal.

There have been times when the sewer vacuum truck was utilized on occasion to help with water main breaks by removing wet material to expedite repairs to the water main. All material removed by this method was disposed of at the Island Beach Wastewater Plant in a drying bed set aside for this purpose. From there, the material would be loaded with dried sludge and disposed of at the landfill by Pollution Control employees.

Due to the costs of disposal at the landfill, we were instructed to remove the wet materials from the drying bed and transport to the Airport for drying. Our crews loaded our five-yard dump truck twice and took to the Airport site. It was brought to our attention by city employees that it was making a mess on the roads due to the wet material leaking past the tailgate of the truck. We did not haul any more from the drying beds to the airport property. After the two loads that we did take to the airport had dried, we loaded and disposed of them at the landfill.

Up until October of 2001 when the sewer crew was reassigned to the Pollution Control Division all debris removed from sewer line breaks and routine cleaning of the collection system was disposed of at the Island Beach Wastewater Plant. A drying bed was assigned for the storage of these materials. With the expansion of the Eastside Wastewater Plant in 2003, there has been a disposal bin installed for these materials.

At no time did we know of any activity where sludge or raw sewage was disposed of at the Airport property. This is our best recollection of these activities.