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Ms. Mary Jean Yon, Administrator Solid Waste Section Florida Department of Environmental Protection Twin Towers Office Building 2600 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400 Mail Station 4565

VARIANCE REQUEST - YARD WASTE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY'S RE: SOUTHEAST COUNTY CLASS I LANDFILL

Dear Ms Yon:

The Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) is aware of and supports the City of Tampa's Variance Request (see attached) to allow the landfilling of the City of Tampa's municipal solid waste, some of which may contain yard trash, into Hillsborough County's Southeast County Class I Landfill (DEP Permit No. SO29-256427). The Variance Request is necessary due to the required retrofit of the City's waste to energy facility and the City's need to divert unprocessed solid waste during the retrofit process.

The City's solid waste management system does not provide for the complete separation of yard waste. Therefore, the City's unprocessed solid waste delivered to the Southeast County Landfill will contain yard waste. Without the Variance, the City's unprocessed solid waste cannot be disposed of in the Landfill.

The Variance will be required during the City's waste to energy facility retrofit which is projected to take 24-36 months. Upon completion of the City's waste to energy facility retrofit and resumption of normal operations at the facility, the County will no longer accept municipal solid waste containing yard trash from the City of Tampa at its Southeast County Class I Landfill.

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The SWMD appreciates FDEP's review of this request and supports the granting of the Variance. Please contact Chris Snow at (813) 276-8408 should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Daryl H. Smith, Director

Solid Waste Management Department

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Attachment

cc: David Dee, Landers & Parsons, P.A.

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