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Ms. Heidi Hoffman FDEP – South District Office P.O. Box 2549 Fort Myers, Florida 33902-2549

Re: WACS 51614 – Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex Emergency Detonation of Suspicious Explosive Device

Dear Ms. Hoffman:

November 5, 2018

This letter is sent as a follow-up report for my request for an emergency detonation on Friday, November 2, 2018. Per the requirements of 62-730.320(6) the following information is provided.

On November 2, 2018 at approximately 1300 hours, I was contacted by Sgt. Robert Nichols (EMER Specialist) of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Nichols indicated that he was in possession of a suspicious explosive device that resembled a suicide bomb with 8 sticks of deteriorated dynamite attached. After a limited investigation, Sgt. Nichols made the determination that the device had the potential to be unstable and the device should be render safe as soon as possible. Sgt. Nichols requested permission to use the designated area at the landfill site for an emergency detonation of the device. I contacted Rick Roudebush with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, South District office to request permission to proceed with an emergency detonation of the device at the Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex. Mr. Roudebush granted permission to the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad to proceed with the denotation.

Denotation Date and Time: November 2, 2018 @ 1520

Detonation Location: WACS 51614 - Central County Solid Waste Disposal Complex, 4000

Knights Trail Road, Nokomis, Florida

EMER Specialist: Sgt. Robert Nichols, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, (941) 915-4502. Materials: Suspicious explosive device - suicide bomb with 8 sticks of dynamite

Counter charge - 226 grams of C4 - RDX based

Owner of Waste: Unknown

Property Owner: Sarasota County Government

After the detonation, the area was inspected by Sgt. Nichols and the device was determined to be a hoax. No visible residual materials of the counter charge was present. The site was cleared for county use at 1615.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (941)861-1589 or Sgt. Robert Nichols at the (941)-915-4502.

Sincerely,

Lois Rose, Manager

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Sarasota County, Solid Waste Operations