

State of Florida
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: Jeff Harthun, WPB-Enforcement
FROM: Jill S. Creech, PSE *JSC*
DATE: January 29, 1986
SUBJECT: Sunrise Products, Inc.

I made an inspection of the referenced facility on January 24, 1986 and found the following:

1. the south and middle storm drains are cement plugged;
2. a 6" cement retaining wall with a drain hole into the sump pit has eliminated puddling of contaminated runoff over the middle storm drain.

Based on my inspection, I feel that Sunrise Products has adequately precluded any further discharges to the Indian River via the storm drains.

SUNRISE PRODUCTS

PHONE 461-1600
P. O. BOX 3858 1659

INCORPORATED

THE SUNRISE CITY

FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

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Aug. 29, 1985 11 12

Dept. of Environmental Regulation
Attn: Ms. Donna Deis
P.O. Box 3858
West Palm Beach, Fl. 33402-3858

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL REG.
WEST PALM BEACH

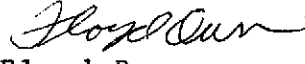
Dear Ms. Deis:

This Letter is to confirm that we have completed the proposed modification to the storm drains that are located on 2nd street.

As we decided in our meeting, these plates will be locked in place prior to our start up so we will notify your office of this date. If you wish to inspect these plates and there use please contact us here at Sunrise Products at your convenience.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter please contact us.

Regards,
SUNRISE PRODUCTS, INC.


Floyd Durr
General Manager

CC: Mr. Richard R. Reis
Ms. Jill Creech
Mr. George E. Bloodworth

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FROM: Jill S. Creech, Permitting - Port St. Lucie

SUBJ: Status of Sunrise Products, Inc.

If you have any questions, let me know. I will keep you informed.

SUNRISE PRODUCTS

INCORPORATED

THE SUNRISE CITY

FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 33454

P. O. Box 1659

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June 18, 1985

Dept. of Environmental Regulation
Attn.: Ms. Donna Deis
P. O. Box 3858
West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3858

Dear Donna:

As agreed in our recent meetings, I am responding to the letter from Richard Reis dated May 16.

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In addition to the foregoing, we have contacted a firm that will be able to haul our waste on an as-needed basis. The combination of these improvements in our waste system will insure that we will not discharge any waste water into the Indian River.

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Dept. of Environmental Reg.
West Palm Beach

GEB/lmb

cc -- Mr. Richard R. Reis
Ms. Jill Creech
Dr. John Sellers
Mr. Floyd Durr

Yours very truly,

SUNRISE PRODUCTS, INC.

George E. Bloodworth

George E. Bloodworth
President

SUNRISE PRODUCTS

INCORPORATED

THE SUNRISE CITY

FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 33454

P. O. Box 1659

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West Palm Beach

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Ms. Jill Creech
Dr. John Sellers
Mr. Floyd Durr

Yours very truly,

SUNRISE PRODUCTS, INC.

George E. Bloodworth

George E. Bloodworth
President

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

ENFORCEMENT MEETING DOCUMENTATION

Attendees: (See attached list)

Location: Fort Pierce Date: June 7, 1985 Time: 1:30

Subject: Meeting with Sunrise Products

Meeting requested by: DER

Meeting Objectives: To resolve warning notice number
56-111-85-16

Notes: Sunrise was refused waste disposal into the municipal sewer by the City of Fort Pierce. The City wanted secondary treatment but Sunrise has not the room nor the money. DER explained we can not make Sunrise hook-up to sewer however we can preclude them from discharging tomato waste into the storm drains which empty into the Indian River via an outfall.

Agreements/Conclusions Reached:

Sunrise will contact Fort Pierce regarding locking the storm drains closed while Sunrise is processing (from Dec-June). Sunrise will continue landspreading the tomato waste and include any storm water. Since we have a dry season from Oct-June, this storm water should be negligible.

Follow-up Actions/Dates:

Mr. Bloodwell, the president of Sunrise, will contact Ft Pierce who will lock the storm drains. Ft. Pierce will remove the locks upon the closing of Sunrise and replace them each December. Bill Greer will verify the ^{lock} installations and we will close the case.

Prepared by: Donna M. Davis
(Sign)

Jernise Products

June 7, 1985

Name

Affiliation

Phone

Dana Reis

DER/WPB

305-689-5800

John W. Sellers

Interscience, Inc 813-878-8611

Jill S. Creech

DER/~~WPB~~ PSL 305-878-4310

Howard C. Self

Jernise Productions 305-461-9600

Floyd Quin

Jernise Productions 305-461-1600

George Blackwell

Cheaper Products 912-932-5211

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

ENFORCEMENT MEETING DOCUMENTATION

Attendees: (See attached list)

Location: West Palm Beach Date: May 29, 1985 Time: 1:00

Subject: Sunrise Products, Incorporated

Meeting requested by: Mr. Bloodworth

Meeting Objectives: to discuss the Warning Notice

Notes: 1) Gill Creed will inspect the plant. It seems the problem results from on-site holding ~~for~~ tanks which fill up with ILW. The ILW is refused by the sewer and is removed and landspread. When trucks are "unavailable" the tanks overflow into the storm sewer and into the River.

Agreements/Conclusions Reached:

1) Inpatient Conference is continued until such time that Gill Creed can produce an inspection report.

Follow-up Actions/Dates:

Outcome is contingent upon ILW inspection report for the Sunrise Products facility.

Prepared by: Dorise M. Davis
(Sign)

Donna,

George Bloodworth, will be in Florida during this week. He wants to meet with us here on Wed. 5/29/85 at 1:00 P.M., perhaps we should get someone from PSL here for the meeting. I have another meeting at that same time with W.R. Grace, so I won't be attending.

gjh

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3. Article Addressed to:

Mr. G. A. Bloodworth, Jr., Pres.
Sunrise Products, Inc.
Highway 22
Haddock, GA 31033

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Henry G. Thomas

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DOMESTIC RETURN RECEIPT

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

FILE

**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA
DISTRICT**

P.O. BOX 3858
3301 GUN CLUB ROAD
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33402-3858



BOB GRAHAM
GOVERNOR

VICTORIA J. TSCHINKEL
SECRETARY

ROY M. DUKE
DISTRICT MANAGER

May 16, 1985

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

WARNING NOTICE
56-111-85 IW
IW - St. Lucie County

Mr. G. A. Bloodworth, Jr., President
Sunrise Products, Inc.
Highway 22
Haddock, Georgia 31033

Dear Mr. Bloodworth:

RE: The Industrial Waste Outfall at Sunrise Products, Incorporated
Located at 601 South Second Street, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie
County, Florida

Under Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.), the Department of Environmental Regulation is delegated the power and duty to control and prohibit pollution of air and water in accordance with the law and rules and regulations promulgated by the Department.

You are hereby placed on notice that the Department believes you to be in violation of Section 403.161, F.S., and Department rules and regulations, as explained below:

In response to a complaint, Department personnel inspected the above-referenced facility on February 26, 1985 and found several violations of Chapter 403, F.S.:

1. Section 403.085, F.S., requires industrial waste plants or facilities which discharge industrial waste of any kind to provide for secondary waste treatment of wastewaters prior to discharge. The subject facility has been observed to discharge industrial wastes in the form of a red liquid resembling tomato juice through an inland outfall pipe without secondary waste treatment. The discharge in question has been via a city of Fort Pierce storm drain to the Indian River within a portion of this river designated as Outstanding Florida Waters pursuant to Section 17-3.041(4)(h), F.A.C. These waters are to be afforded "the highest protection" in accordance with Section 17-3.041(1), F.A.C.

Mr. G. A. Bloodworth, Jr.
May 16, 1985
Page 2 of 2

2. Section 403.087, F.S., provides that any stationary installation reasonably expected to be a source of water pollution shall not be operated without a currently valid Department permit. Sunrise Products, Inc. has been observed operating such an installation without a currently valid Department permit.
3. Section 403.161(1)(a), F.S., provides that it shall be a violation to cause pollution so as to harm or injure aquatic life or property. Whoever commits a violation of Section 403.161(1), F.S., is liable to the State for any damages and for civil penalties, as provided in Section 403.141, F.S. The subject facility has discharged industrial wastes and in so doing caused pollution so as to potentially harm or injure aquatic life and property.

You are hereby advised to immediately cease all unauthorized discharges from the subject facility and remove the unpermitted outfall pipe. Within ten (10) days of receipt of this Warning Notice please submit written assurance that the discharge has ceased and explain how the waste is presently being disposed. Additionally, please provide a plan addressing future treatment and disposal of liquid wastes from the subject source.

A written response to this Notice is required and must reach this office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Warning Notice. Additionally, it is requested that you contact this office within ten (10) days to arrange for a meeting with Department representatives during which the issue of monetary settlement for the violations cited herein will be addressed. Failure to respond and/or comply with the requests made herein will result in additional enforcement actions by this office. Your response and any questions you may have regarding this matter should be addressed to Ms. Donna Deis or Mr. Jeffrey Harthun of this office, telephone 305/689-5800.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Reis
Enforcement Section Head

RRR:ddr/36

cc: Jill Creech, DER, Port St. Lucie

CASE REPORT
Southeast Florida District Branch

RECEIVED
MAY 10 1985

TYPE OF VIOLATION: Industrial Wastewater

DATE SUBMITTED: March 1, 1985

Dept. of Environmental Reg.
West Palm Beach

INVESTIGATOR: Francine Joyal, Environmental Specialist I

NATURE OF VIOLATION:

In response to a complaint, evidence of a discharge to the Indian River (via a City of Fort Pierce storm drain) from Sunrise Products Incorporated, a tomato packer/canner, was verified by Francine Joyal of the Department during the investigation of February 26, 1985. The wastewater around the split in the storm pipe (split is between mean high and mean low water lines) was a pronounced red resembling tomato juice.

This situation is a recurrence of the unpermitted, prohibited discharge. See attached file information dated June 13, 1977 and earlier. Sometime in 1977, the facility supposedly eliminated the discharge by installing holding tanks with the decanted supernatant discharging to the City sewage collection system and the sludge hauled off to a land application site.

The cause for this current discharge is unknown. Please note that if it had not occurred during low tide, and if the storm drain had not been split it would not have been detected at time of inspection.

Recommended action: Cease discharge and pay fines.

VIOLATOR

Legal Name: Sunrise Products Incorporated
(See attached CORNAM printout)

LOCATION OF VIOLATION

County: St. Lucie

Address: Approximately N.W. Quarter of the S.E. Quarter of the S.E. Quarter of Section 10, Township 35S, Range 40E

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP (either State or private owned submerged lands)

SUMMARY OF VIOLATIONS

✓ 403.085(4), 403.087(1), 403.088(1), 403.161(1)(a) and 403.161(2), F.S.; and
FAC Rules 17-3.051(1)(b) and (c), 17-4.03, 17-6.300(1)(c)3

ATTACHMENTS

The information contained in this case report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

Francine M. Joyal
INVESTIGATOR

oil tank

Boiler

WATER STORAGE
300 cooler

06-06-75

CONV

Tank

pellet

waste ditch

can cooler

SUMPS

retorts

retorts

can cooling canal

cooker

screens

ovhd.

CB 8' drain

8' drain

City san. sewer

MH

So. Second Street

2410-B10-0008.000/8
Andrews and Richards S/D ALL OF
LOTS 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 LYING W
OF S. 2ND ST. AND THAT PART OF
LOTS 7, 8 and 10 LYING E OF S.

office

SCALE

1"=40'

PLOT PLAN AND PLANT EQUIPMENT LAYOUT

Scale 1" = 40'

Florida Ave.

13:53:43 2/26/1985

DOCUMENT 144916 REINSTATED, FOR PROFIT LOC FL-66

FEI 59-0470245 FLE 12/23/1942 LST 3/12/1982

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NAME SUNRISE PRODUCTS INCORPORATED

ADDRESS 601 S. SECOND ST.

P O BOX 1659

FT PIERCE FLA

33450

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS:

U/P/D	BLOODWORTH G A JR	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000
V/D	BLOODWORTH, JERRY J	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	3103
S/D	BLOODWORTH ELIANE	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000
D	JACQUETTE, CAROLYN B	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000
D	BLOODWORTH RUBY	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000
P/D	BLOODWORTH GEORGE	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000

REG. AGENT SELF, H.C.

601 S. SECOND ST.

CHANGED 3/12/1982

FORT PIERCE, FL

33450

ANNUAL REPORTS FILED: (1982) 3/12/1982 (1983) 5/27/1983 (1984) 9/28/1984

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE

COMPLAINT

Date 02-26-84 Time 9:30 a.m. Received By John Carter File No. SL-558

Name of Complainant Anonymous

Address _____ Phone _____

Type of Complaint: Air ___ D&F ___ Odor ___ Solid Waste ___ Water W Other _____

Name of Reported Polluter Sunrise Tomato Products

Address _____ Phone _____

Complaint Subject reported in walking along the river bank she observed a stream of what she identified as tomato waste flowing down the out fall pipe into the Indian River. She said it was being rapidly dispersed in the water but some was left on the bank.

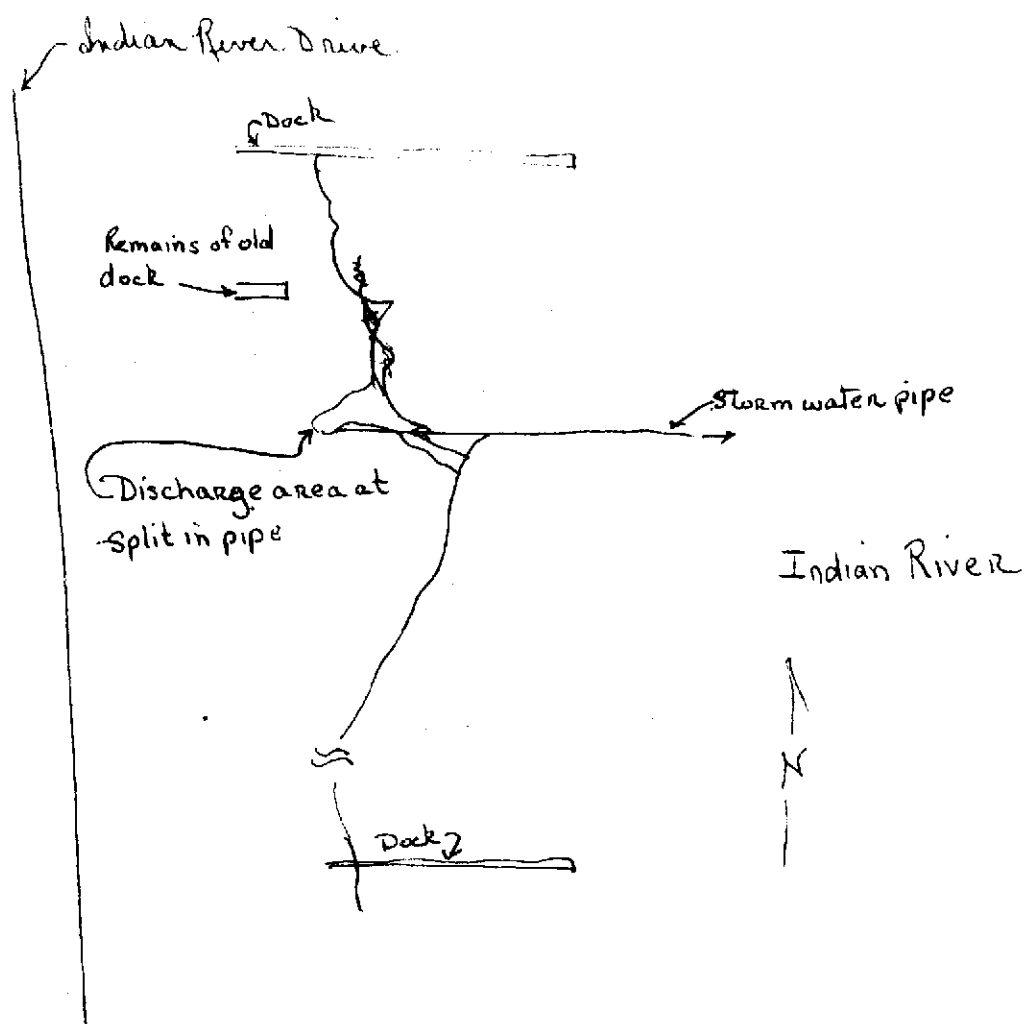
INVESTIGATION

Date February 26, 1985 Time 11:15 By Alexis Joyal

Condition Found Verified discharge from tomato packer. Assume Sunrise is source because of past problems and color of discharged material. See attached photographs and sketch on back of this page.

Recommendations and/or Action Taken _____

Disposition _____





#1



#4



#2



#5



#3

02-00-02
 Complaint investigation
 Two boys from Quince (Tomb)
 known to be in area prior storm
 water drain
 Copies of photos taken

02-26-85, 11:15 a.m. #1

Indian River, west shoreline, east of
Sunrise Tomato Packers. Low tide.

View looking towards the NE of the
landward discharge from split in
storm water pipe.

Taken by: Francine Joyal

02-26-85 #2

Indian River, west shoreline, east of
Sunrise Tomato Packers. Low tide.

View looking towards the NW of the
landward discharge from the split
in the storm water pipe.

Taken by: Francine Joyal

02-26-85, 11:23 a.m. #3

Indian River, west shoreline, east
of Sunrise Tomato Packers. Low tide.

View looking towards W of portion
of storm water pipe. Pipe continues
east into Indian River for unknown
distance beyond point picture was
taken.

Taken by: Francine Joyal

02-26-85 #4

Indian River, west shoreline, east of
Sunrise Tomato Packers. Low tide.

View looking towards WNW of
the landward discharge from split
in the storm water pipe.

Taken by: Francine Joyal

02-26-85 #5

Indian River, west shoreline, east of
Sunrise Tomato Packers. Low tide.

View looking towards SW of split
in the storm water drain.

Taken by: Francine Joyal

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FT. PIERCE BRANCH OFFICE

COMPLAINT/INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/77 Time 1350 Received By H. Johnson File No. _____

Name of Complainant Mrs Adams

Address 607 S. Indian River Dr. Phone 461-5119

St. Pierce
(3 Bldgs s. of overpass)

Type of Complaint: Water ☒ Air _____ Solid Waste _____ Odor ☒ Other ILW

Name of Reported Polluter Sunrise Canning

Address 2nd St. Phone _____

St. Pierce

Bob Jenkins

Complaint St. Lucie Utilities Rep. told the property owners that
Effluent from Sunrise Canning was causing odor and discoloration
in the River.

INVESTIGATION

Date _____ Time _____ By _____

Condition Found _____

Recommendations and/or Action Taken _____

Disposition _____

News Tribune

6/20/77

Slime Causes River Odors

Some smelly pinkish slime on the west bank of the Indian River has turned out to be untreated tomato plant effluent.

Samples tested Wednesday, after Drive residents living immediately south of the Citrus Avenue Overpass complained of noxious odor, showed fluids coming from a drain pipe into the river are "...exactly the same thing as processing plant effluent before it is treated."

Haynes Johnson of the State Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) said his agency received laboratory test results this morning.

He said he will be speaking with Howard Self, manager of Sunrise Products Inc., 650 S. Second Street, to discuss alternative methods of preventing further spills from the canning plant at the other end of the old storm drain.

The effluent apparently flowed into the drain while drivers were washing out some trucks used for transporting tomatoes, Johnson said, adding that City of Fort Pierce officials have been extremely cooperative and have even offered to plug up the drain.

Canning factory manager Howard Self, who said last week the plant no longer uses the out-fall line but pays about \$3,200 a month for a connection to the sewage plant, said today he will order drivers not to wash their trucks at the plant site.

Two of the Second Street

grates have now been covered, he said, to prevent waste from running into the river.

"I don't think any of it's going in there now... truckers come and wash their trucks off occasionally and we'll have to stop that. It's possible that one night a line stopped up and it went into the street. I really think we can keep it under control," Self said.

The canning plant manager said he had not yet spoken with Johnson about results of laboratory testing of the slime.

Earlier, Johnson said plant owners will be given alternatives to prevent further discharges into the river.

They could either take out a permit to construct an on-site treatment plant or make sure the waste runs into a pit connected to the city treatment plant, Johnson said.

The plant effluent cannot be blamed for all the stink coming from the river. Traditionally, on hot days in June, Indian River Drive residents from Jensen Beach to the Fort Pierce Inlet, complain about noxious odors.

"It's that time of year," said one, "I've been here all my life, and we've had it every summer as long as I can remember."

Those in the know about marine life contend the annual stench is mainly caused by certain marine plant which blooms in the spring, then detaches itself and floats to the surface. At low tide, the "carcasses" are left high and dry to rot in the sun.

St. Pierre News Tribune 6/16/77

Indian River Spoiled? Just Smell and See

By SALLY LATHAM

News Tribune Staff Writer

Come low tide, these lazy hot days of June, the river people hold their noses and howl about the Moon over Miasma.

In short, the Indian River stinks.

From Jensen Beach to the Fort Pierce Inlet, the noxious odor is almost uniformly bad. By a strange quirk of nature, it only reaches the area south of the inlet. The lucky ones to the north, in St. Lucie Village and surroundings, say they have nothing to complain about.

SOME RESIDENTS in the sector immediately south of the Citrus Avenue overpass have placed complaints with the Health Department and the Department of Environmental Regulation, contending that the odor emanating from the pinkish slime along their banks is coming from Sunrise Products Inc., the tomato canning plant at 650 S. Second St.

Wednesday afternoon, Sanitarians Steve Sams of the Health Department and Haynes Johnson of the DER spent more than an hour taking samples of slime and water from the area, to determine its nature and probable source.

Although the lab test results won't be known until Monday, Johnson went up to the plant after his inspection, to discuss the issue with Howard Self, manager of the canning facility.

Self said today he told the inspector that the only possible way any spillage into the river could have occurred would be through the storm sewer leading down the incline toward the river's shoreline.

"I said we'd try covering the grates," Self told The News Tribune. "I can't understand how it could have happened, if it did indeed come from us. We do not dump anything into the river."

Some years back, he said,

effluent was put in the river through the now-unused outfall line which still extends out into the water.

"THE FISH loved it," Self said. "Anyone who wanted a fish quick would always go there."

Now, however, the "slop" from washing the tomatoes and preparing them for canning either goes into the city's sanitary sewer system or is trucked down to farmland on Midway Road, where the refuse is in demand for enriching the soil and as feed for cattle.

Some of the complaining neighbors contended that the

plant was dumping sewage into the river. Self denied this emphatically, observing that his sanitary sewer connection and service alone is costing him an estimated \$3,200 a month.

Self, while admitting the possibility that an isolated spill may have occurred from one of the trucks, said he doesn't see how any great amount could have gone riverward without his being aware of it.

"We don't want pollution any more than they do," Self commented. "That odor was there before we started running."

Indeed, the big smell has

become an accepted fact with most lifelong residents whose time is spent around the waterways.

"IT'S THAT TIME of year," said one employee of Baywood Fisheries. "I've been here all my life, and we've had it every summer as long as I can remember."

Those in the know about marine life contend the stench is mainly caused by a certain sub-marine plant which blooms in the spring, then detaches itself and floats to the surface. At low tide, the "carcasses" are left high and dry to rot in the sun.

Far down-river, old residents also take the stench granted as a sea phenomenon.

"It's the same every year," said Mrs. James Plowaty, whose home is at 8005 S. Indian Dr. "Luckily, we're 20 feet from the river, so it doesn't reach the house."

Whatever the source, river can be philosophical, with knowledge that sooner or later the smell like everything else disappears with time and tide.

It's also a source of wit. Said one wag, "I know the river has spoiled islands, but I know they'd be quite so spoiled if they were in the sun."



DEEP IN THEIR WORK, sanitarians Steve Sams (foreground) of the Health Department and Haynes Johnson of the Department of Environmental Regulation take samples from the scummy banks along the 600 block

of Indian River Drive. An observer expressed hope Johnson gets an expense account for shoe bills. (photo by Sally Latham)

CASE REPORT
Southeast Florida District Branch

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DATE SUBMITTED: March 1, 1985

INVESTIGATOR: Francine Joyal, Environmental Specialist I

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VIOLATOR

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(See attached CORNAM printout)

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SUMMARY OF VIOLATIONS

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Francine M. Joyal
INVESTIGATOR

13:53:48 2/26/1985

DOCUMENT 141916 REINSTATED, FOR PROFIT LOC FL-66
FEI 59-0470045 FLE 12/23/1942 LST 3/12/1982
NAME SUNRISE PRODUCTS INCORPORATED
ADDRESS 601 S. SECOND ST.,
P O BOX 1659
FT PIERCE FLA 33450

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OFFICERS/DIRECTORS:

U/P/D	BLOODWORTH G A JR	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000
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S/D	BLOODWORTH ELIANE	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000
D	JACQUETTE, CAROLYN B	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000
D	BLOODWORTH RUBY	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000
P/D	BLOODWORTH GEORGE	HWY 22	HADDOCK, GA	0000

REG. AGENT SELF, H.C.

601 S. SECOND ST.,
FORT PIERCE, FL

33450

CHANGED 3/12/1982

ANNUAL REPORTS FILED: (1982) 3/12/1982 (1983) 5/27/1983 (1984) 9/28/1984

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
SOUTHEAST FLORIDA DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE

COMPLAINT

Date 02-26-84 Time 9:30 a.m. Received By John Carter File No. SL-558

Name of Complainant Anonymous

Address _____ Phone _____

Type of Complaint: Air ☐ D&F ☐ Odor ☐ Solid Waste ☐ Water ☒ Other ☐

Name of Reported Polluter Sunrise Tomato Products

Address _____ Phone _____

Complaint Subject reported in walking along the river bank she observed a stream of what she identified as tomatoe waste flowing from the cut fall pipe into the Indian River. She said it was being rapidly dispersed in the water but some remained on the bank. She called Mayor Wm Darnochowicz (H. Person) and
INVESTIGATION he referred her to the D.E.R.

Date February 26, 1985 Time 11:45 By Anneise Joyal

Condition Found Verified discharge from tomato packer. Assume Sunrise is source because of past problems and color of discharged material. See attached photographs and sketch on back of this page.

Recommendations and/or Action Taken _____

Disposition _____



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#2



#3



#4

02-26-85 Complaint investigation
Indian River west shoreline
Fort Pierce, south of the FEC
Railroad overpass, east of Sunrise
Tomato Packers.



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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
FT. PIERCE BRANCH OFFICE

COMPLAINT/INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/77 Time 1350 Received By H. Johnson File No. _____

Name of Complainant Mrs Adams

Address 607 S. Indian River Dr. Phone 461-5119
St. Pierce
(3 Bldgs s. of overpass)

Type of Complaint: Water ☒ Air ☐ Solid Waste ☐ Odor ☒ Other ILW

Name of Reported Polluter Sunrise Canning

Address 2nd St. Phone _____
St. Pierce

Bob Jenkins

Complaint St. Lucie Utilities Rep. told the property owners that
Effluent from Sunrise Canning was causing odor and discoloration
in the River.

INVESTIGATION

Date _____ Time _____ By _____

Condition Found _____

Recommendations and/or Action Taken _____

Disposition _____

Mrs Adams + Other Property Owners
607 S Indian River Dr 461-5119

Surprise ~~Turning~~
2nd St.
Red Sludge

3 blocks ~~off~~ overpass

Indian River Odor

St. Lucie Utilities Rep Says its IW from
Told the Property owners we would take care of it

Bob Jenkins → Tomato Cannery on Line?
464 - 4636 ↓

On Site →

Possible bypasser

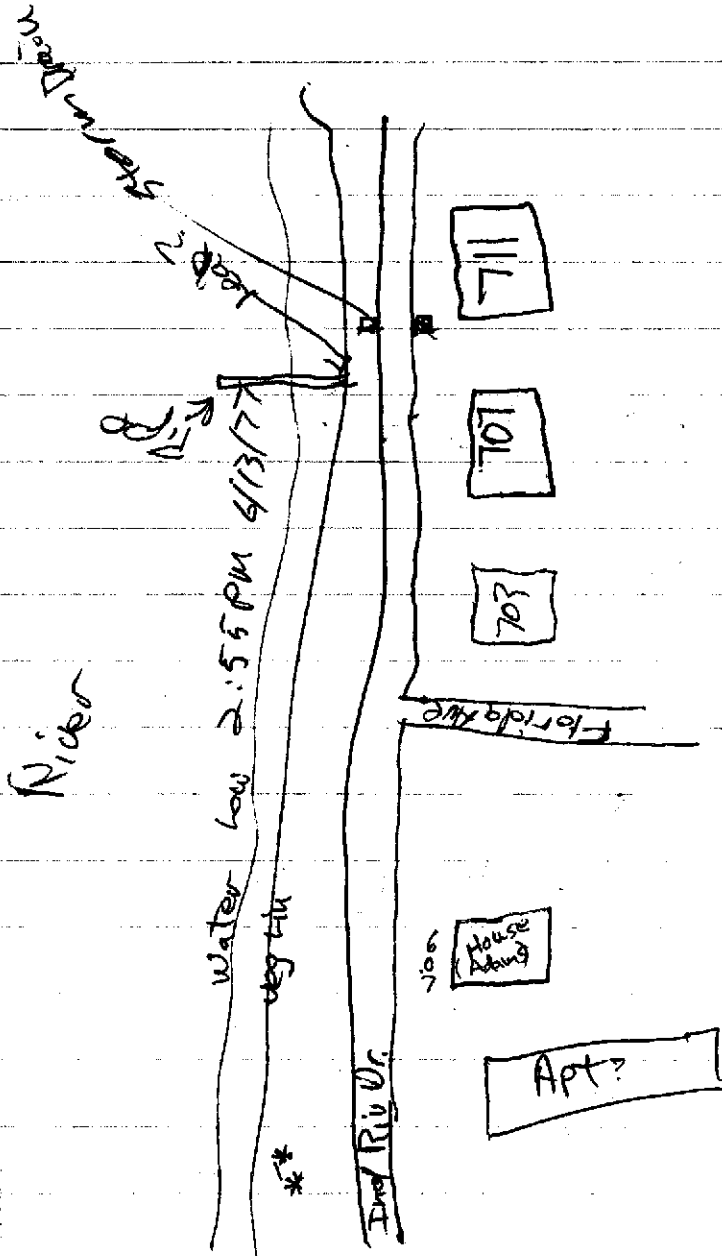
Definitely Rotten Tomato Spill
100yd long

- all Health dept - Street Clean-up

Children - Porto Let tanker emptying to South
report

Bob Ends Editor
Mr. Richards Richardson Health

Strong flow from Broken pipe at
veg line 3:10 PM
Effluent clear (Pole w/old can trans)



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96/- 1794 John B
461-5350 St. L. Co. H.D.

* Aus Pine

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May 28, 1969

Mr. G. Albert Bloodworth, President
Cherokee Products Company
Maddock, Georgia 31033

Re: Service Agreement for Sewage Disposal of
Industrial Wastes

Dear Mr. Bloodworth:

Enclosed herein is a completely executed copy of the City's Agreement with Sunrise Products, Inc. I would encourage the installation of a meter as quickly as possible at this facility, so that an accurate billing, as set out in the contract, can be obtained.

Should I be of assistance to you in implementing this contract, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

FOR: CITY MANAGER

By:

Michael B. Wright

Michael B. Wright
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

MBW/lo

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Michael Jeffries, Attorney
Mr. R. W. Starr, State Board of Health ✓
Mrs. Irene Higgs, Customer Service Supervisor
Mr. R. C. James, City Clerk
Mr. James Shamblin, Director of Water & Sewer Dept.
Mr. Howard Self, Sunrise Products, Inc., Fort Pierce

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

FROM R. W. Starr, Jr.

DATE January 20, 1969

TO Mr. Ralph Baker

SUBJECT St. Lucie County SM - Sunrise Products, Inc.

Attached for your information is the proposed means of hooking in the Sunrise Products tomato canning plant to the Fort Pierce sewers. If you should wish to make any comments, I suggest copies be sent to Sunrise Products and the City of Ft. Pierce.

The flow measuring device specified is an orifice type that the company presently has on hand. I disagree with its use in this case as I feel that the airlines measuring the pressure differential will become clogged with tomato waste. I would prefer a weir or flume type measuring device.

RWS/obd
Attachment

January 8, 1969

St. Lucie County IW
Sunrise Products, Inc.

Mr. G. Albert Bloodworth, President
Cherokee Products Company
Haddock, Georgia 31033

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a conversation this date involving your Mr. Howard Self, Mr. W. B. Richards of the St. Lucie County Health Department and the writer. I have been advised to inform you that the referenced Fort Pierce processing plant is not to dispose of its industrial waste in a manner not acceptable to the Florida State Board of Health, Bureau of Sanitary Engineering.

It has been noted that the City of Fort Pierce presented a proposal to your company on August 16, 1968, whereby the waste in question could be discharged into the City's sanitary sewer system.

For the record, it was also noted this date that operations in the plant had begun and that tomato processing waste was being discharged directly into the Indian River.

If we can assist in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon us. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William Menoher
Sanitary Engineer

WV/obd

cc: Mr. Howard Self, Sunrise Products, Inc., Fort Pierce
Mr. Michael B. Wright, Assistant City Manager, Fort Pierce
Mr. N. Mastro, Division of Industrial Waste
Mr. R. H. Baker, Jr., Division of Waste Water
per St. Lucie County Health Department

*5-14-69 alone, plant not op.
5-16-69 w/ B. Richards - Self, then Wright*

Self/Wright

Ft. Pierce S.M.

WM

August 16, 1968

Mr. G. Albert Bloodworth, President
Cherokee Products Company
Haddock, Georgia

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Re: Sunrise Products, Inc.
Fort Pierce, Florida

Dear Mr. Bloodworth:

As per our meeting of June 11, 1968, we are enclosing herein a copy of a Service Agreement for sewage disposal to serve your tomato processing plant, Sunrise Products, Inc. Please review and if you concur, please acknowledge in writing so that we might approach the City Commission for authorization to enter into this Agreement with your firm.

Very truly yours,

FOR: CITY MANAGER

By: Michael B. Wright
Michael B. Wright
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

MBW/lo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Howard Self, Sunrise Products, Inc., Fort Pierce
Dr. Fred A. Eidsness, Black, Crow & Eidsness, Inc.
Mr. R. W. Starr, Florida State Board of Health ✓
Mr. James Shamblin, Director of Water & Sewer Dept.

May 10, 1968

Dr. Fred A. Eidsness
Black, Crow & Eidsness, Inc.
P. O. Box 1300
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

Re: Sunrise Products, Inc. Waste Water

Dear Dr. Eidsness:

This letter is to confirm a change in time for a meeting to discuss an industrial rate for the discharge of waste water. The meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 1968, at 10:00 A. M. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

FOR: CITY MANAGER

By: WBL
Weldon B. Lewis
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

WBL/lo

cc: Mr. Howard Self, Sunrise Products, Inc.
Mr. R. W. Starr, Florida State Board of Health ✓
Mr. D. C. Huskey, Director of Finance
Mr. Jim Shamblin, Director of Water and Sewer

May 1, 1968

CITY HALL, 315 Avenue "A"
Fort Pierce, Florida 33450

Dr. Fred A. Eidsness
Black, Crow & Eidsness, Inc.
P. O. Box 1300
Boca Raton, Florida 33432

Re: Sunrise Products, Inc. Waste Water

Dear Dr. Eidsness:

This letter is to confirm our verbal discussion concerning your letter of April 16, 1968, regarding the discharge of industrial waste from Sunrise Products, Inc.

A meeting to discuss the parameters around which an industrial rate can be devised has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 1968, at 10:00 A. M. in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting will be attended by those persons indicated below, receiving a copy of this letter.

Inasmuch as I am leaving the City to become the County Administrator for St. Lucie County, I will not be present at this meeting, but Mr. Mike Wright will attend in my place.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

FOR: CITY MANAGER

By: WBL
Weldon B. Lewis
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

WBL/lo

cc: Mr. Howard Self, Sunrise Products, Inc.
Mr. R. W. Starr, Florida State Board of Health ✓
Mr. D. C. Huskey, Director of Finance
Mr. Jim Shamblin, Director of Water and Sewer

October 2, 1967

St. Lucia County
Sunrise Products Co., Inc. IW
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Ft. Pierce

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Dr. F. A. Eidsness
Black, Crow & Eidsness, Inc.
P. O. Box 1329
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Fred:

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 1967 indicating that you will meet with officials of the City of Ft. Pierce concerning rates which will be acceptable to both industry and municipal officials.

We understand it will be several months before the city's sewage treatment plant construction will be completed and at that time it is anticipated that this waste will be accepted by the city for treatment.

We shall appreciate being kept informed of further developments in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Vincent D. Patton

VDP:ad
cc: St. Lucia County Health Dept.
cc: ✓ Mr. Richard W. Starr, Jr.

St. Lucie SM
Ft. Pierce

July 20, 1967

Mr. Vincent D. Patton
Florida State Board of Health
Jacksonville, Florida 332201

Re: St. Lucie County
Sunrise Products, Inc.
(Cherokee Products)
Port Pierce

Dear Mr. Patton:

We have received a copy of your letter to Sunrise Products, Inc., dated July 6, 1967.

This letter is to advise you as to the status of this problem.

The Company retained the firm of Greenlees, Arbogast & Montgomery, Inc., as consulting engineers. That firm submitted certain information which was forwarded to our consultants, Black, Crow & Eidsness for review and recommendations.

Our consultants found that we would be able to accomodate the waste in our system, but, at a meeting with the City Commission held June 14, 1967, recommended that the City establish a specific rate structure for industrial use.

The Commission instructed our consultants to prepare a suggested rate and they are proceeding accordingly.

When the information is received from the consultants, it will be reviewed by the City Manager and City Commission, and a final decision as to rates will be made.

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Page Two
Mr. Vincent D. Patton
July 20, 1967

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The Commission will then hold a public hearing on the rate, and proceed with passage of the necessary ordinance establishing the rate.

At that time, the firm will be ordered to connect to the system, with connection requiring the installation of necessary screening units, etc.

Please contact me if further information is needed.

Very truly yours,

Weldon B. Lewis, P.E.
DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS

ds

cc: George D. Adkins, City Manager
Sunrise Products, Inc.,
650 South 2nd Street
Dr. Fred Eidsness, Boca Raton
Mr. Richard Starr, Vero Beach ✓

November 18, 1966

St. Lucia County
Sunrise Products, Inc.
(Cherokee Products)
Fort Pierce

IN

/106

Resident Agent
Sunrise Products, Inc.
Mr. G. Albert Bloodworth, President
Fort Pierce, Florida 33450

Certified Mail No. 312605
Return Receipt Requested

Dear Sir:

On August 9, 1966 we wrote to your company at Fort Pierce calling your attention to the discharge of industrial waste into the Indian River, copy attached.

We call your attention to Chapter 170C-3 of the Florida Administrative Code, copy attached, and we are advised that the present discharge of your industrial waste into the Indian River does not comply with this regulation.

We are further advised of the imminent improvement of the sewage system of the city, and strongly suggest you consider connection to such system. As an alternative we suggest complete treatment of your industrial waste to comply with the aforementioned chapter.

In either event, within thirty (30) days you will submit to this office an approvable plan for the abatement of this pollution, signed and sealed by a Florida registered engineer to offer a rapid solution to this pollution of Florida Waters.

Very truly yours,

VDP:ATN:ad
Enclosures

Vincent D. Patton

cc: Mr. Albert Bloodworth, Haddock, Georgia - Certified Mail No. 312606
cc: Mr. Albert Bloodworth, Cherokee Products, Ft. Pierce, Cert. Mail No. 312607
cc: Dr. William R. Damshawer, Mayer, Fort Pierce
cc: St. Lucia County Health Dept.
cc: Mr. Richard W. Starr, Jr.
cc: Mr. Bjarne B. Andersen

bcc: Black, Crow and Eidness, Inc. Gainesville, Fla.
bcc: Dr. Eidness, 315 Golf View Drive, Boca Raton 33432

November 3, 1966

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Vincent D. Patton, M.S.E.E., Director
Division Industrial Waste
State Board of Health
Post Office Box 210
Jacksonville, Florida 32201

RE: St. Lucie County IW
 Sunrise Products
 (Cherokee Products)
 Fort Pierce /106

Dear Mr. Patton:

In a letter to Cherokee Products, dated August 9, 1966, you requested the owner's attention, through their engineers, to disposal of certain industrial wastes. You further requested that the owner contact our office concerning rate structure, etc.

On September 7, I talked with Mrs. Joerger at the plant. She informed me that the letter was forwarded for answer to Mr. Bloodworth, President of Sunrise Products. We have heard no further concerning this matter.

This letter is to request that you proceed with necessary action to eliminate this problem.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Weldon B. Lewis, P.E.
DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS

WBL:llh

cc: Mr. Richard Starr
 St. Lucie County Health Department
 Honorable William R. Dannahower, Mayor
 Mrs. Joerger, Cherokee Products

August 9, 1966

St. Lucie County IM
Sunrise Products
(Cherokee Products)
Fort Pierce /106

Cherokee Products
650 South 2nd Street
Fort Pierce, Florida

Gentlemen;

We have received complaints from our Regional Engineer concerning the discharge of your liquid industrial wastes into the Indian River. It is our further understanding that the City of Fort Pierce is presently engaged in an extensive expansion of their sewerage lines and sewage disposal system.

Accordingly, to remove this industrial contamination from the Indian River, we request your immediate attention through your engineers to disposing of these wastes through the municipal sewerage system and plant. To facilitate this, immediate contact should be made with the City of Fort Pierce concerning their rate structure, etc.

May we hear from you promptly.

Very truly yours,

Vincent D. Patton

VDP:ATM;mcb

cc: St. Lucie County Health Dept.
cc: Hon. William R. Dannahower, Mayor
City of Fort Pierce
cc: Mr. Richard W. Starr, Jr. ✓
Regional Engineer
2325 14th Avenue
Vero Beach, Florida 32960
bcc: Dr. Fred Eidsness, Black, Crow & Eidsness
P. O. Drawer 1329, Gainesville, Florida