

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

Southeast District Office 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 7210-1 West Palm Beach, FL 33406 561-681-6600 Ron DeSantis Governor

Jeanette Nuñez Lt. Governor

Shawn Hamilton Secretary

January 19, 2022

Mr. Nelson Ferreira, President Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co., Inc. 600 Ocean Drive, Unit 7A Juno Beach, FL 33408

Re: Consent Order, OGC No. 21-1153

Ferreira Construction Southern Division Co., Inc.

Miami Dade County

Dear Mr. Ferreira:

Enclosed for your implementation is the fully executed Consent Order in the above-styled case. Please familiarize yourself with the compliance dates and terms of this Consent Order so the complete and timely performance of the obligations is accomplished.

If you have any questions, please contact Bridjette Bucell at 561-681-6619, or via e-mail at Bridjette.Bucell@FloridaDEP.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jason Andreotta

Director, Southeast District

ec: Lea Crandall, Agency Clerk

lea.crandall@dep.state.fl.us



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January 4, 2022

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SUBJECT:

Department of Environmental Protection v. Ferreira Construction Southern

Division Co., Inc.

OGC File No.: 21-1153 Facility ID No. FL0898988

Mr. Nelson Ferreira:

The State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") alleges that Ferreira Construction Southern Division Company, Inc. ("Respondent") was responsible for the following four unauthorized wastewater discharges to groundwater, in violation of Rule 62-604.130, Florida Administrative Code:

Date	State Watch Office #	Volume (gallons)	Location
05/11/2020	2020-2399	4,859	20310 SW 105 Ave., Cutler Bay
09/22/2020	2020-5214	1,991	NW 47 Pl. & NW 199 St., unincorporated Miami-Dade
01/12/2021	2021-0192	2,761	19810 NW 47 Ave., unincorporated Miami-Dade
02/19/2021	2021-0949	23,044	19020 NW 47 Ave., unincorporated Miami-Dade

The Respondent disputes the Department's allegations, however, in order to avoid future cost defending this matter and for the avoidance of doubt, Respondent and the Department are agreeing to the Order. Although there are no actions required to correct the alleged violations, referenced above, by this Order, Respondent agrees to pay certain civil penalties and costs as set forth in this Order.

The Department's Offer

The Department is seeking \$14,000.00 in civil penalties and \$500.00 for costs and expenses

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the Department has incurred in investigating this matter, which amounts to a total of \$14,500.00.

Respondent's Acceptance

If you wish to accept this offer and fully resolve the enforcement matter pending against the Respondent, please sign this letter and return it to the Department's Southeast District at 3301 Gun Club Rd. West Palm Beach, Florida 33406 within 20 days of the mailing date on this Order. The Department will then countersign it and file it with a designated clerk of the Department. Once the document is filed with the designated clerk, it will constitute a final order of the Department pursuant to Section 120.52(7), Florida Statutes ("F.S.") and will be effective unless a request for an administrative hearing is filed by a third party in accordance with Chapter 120, F.S. and the attached Notice of Rights.

By accepting this offer you, Nelson Ferreira:

- (1) certify that you are authorized and empowered to negotiate, enter into, and accept the terms of this offer in the name and on behalf of Respondent;
- (2) acknowledge and waive Respondent's right to an administrative hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., on the terms of this offer, once final; and
- (3) acknowledge and waive Respondent's right to an appeal pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S.

The Department acknowledges that the Respondent's acceptance of this offer does not constitute an admission of liability for the alleged violation(s) referenced above.

Respondent's Performance

After signing and returning this document to the Department,

- (1) Respondent must pay \$14,500.00 in full within 30 days of the effective date of this Order.
- (2) Respondent shall make all payments required by this Order by cashier's check, money order, or online payment. Cashier's check or money order shall be made payable to the "Department of Environmental Protection" and shall include both the OGC number assigned to this Order and the notation "Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund." Online payments by e-check can be made by going to the DEP Business Portal at: http://www.fldepportal.com/go/pay/.

It will take a number of days after this order is final, effective, and filed with the Clerk of the Department before the ability to make an online payment is available.

The Department may enforce the terms of this document, <u>once final</u>, and seek to collect monies owed pursuant to Sections 120.69 and 403.121, F.S.

<u>Until clerked by the Department, this letter is only a settlement offer and not a final agency action.</u> Consequently, neither the Respondent nor any other party may request an administrative hearing to contest this letter pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S. Once this letter is clerked and becomes a final order of the Department, as explained above, the attached Notice of Rights will

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apply to parties, other than the Respondent, whose interests will be substantially affected. Electronic signatures or other versions of the parties' signatures, such as .pdf or facsimile, shall be valid and have the same force and effect as originals. No modifications of the terms of this Order will be effective until reduced to writing, executed by both Respondent and the Department, and filed with the clerk of the Department.

Please be aware that if the Respondent declines to respond to the Department's offer, the Department will assume that the Respondent is not interested in resolving the matter and will proceed accordingly.

If you have any questions, please contact Bridjette Bucell at 561-681-6619or at Bridjette.Bucell@floridadep.gov.

Sincerely,

Jason Andreotta

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Director

Southeast District

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Persons who are not parties to this Order, but whose substantial interests are affected by it, have a right to petition for an administrative hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition concerning this Order means that the Department's final action may be different from the position it has taken in the Order.

The petition for administrative hearing must contain all of the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination;
 - (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and
- (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (<u>received</u>) at the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS# 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 or <u>received</u> via electronic correspondence at <u>Agency Clerk@floridadep.gov</u>, within <u>21 days</u> of receipt of this notice. A copy of the petition must also be mailed at the time of filing to the District Office at the address indicated above. Failure to file a petition within the 21-day period constitutes a person's waiver of the right to request an administrative hearing and to participate as a party to this proceeding under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes. Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available in this proceeding.