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Mo Morris, EHS Engineer
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Re: Warning Letter
Blue Origin LC-36 Deluge System
IW FLAB07454
Brevard County

Dear Mr. Morris:

A file review was conducted at your system on October 18, 2024. During this file review, possible violations of Chapter 403, F.S. and Chapter 62-4, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) were observed.

During the file review Department personnel noted the following:

- On September 23, 2024, Blue Origin performed a static fire of the second stage of the New Glenn launch system at SLC-36. Based on media releases from Blue Origin, this static fire utilized the deluge system. While Blue Origin applied for a permit for the LC-36 deluge system on May 31, 2024, no permit has been issued to date and the system may not be placed into service. This static fire appears to constitute an intentional unauthorized discharge of untreated industrial wastewater to the environment.

Violations of Florida Statutes or administrative rules may result in liability for damages and restoration, and the judicial imposition of civil penalties, pursuant to Sections 403.121, Florida Statutes.

Please contact Gina Laddick, at (407) 897-4309, within **7 days** of receipt of this Warning Letter to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter. The Department is interested in receiving any facts you may have that will assist in determining whether any violations have occurred. You may bring anyone with you to the meeting that you feel could help resolve this matter.

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Please be advised that this Warning Letter is part of an agency investigation, preliminary to agency action in accordance with Section 120.57(5), Florida Statutes. We look forward to your cooperation in completing the investigation and resolving this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Watkins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Aaron Watkins, Director
Central District
Florida Department of Environmental Protection

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cc: FDEP: Gina Laddick, Daniel Hall, Allison Chancy, Randall Cunningham