

History

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2013, Consent Order No. EPD-WQ-5478 (hereinafter, “Order 5478”) was executed between the Respondent and the Division to address numerous spills from the Respondent’s sanitary sewer system and permit limitation violations; and

WHEREAS, Order 5478 included a plan for the relocation of the Withlacoochee WPCP and its influent force main after its flooding in 2009 and 2013, with scheduled completion dates of August 2017 and July 2016, respectively, and both were completed by the expected date; and

WHEREAS, Order 5478 also included a Supplemental Environmental Project (hereinafter, “SEP”) for the evaluation and repair/rehabilitation of the Respondent’s sanitary sewer collection system to reduce spill frequency and volume, with a scheduled completion date of December 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in their annual compliance report for Order 5478, dated December 27, 2018, the Respondent stated that excessive rain had delayed work on the SEP, and requested to extend the deadlines of the order to accommodate additional work at the Withlacoochee WPCP, including the design and construction of additional storage basins (Attachment E); and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2014, a Notice of Violation (hereinafter, “NOV”) was issued to the Respondent by the Division for unpermitted discharges from the Respondent’s sanitary sewer collection system to waters of the State from August 1, 2013 to April 7, 2014, totaling approximately 4.6 million gallons, and Permit effluent limitation violations from the Withlacoochee and Mud Creek WPCPs from July 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in a response to the April 2014 NOV, dated May 19, 2014, the Respondent indicated that the spills were a result of high groundwater tables, river and localized flooding which resulted in extensive inflow and infiltration (hereinafter, “I/I”) to the system, and that the