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April 14, 2026

City of Fort Meade
8 West Broadway
Fort Meade, Florida 33841

Subject: Water Use Permit No: 20000645.008
Project/Site Name: City of Fort Meade

Dear Permittee:

The above-referenced Water Use Permit (Permit) has special conditions that require permit modification to comply with new water use permitting rules. On December 17, 2025, the District adopted a policy requiring Governing Board approval of any water use permit associated with a data center.

On April 7, 2026, the City of Fort Meade Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve a 1,330-acre data center development scheduled to be operational in 2028. The City Commission is scheduled to consider final approval of a development agreement for the project on April 14, 2026. The proposed agreement states that the City has adequate capacity available at existing water and wastewater facilities to accommodate the projected demand for the data center. Please note that the projected water demand for the data center is not included in the referenced Permit and must be approved by the District's Governing Board at a publicly noticed meeting before use.

Additionally, the District has not received a response to the clarification of information requested on January 28, 2026, regarding the Environmental Resource Permit for this project. Please be advised that all required District permits must be obtained prior to initiating any regulated activities at the project site.

Please contact April Breton, Water Use Permit Bureau Chief, at (813) 985-7481 or April.Breton@swfwmd.state.fl.us to discuss the information required to process the permit modification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle K. Hopkins".

Michelle Hopkins, P.E.
Regulation Division Director
cc: File of Record