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Subject: **Discharging Waste into County Wastewater System Policy**

Approval by: Terri Couture, Director

Signature:

The following policy has been established for the Utilities Department:

Effective immediately all *TRANSPORT WASTE HAULERS* under contract with the Utility directly or through a contractor hired by the Utility are prohibited from discharging into the Charlotte County *wastewater system*.

The revised Wastewater Use Ordinance 2000, Sections 3-8-179 and 3-8-180 support this position. Specifically, Section 3-8-179 states, "It shall be unlawful to empty, dump, throw or otherwise discharge into any manhole, catch basin or other opening, into the county sewer system or any system connected with and discharging into the sewer system, the contents of any on-site sewage treatment and disposal systems, sludge, sewage or other similar matter or material, except as provided in Section 3-8-180 (Transport Liquid Waste Regulations and Procedures)."

Section 3-8-180 outlines the regulations and procedures under which the Utility may accept transported waste. These regulations and procedures specifically indicate the need for any transport waste hauler to be permitted by the County and discharge at the approved location, which at this time is the East Port Water Reclamation Facility.

Therefore in order to adhere to the Wastewater Use Ordinance and protect the integrity of the wastewater system, any and all discharges should be accomplished through strict adherence to the rule. In addition, enforcing these regulations will lessen the possibility of illegal dumping and maintain an accurate tracking system of all waste generated for or by Charlotte County Utilities. Documentation of disposal at a state-approved dumpsite must be supplied to Charlotte County Utilities.

In the event of emergency situations, i.e., rain event, force main break, etc., any variance to this policy must be approved by the Director or his/her designee and all necessary precautions made to ensure that proper disposal takes place.

Construction work performed on behalf of CCU, i.e., forcemain tie-ins, LPS installs, etc., must be discharged at either the East Port Water Reclamation Facility or West Port Water Reclamation Facility. All loads must be accompanied by the approved manifest tracking document and signed for by the Wastewater Department employee accepting the load. CCU personnel on site of the pump-out must verify the hauler's vehicle is permitted by the county prior to work performed for CCU.