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Dear Danielle:

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to review the latest Florida Stormwater Association (FSA) Level 1 and Level 2 stormwater operator training.

The FSA Level 1 Operator Certification Manual is an excellent overview of stormwater management and will be a useful tool to stormwater personnel (e.g. field crew, technicians, fleet maintenance staff, inspectors, etc.) as an introduction or refresher to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater concepts and requirements. The FSA Level 2 Operator Certification Manual provides valuable information for stormwater supervisors and administrators to develop and improve internal processes to have a robust Stormwater Management Program. The manual clearly connects municipal planning activities with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit compliance and improving water quality and public resources.

These courses, combined with specific training on a regulated entity's standard operating procedures, currently meet Florida's MS4 permit requirements for annual training on illicit discharge inspections, spill prevention and response, good housekeeping, construction site plan review and construction site inspections.

The Department appreciates the FSA's efforts to continue the training program initiated in 2004 to educate stormwater personnel and leaders in improving stormwater management knowledge and skills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Bull".

Michelle Bull
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