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Laboratory and Environmental Professionals,

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Waste Management (Division) is actively developing a Division wide Quality Assurance (QA) plan that will incorporate use of the ADaPT software to ensure the quality of data being submitted to the Department. This QA plan will be applicable for data submitted to both the waste regulatory programs (solid waste and hazardous waste), the waste cleanup and site investigation programs (petroleum cleanup and hazardous waste cleanup).

By letter dated October 2, 2008 the Division's Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste (BSHW) notified laboratory and environmental professionals throughout the State that we were upgrading our electronic data requirements and databases to better serve the technological demands of the lawmakers, the Department, the regulated community and the public (attached). Moreover, the BSHW in conjunction with Laboratory Data Consultants, Inc. (LDC) developed Automated Data Processing Tool (ADaPT) software for the evaluation of groundwater (GW) data. We are pleased to advise that the beta testing for this software is completed and our corresponding Waste Program staff in the District offices have been notified to begin incorporating ADaPT software requirements in their QA plans, contractual arrangements, permits, orders and other documents generated by the Department requiring submission of laboratory data.

We believe ADaPT is an extremely valuable and efficient tool that will result in considerable time and money savings by eliminating the need to submit paper and by allowing direct upload to our water quality database. ADaPT has the added benefit of meeting the Department's water quality assurance objectives. Several laboratories and clients authorized for Department related work are already providing data in ADaPT format and are reporting substantial savings.

With the implementation of ADaPT the Department Waste staff will no longer accept data in a manual format nor will it be necessary to submit data on the groundwater monitoring report form, DEP Form 62-522.900(3), with associated STORET codes.

In the near future, staff will be identifying laboratories and/or regulated entities that currently submit data to the Department to conduct a needs assessment or survey, answer questions and help facilitate opportunities for specific training in your area. The latest version of ADaPT software is available for free at: <ftp://deplstate.fl.us/pub/WACS-ADaPT> and ADaPT training is available from LDC. LDC's next ADaPT training workshop will be conducted June 2 and 3, 2009 in Tallahassee, FL. For more information on training, please contact: Catherin Katsikis, Senior Scientist, LDC Phone: (561) 753-0483; Cell: (561) 512-9956 www.ldcfl.com; ckatsikis@ldcfl.com.

A representative of the Department will be contacting your laboratory and/or regulated entities (your customer), in the near future to discuss electronic submittal of data. If you are already utilizing ADaPT and have questions or need assistance, we will be happy to address your concerns at this time. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Moore of this office by phone at (850) 245-8739 or by email at clark.b.moore@dep.state.fl.us. For questions concerning specific QA/QC issues please contact Andy Tintle, FDEP Bureau of Laboratories, Laboratory Support Section, (850) 245-8075, andrew.tintle@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles F. Goddard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" and "G".

Charles F. Goddard
Chief, Bureau of Solid and
Hazardous Waste