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Dear Dr. Liehr:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, completed a drinking water assessment of the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL) - Miami drinking water laboratory located in Miami, FL, on April 16-17, 2025. The EPA assessed the capability of the FDOH, BPHL, Miami laboratory to analyze drinking water samples under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in accordance with 40 CFR 141.28.a which states that drinking water samples can only be analyzed by a lab certified by the EPA or the State.

Based on the assessment, the FDOH, BPHL, Miami Laboratory is hereby **Certified** for the analysis of SDWA microbiological drinking water contaminants using the analyte/method combinations listed in Attachment 1 of the on-site assessment report.

To retain certification, the laboratory must successfully pass a drinking water proficiency test (PT) study on an annual basis for the analyte/method combinations listed in the report. Please refer to the enclosed document, ***EPA Region 4 Drinking Water Proficiency Testing Sample Guidance for Calendar Year 2025***, for instructions that laboratories should follow in analyzing and reporting drinking water PT results to retain certification.

A corrective action plan is required for the findings and concerns identified during the assessment. This plan must be submitted to the EPA for review within 60 days of receipt of this report. When responding to a particular finding or concern, please reference the corresponding number from the report. If the laboratory fails to complete all the corrective actions or fails to analyze a PT sample within the acceptance limits at least annually, the EPA may elect to downgrade the laboratory certification according to the procedures set forth in Chapter III, Section 14 of the EPA's Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water, 5th edition. It should also be noted that EPA staff

may perform a follow-up assessment to determine the effectiveness of the corrective actions if deemed necessary.

We would like to thank the staff for their courtesy and professionalism throughout the assessment. If you have any questions, please contact me at (706) 355-8722 or Stacie Masters, Lab Services Branch Supervisor, at (706) 355-8847.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

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