



REGION 4 LABORATORY SERVICES AND APPLIED SCIENCE DIVISION

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Dr. Gladys Liehr, Interim Division Director
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LSASD Project Number: 25-0136

Dear Dr. Liehr:

During the week of April 14, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, performed a drinking water assessment of the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL) - Miami microbiology laboratory 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.

The EPA has completed its evaluation of the corrective actions submitted by of the FDOH, BPHL, Miami microbiology laboratory for EPA drinking water Certification. The EPA has determined that the findings and concerns identified in the assessment report have been adequately addressed and the corrective actions are acceptable.

The FDOH, BPHL, Miami Laboratory is hereby **Certified** for the analysis of microbiological drinking water contaminants using the analyte/method combinations listed in Attachment 1 of the assessment report issued by the EPA on June 2, 2025, for Safe Drinking Water Act compliance purposes. To retain certification, on an annual basis, the laboratory must successfully pass a drinking water proficiency test study for the analyte/method combinations listed in Attachment 1 of the on-site assessment report.

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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Acting Director
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cc: Dr. Susanne Crowe, MHA, FDOH, Bureau of Laboratories, Acting Director
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