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## First Class Mail

Mr. Allan F. Bedwell Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs Florida Department of Environmental Protection 2600 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Re: Enforcement Discretion for Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, Florida

Dear Mr. Bedwell:

As you know, due to Hurricane Charley there has been a shortage of gasoline that meets the 7.8 pounds per square inch (psi) volatility standard that is required for use in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties, Florida. Because of this shortage, on August 20, 2004, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) exercised enforcement discretion to allow temporary use of gasoline meeting the 9.0 psi volatility standard in these two counties, until midnight, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

It now appears that the shortage of 7.8 psi gasoline will not be resolved until additional supplies of this gasoline are received in Tampa, which should occur with the arrival of vessels that are scheduled to reach Tampa on August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. For this reason, EPA will extend the enforcement discretion granted on August 20<sup>th</sup>, until midnight on Monday, August 30, 2004. The terms and conditions included in the August 20<sup>th</sup> enforcement discretion letter also apply to this extension period.

If you have questions, please call Mr. George Lawrence, Chief, Mobile Source Enforcement Branch, at (202) 564-1307.

Sincerely,

Thomas V. Skinner

Acting Assistant Administrator

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