

September 8, 2026

Secretary Alexis Lambert
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard M.S. 49
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: RE: Amended Consent Order for SLD Recycling and Disposal Facility

Dear Secretary Lambert,

On behalf of the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing to follow up on our previous correspondence regarding community concerns associated with the SLD Recycling and Disposal Facility, located at 30199 Zemel Road in Punta Gorda, and specifically the Amended Consent Order issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on March 30, 2026.

We appreciate the FDEP's continued attention to this issue and recognize that the Amended Consent Order represents an important step toward addressing the odor control issue that has challenged our community for more than a decade, the original Consent Order having been issued in 2016. We also recognize that implementing the requirements of the Amended Consent Order and achieving meaningful remediation will take time.

However, the Commission continues to hear significant concerns from residents and local stakeholders regarding the effectiveness of the measures currently in place. While the Amended Consent Order strengthens certain requirements and provides a framework for moving the facility toward compliance, the community remains concerned that additional measures may be necessary to prevent future violations and ensure meaningful accountability.

Since the issuance of the Amended Consent Order on March 30, 2026, approximately 270 odor complaints have been reported in connection with the SLD Facility, including 53 associated with a significant odor event on July 27, 2026. The continued volume of complaints underscores the need for vigilant oversight and timely action as the facility works toward compliance.

The Board has an obligation to represent the interests of the community and protect the health and well-being of Charlotte County residents. While the County will continue to do what it can at the local level, the regulatory authority and oversight necessary to address this matter rests with FDEP. With the Amended Consent Order now finalized, we respectfully request that FDEP maintain vigilant oversight of the SLD Facility and ensure compliance with all aspects of the Order. We further ask that FDEP take prompt and

appropriate enforcement action if additional violations occur by holding the facility operators accountable for continued noncompliance and its impacts on nearby residents and businesses.

We appreciate FDEP's efforts to address this longstanding issue and recognize the Department's important role in protecting Florida's communities and natural resources. Charlotte County remains willing to work collaboratively with FDEP and other stakeholders toward a lasting resolution.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter and for your commitment to the environmental health and well-being of Charlotte County and the State of Florida.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Tiseo, Chairman
Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners