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Re: Product-Specific Waiver Request – Charlotte County Utilities –  
Loveland Grand Master

Dear Mr. Banks:

Please accept this letter as a formal request from Charlotte County Utilities for a product-specific waiver from the American Iron & Steel requirement for Stainless-Steel Backing Rings to be utilized in our Water Quality Improvement Project – Loveland Grand Master Lift Station - in Charlotte County, Florida. In accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) requirements for a waiver request, please see below the details of the project:

The project includes the construction of an interceptor and master lift station to serve Charlotte County's Mid-County area which will improve the operation and efficiency of a substantial number of the utility's lift stations managed by the Utility Department and the East Port Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The service area, Mid-County, encompasses the area of Charlotte County generally east of the Myakka River and north of the Peace River. The entire service area will be utilizing the interceptor and master lift station for transmission of the wastewater to the East Port WRF. The proposed gravity sewer interceptor system will consist of approximately 4 miles of 24-inch, 36-inch, and 48-inch diameter mains. This project has great impact to our community due to the extensive service area.

The Loveland project is financed via a Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) assistance program. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 includes an American Iron & Steel (AIS) provision which requires recipients of CWSRF assistance to utilize Iron & Steel products produced in the United States.

Attempts were made by the project's Contractor, Kiewit, to secure domestic Rings from the following suppliers:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Further discussions with industry partners and other suppliers indicate that domestic Rings are not available in enough and reasonable quantities to meet the needs of this project. Please note this project is in progress currently and according to the project schedule, the Contractor is ready to install the Backing Rings now.

The project's value is approximately \$21,883,310 and the cost of materials is in excess of [REDACTED]

The sizes of the Rings and Quantity needed are as follows:

- (4) 6" 316 SS DIPS SDR 11 Backing Rings
- (4) 8" 316 SS DIPS SDR 11 Backing Rings
- (6) 10" 316 SS DIPS SDR 11 Backing Rings
- (6) 16" 316 SS DIPS SDR 11 Backing Rings

Please let me know should you need any additional details regarding this request. Diana Bello, Capital Projects Manager, is managing the application of this waiver request and working directly with our construction team. You are welcome to contact her directly, as needed.

Sincerely,

 For  
Bruce R. Bullert, P.E.  
Charlotte County Utilities  
Engineering Manager  
