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Sent via email to: derek.smith@myclearwater.com

Date: 01/04/2024

Derek Smith
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Clearwater, FL 33756

RE: 2024 - Pre-Authorization for Disaster Debris Management Sites (DDMS)

Dear Derek Smith,

This is to notify you that on 01/04/2024, we approved your request for pre-authorization of a disaster debris management site (DDMS) located in Pinellas County for 2024. Disaster debris includes hurricane/storm-generated debris and all other types of disaster debris.

The Department has evaluated your request for a DDMS at the following location:

WACS ID: 104847

City Of Clearwater Ddms - Joe Dimaggio Field (Site 2)

420 Old Coachman Road, Clearwater

Lat 27:58:13.4402 / Long 82:44:8.1964

Waste Planned for Management: Construction & Demolition Debris, Yard Trash

In the event of a major storm event or other disaster which results in the Department issuing an Emergency Final Order (the Order) for your county, you may begin using this temporary DDMS as necessary, while also requesting issuance of a field authorization from the Department. Once activated, a DDMS is subject to the following conditions, in addition to the requirements of the Order and Florida Statute 403.7071:

1. **The Department must be notified when the site is opened and begins accepting debris, and when the site is closed and stops accepting debris;**
2. Standing water must not be allowed to accumulate in or within 50 feet of areas used to store or process disaster debris;
3. Access must be controlled to prevent unauthorized dumping and scavenging;
4. A DDMS must have spotters to correctly identify and segregate waste types for appropriate management;
5. Once the site is open, a spotter must be located in the area where waste is being deposited in order to spot and remove prohibited waste items;
6. The DDMS is limited to managing the type(s) of debris listed above; any putrescible waste received at the DDMS must be removed from the site within 48 hours; all other types of prohibited waste should be managed in accordance with the guidance document (see link below);
7. Unless otherwise approved by the Department in response to a written request from you, the DDMS must cease operation and all disaster debris must be removed from the site on or before the expiration date of an Order that has been executed by the Department, unless it is modified or extended by further authorization.

The Department has also prepared a guidance document on the establishment, operation and closure of a DDMS for disaster debris. This guidance includes recommended practices, which you are expected to follow as much as practicable, as well as additional requirements from the Order. A copy of this guidance document is available on the DEP website at <https://floridadep.gov/waste/permitting-compliance-assistance/documents/guidance-establishment-operation-and-closure>. This guidance is not a substitute for federal requirements and guidance, including those from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

If you have any questions or comments on this pre-authorization letter, please feel free to contact Emily Wargo by E-mail at emily.wargo@floridadep.gov or by phone at (813) 470-5942. In order to provide better service to you, the Department is using electronic documents as much as possible. Please provide your E-mail address when replying.

Sincerely,



01/04/2024

Melissa Madden
Southwest District

Date