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City of Miami
c/o Arthur Noriega, City Manager
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Re: Class I Permit Application CLI-2021-0467: City of Miami – Seawall, Ecoseawall, Seawall Cap, Tide Pools, and Kayak Launch located at 1815 & 1825 NW South River Drive, Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida. (Folio Nos. 01-3134-045-1030 and 01-3134-052-0010)

Dear Mr. Noriega:

Please accept this letter in response to your submittal of a Class I permit application for the above referenced property. DERM staff has conducted a biological assessment and has the following recommendations to continue processing your permit application.

During the biological assessment, staff documented submerged debris, including vegetative, metal, and plastic, along the unconsolidated shoreline and in the notch at the property. Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County (Code), it shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of solid wastes or any other wastes into the waters of this County. The debris must be removed from tidal waters within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Furthermore, the biological assessment revealed the presence of invasive exotic vegetation, including Australian Pine and Seaside Mahoe along the subject shoreline. Pursuant to Section 24-49.9 of the Code, exotic, invasive vegetation present at the site is required to be removed prior to construction and may not be relocated, sold or transported off-site. The Class I permit will include a condition requiring the removal of all exotic invasive vegetation by treating with an appropriate herbicide prior to construction, and that the property be maintained free from harmful exotic vegetation in perpetuity in accordance with the Code.

Recommendations for Class I permits are based on several evaluation factors including, but not limited to, a project's consistency with the Miami-Dade County Manatee Protection Plan (MPP). Pursuant to the MPP, the project site is located within an area identified by the MPP as essential manatee habitat and recommended for "Residential Docking: 1 Motorboat per 100' of Shoreline." DERM has no objection to the scope of work as currently proposed, provided no motorized vessels shall moor at or be launched from the property.

DERM has no objection to the proposed scope of work; however, as proposed, it includes the filling of tidal waters associated with the kayak launch mat and eco-tide pools and must be processed as a standard form application, which requires review and approval from the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (Board) at a public hearing. Additionally, pursuant to Section 24-48.3(2) of the Code, the