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Mr. John D. Ericsson
BioMarine Technologies, Inc.
Gulf Marine Institute of Technology
P.O. Box 776
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32562

RE: Expiration of NPDES Permit (AL0067237) for BioMarine Technologies, Inc. and Gulf Marine Institute of Technology

Dear Mr. Ericsson:

On February 21, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 notified you that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the above referenced facility would expire on March 30, 2018, and that a complete application for renewal would be due no later than September 30, 2017. We received your initial permit renewal application on September 27, 2017. On September 29, 2017, the EPA sent an email noting that the application was considered incomplete and that additional information was needed. On October 16, 2017, the EPA sent another email to you that identified the specific information that was required to be submitted for the EPA to consider your NPDES application complete.

On November 21, 2017, the EPA sent a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) letter which stated that your NPDES permit will expire and can not be administratively continued if you fail to submit the information requested in the NOD letter on or before the expiration date of March 30, 2018. Additionally, during a phone call with you on February 15, 2018, and in subsequent emails from the EPA (on February 20, 2018 and March 14, 2018), we reiterated our position that your permit is not eligible for administrative continuance after the expiration date if the information requested in the NOD letter is not submitted prior to the expiration date.

As of March 30, 2018, the NPDES permit for your facility is expired and the facility is no longer eligible to discharge under NPDES permit number AL0067237. Should you apply for new permit in the future, the EPA will continue to work with you to permit the proposed facility to ensure that there is minimal lapse in coverage; However, please note that the same information that was requested in our NOD letter will be required for a complete application.

We look forward to working with you soon. Please contact Mr. Kip Tyler at (404) 562-9294 or Tyler.Kip@epa.gov should you have specific questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. O'Lone, Acting Chief
NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch
Water Protection Division

cc: Mr. Scott Brown, Alabama Department of Environmental Management (via email)
Dr. Jessica Beck-Stimpert, National Marine Fisheries Service (via email)
Mr. Brad Crosson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (via email)