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June 9, 2022

Mr. Neil Anthony Sims
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Ocean Era, Incorporated
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Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96745

Subject: Final Issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Number FL0A00001 Velella Epsilon

Dear Mr. Sims:

Enclosed are the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, fact sheet, and appeal procedures for the above-referenced facility. The permit issuance constitutes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's final permit decision in accordance with 40 CFR § 124.15(a). The permit will become effective 30 days after the signature of the permit decision. Other supporting documents for the permit issuance are available on the EPA's website.[1]

Please note that the permit requires four plans that must be provided to the EPA within 90 days of permit issuance and approved by EPA prior to discharge. The four plans required by the NPDES permit are: (1) Environmental Monitoring Plan; (2) Best Management Practices Plan; (3) Facility Damage Prevention and Control Plan; and (4) Quality Assurance Project Plan.

Further information about legal matters relative to the issuance of this permit may be obtained by contacting Mr. Paul Schwartz, Associate Regional Counsel, at (404) 562-9576 or by email at Schwartz.Paul@epa.gov. For information regarding technical aspects of the permit, please contact Mr. Kip Tyler of my staff at (404) 562-9294 or by email at Tyler.Kip@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

JEANEANNE GETTLE

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Enclosures (3)

[1] www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/ocean-era-inc-velella-epsilon-aquatic-animal-production-facility-national-pollutant

1. Final NPDES Permit
2. Fact Sheet
3. Appeal Procedures

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Mr. Marc Harris, FDEP (via email)