

Memorandum



Date: June 30, 2014

To: Honorable Xavier L. Suarez
Board of County Commissioners-District 7

From: Carlos A. Gimenez 
Mayor

Subject: Notice of Environmental Contamination in Commission District 7

On March 3, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R-227-09 requiring that when environmental contamination is identified by the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM), the Commissioner in whose District the environmental contamination is located shall be notified of such.

Pursuant to R-227-09, please be advised that the attached memo was sent to the party responsible for site rehabilitation, the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS), on June 9, 2014 due to documented soil contamination at the baseball fields at the Chapman Field Park. The baseball fields have been closed by PROS to eliminate exposure to the contaminated soils. Although groundwater has not been sampled, the park is served by public water and therefore there is no threat to the drinking water supply. PROS must perform site rehabilitation action in order to bring the site into compliance with Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

The summary of this case is noted below:

Subject	Environmental Contamination
Facility Name:	Chapman Field Park
DERM File #:	File-15278/SW-1392
Facility Address:	13601 Old Cutler Road, Miami, Florida in Miami-Dade County
Folio Number:	03-5024-001-0030
Description/Nature of Violation:	Environmental contamination requiring site rehabilitation action pursuant to Division 3, Contaminated Site Cleanups, Chapter 24, Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Lee N. Hefty, Director, Division of Environmental Resources Management Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources at (305) 372-6754 or by email at heftyl@miamidadegov.

Attachment: Site Rehabilitation Order for Environmental Contamination

c: Jack Osterholt, Deputy Mayor/Director, Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources
Lourdes Gomez, Deputy Director, RER-Regulatory Resources
Lee Hefty, Director, Division of Environmental Resources Management - RER

Memorandum



Date: June 6, 2014

To: George Navarrete
Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS)

From: Wilbur Mayorga, P.E., Chief
Environmental Monitoring and Restoration Division, RER-DERM 

Subject: Contaminated Soils at the Chapman Field Park (HWR-793) located at, near or in the vicinity of 13601 Deering Bay Dr, Miami, FL.

On April 2, 2014, the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources Division of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) inspected and obtained samples from the baseball fields at Chapman Field Park. The sampling was conducted pursuant to DERM's effort to screen all the recreational parks owned and operated by PROS for potential environmental concerns. The sample results indicated concentrations of arsenic, above the soil screening criteria. The results of verification samples obtained by DERM on May 28, 2014 were received on June 3, 2014, and confirmed the presence of arsenic contaminated soils.

DERM acknowledges that PROS has taken steps to eliminate exposure to the contaminated soils. However, the above mentioned soil concentrations constitute violations of the Miami-Dade County Code, specifically, Sections 24-44, 24-27, 24-28, and 24-29 and therefore, a Site Assessment Report (SAR) prepared in accordance with the Code is required which shall provide vertical and horizontal delineation of the extent of the contaminated soils. Groundwater assessment may be required based on the results of the soil assessment.

DERM will work with PROS in selecting an environmental consultant for the task of conducting the SAR and preparing and implementing a remedial action as appropriate for the Park.

If you have any questions concerning the above please contact me via email at mayorw@miamidadegov or via telephone at (305) 372-6700.

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