

September 27, 2012

Mr. Gardner Strasser, P.G. Florida Department of Environmental Protection 400 N. Congress Ave, Suite 200 West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Ref. No.A9021.02Subject:Lake Worth – Operating Permit Application for Class 1 Injection Well and Dual<br/>Zone Monitoring Well System, Permit No. 0297969-002-UO

Dear Mr. Strasser:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a response to the Departments request for information (RFI) dated August 22, 2012 related to an operating permit application for deep injection well IW-1 at the City of Lake Worth Water Treatment Plant. For ease of review, each RFI question or comment is provided below in italics, with the response immediately following.

1. The application should include the cross section figures that are referenced for the regional deep injection wells and provide details of the area geology and hydrogeology. Please include this information in the application.

**Response**: Data collected during construction of IW-1 were used to prepare the geologic and hydrogeologic column for the IW-1 presented in Figure 1. Interpretation of data collected during construction and testing of IW-1 indicates that the Surficial Aquifer is present at the site to a depth of approximately 270 feet below land surface (bls). The confining strata of the Hawthorn Group separating the Surficial Aquifer from the Floridan Aquifer are present from approximately 270 to 940 feet bls at the site. The base of the Underground Source of Drinking Water (USDW) was identified at a depth of 1,680 feet bls. The primary confining unit separating the base of the USDW from the injection zone is present from approximately 1,940 to 2,860 feet bls. The injection zone is present from a depth of 2,860 feet bls to the total depth of the well at 3,303 feet bls. Figure 2 provides a local cross section location map. Figures 3 and 4 provide geologic and hydrogeologic cross sections for the site. Figure 5 provides a regional cross section

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location map. Figures 6 and 7 provide regional geologic and hydrogeologic cross sections for the site.

2. The Department awaits the proof that the existence of the injection well has been recorded in Palm Beach County Clerk of Records.

**Response**: Please see the proof that the existence of IW-1 has been recorded in Attachment A.

3. The City of Lake Worth Concentrate Disposal System – Operational and Maintenance (O & M) Manual submitted along with the application to operate was not signed and sealed by the engineer of record. Please have the engineer of record sign and seal a cover page to be inserted into the O & M manual. Please send one copy of the cover letter to FDEP West Palm Beach and one copy to Tallahassee UIC Section, attention George Heuler, P.G.

**Response**: Attached is a signed and sealed internal cover sheet for the Operation and Maintenance Manual.

4. In the O & M manual, Appendix B (Deep Injection Well and Site Location Survey) and Appendix C (Dual Zone Monitor Well) signed and sealed as-built drawings were not included. The application to operate should be a stand-alone document supporting the application for operation of the reverse-osmosis facility. Please reference the as-built drawing submitted on July 15, 2011, City of Lake Worth Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Injection Well System Report, Appendix I. Please provide the FDEP West Palm Beach and the FDEP Tallahassee UIC Section with two copies for each office, of the as-built drawings and site location survey, to be inserted into the application to operate and O & M manual.

**Response**: Enclosed are two signed and sealed copies of Appendix B, Figures 3 through 6 and Appendix C, Figures 6 through 8 to be inserted into the O & M Manual. Two signed and sealed copies are included in the submission to FDEP Tallahassee as requested.

5. In reference to the engineer's drawing, Sheet C1-2, dated June 29, 2011, the drawing shows a shaded out area on the drawing (see attached). The concern is the "16-inch concentrate" lines going to the injection well. At the location of the wet well on the drawing, below the wet well, is a 16-inch tee and valve going to the wet well and from the pumps a 16-inch tee going back into the 16-inch concentrate line to the injection well. Also, between these two tee connections is a connection to the 30-inch PVC RWM.

Further along the 16-inch concentrate line going to the injection well is an unidentified box structure and to the left is another 16-inch tee and valve connection (see attached drawing).

Please provide the Department with the signed and sealed drawing of these structures and installation and the reason for the by-pass valves and tee structures.

**Response**: In reference to the questions on drawing C1-2 the following explanations are provided:

The shaded or hatched areas generally represent areas to be paved. The concentrate flow from the reverse osmosis (RO) plant is normally discharged to the concentrate pump station wetwell. For alternate operations the concentrate flow may bypass the concentrate pump station and be piped directly to the deep injection well. Note that this method of operation is not normally recommended, but is available if needed.

The 30-inch PVC raw watermain furnishes raw water from the Floridan wells to the RO plant. When the Floridan wellfield is out of service for an extended time period, it must be flushed extensively prior to furnishing raw water to the RO plant. This was the case with the Floridan wells when the RO plant was ready to startup in July 2011. The wells were flushed to tide under a general permit to discharge formation fluids. This connection is protected by a RPZ backflow preventer. The piping is located below ground where as the RPZ backflow preventer and associated isolation valves are located above ground for routine inspection, testing, and annual certification.

The box in question and several other items were not labeled because they were not in the construction contract for the deep injection well. Instead, they were in the construction contract for the reverse osmosis plant. The box is the concentrate flow meter vault that houses the magnetic flow meter for the concentrate flow and has been so labeled on the drawing.

The tee and valve connection located just south of the concentrate flow meter vault is to route the raw Floridan waters to discharge for flushing the Floridan wells as discussed above. A signed and sealed updated record drawing copy of sheet C1-2 with the above labels added is attached. Reference Sheet C1-2, Drawing No. 44-43-28-288 dated October 2009, last revised September 2012.

The requirement for the internal MIT due before September 2013 is acknowledged and preliminary plans are being developed to accomplish this.

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If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact me at 683-3113, extension 258, or David McNabb at (561) 891-0763.

Sincerely,

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John R. Leemon, P.E. Senior Project Manager

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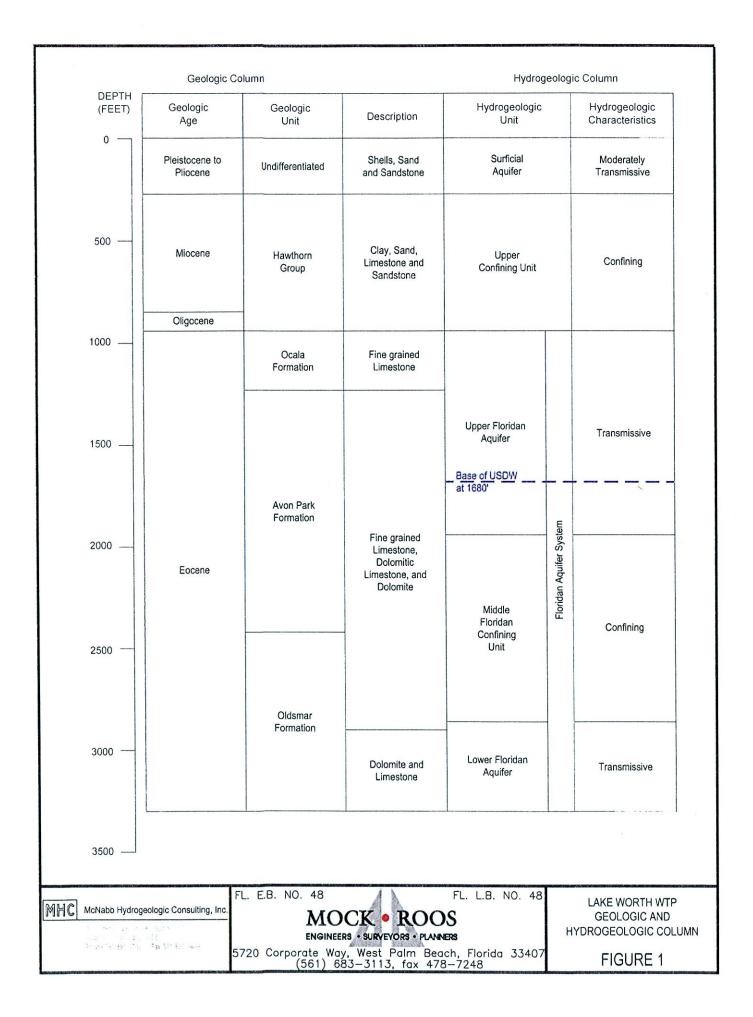
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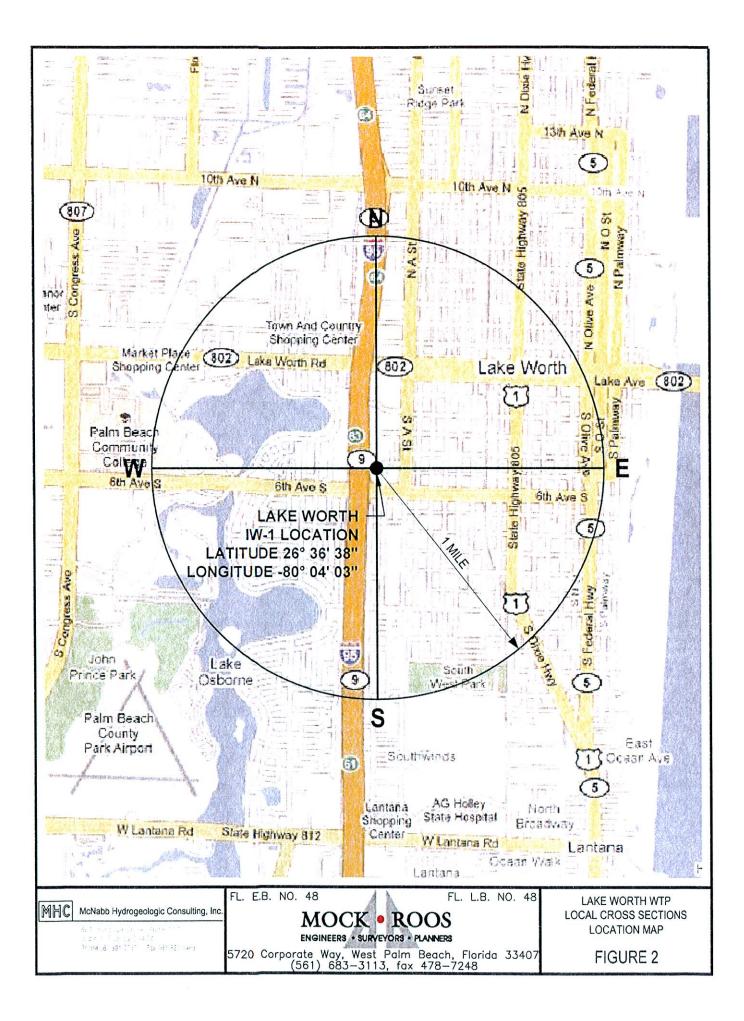
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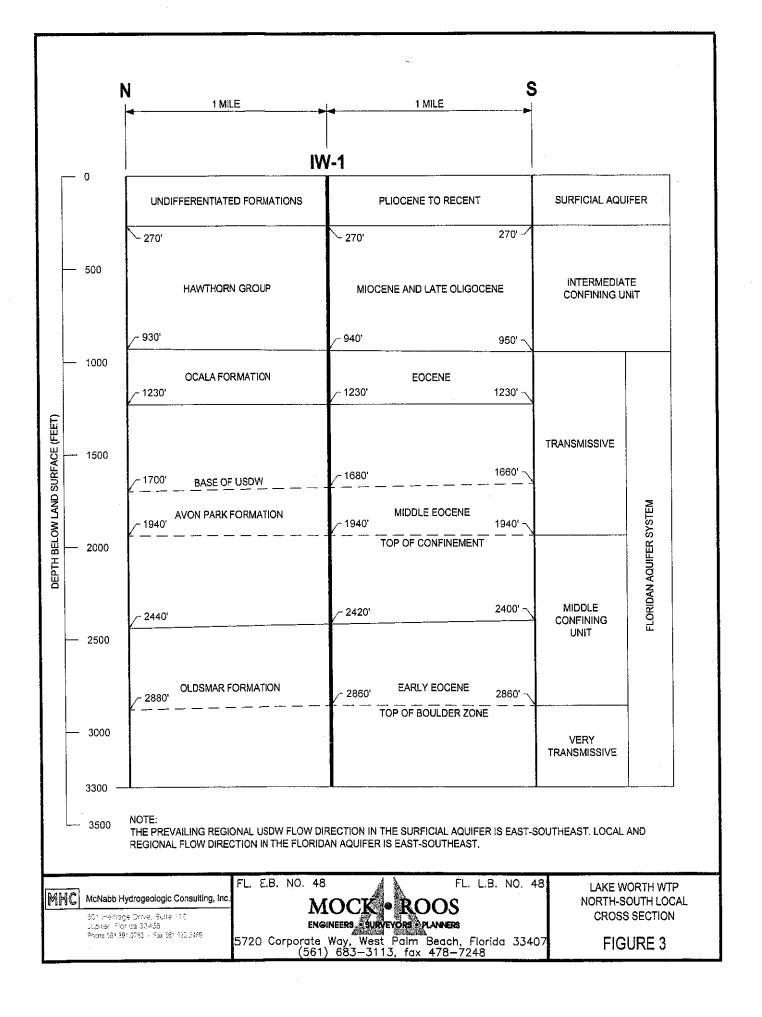
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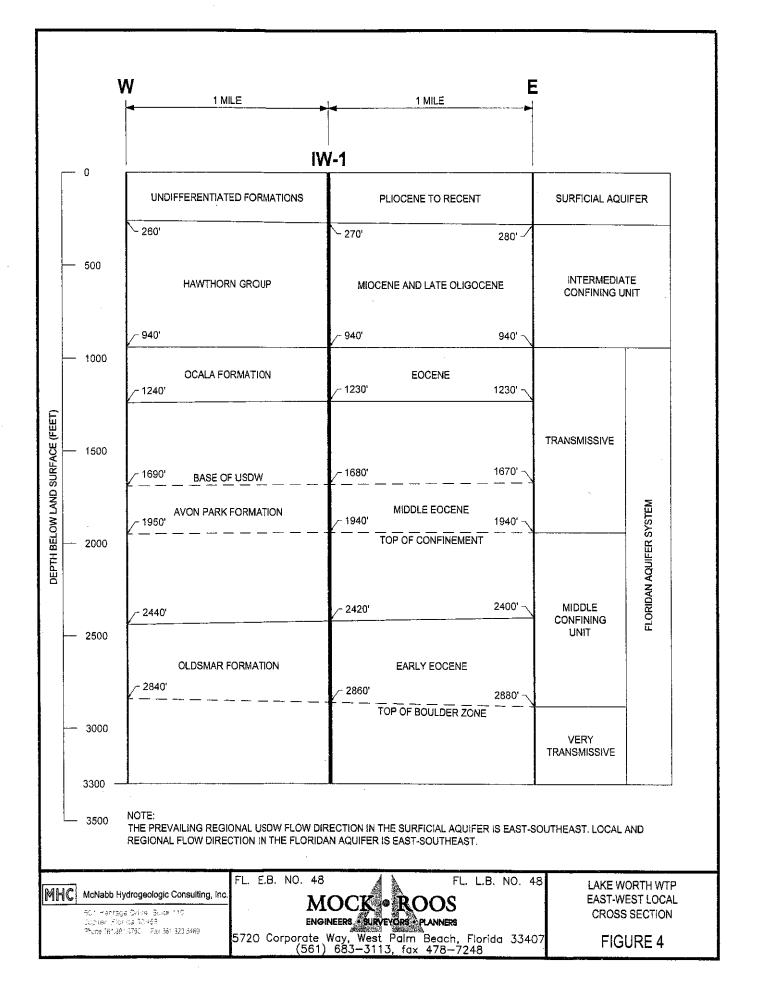
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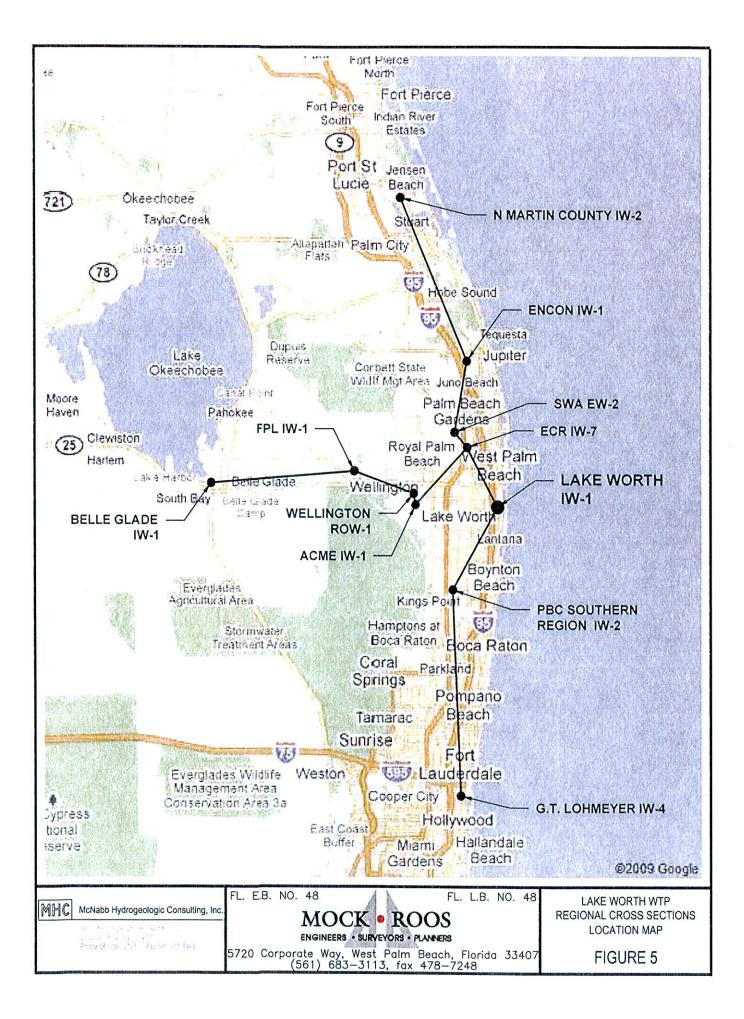
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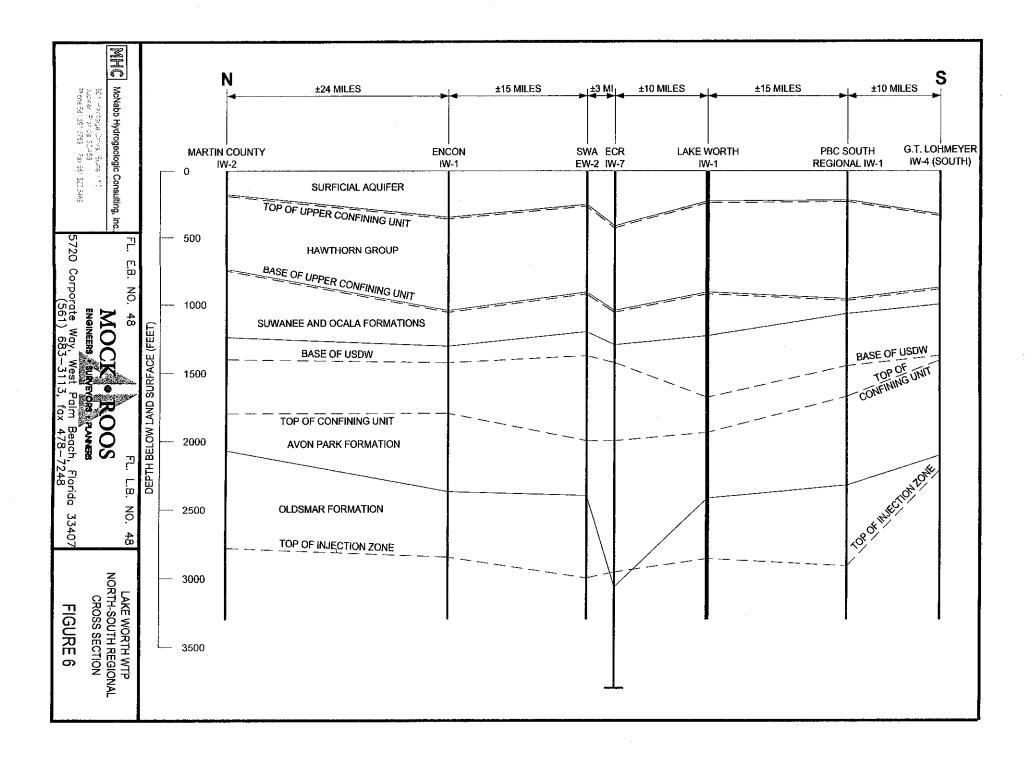


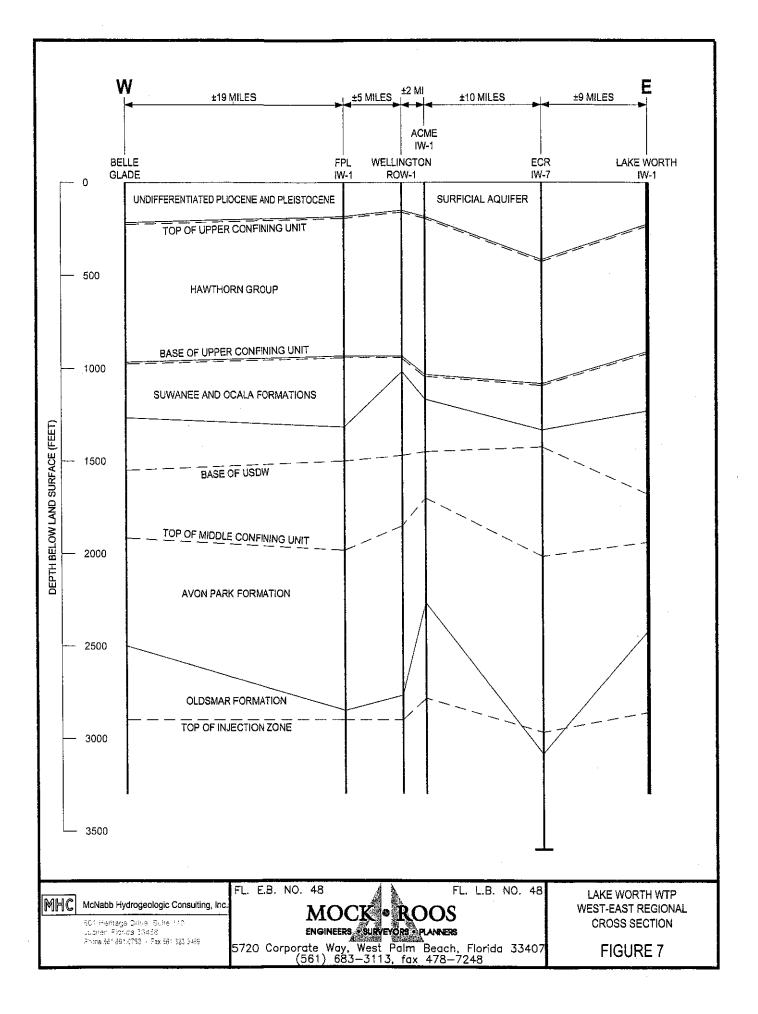










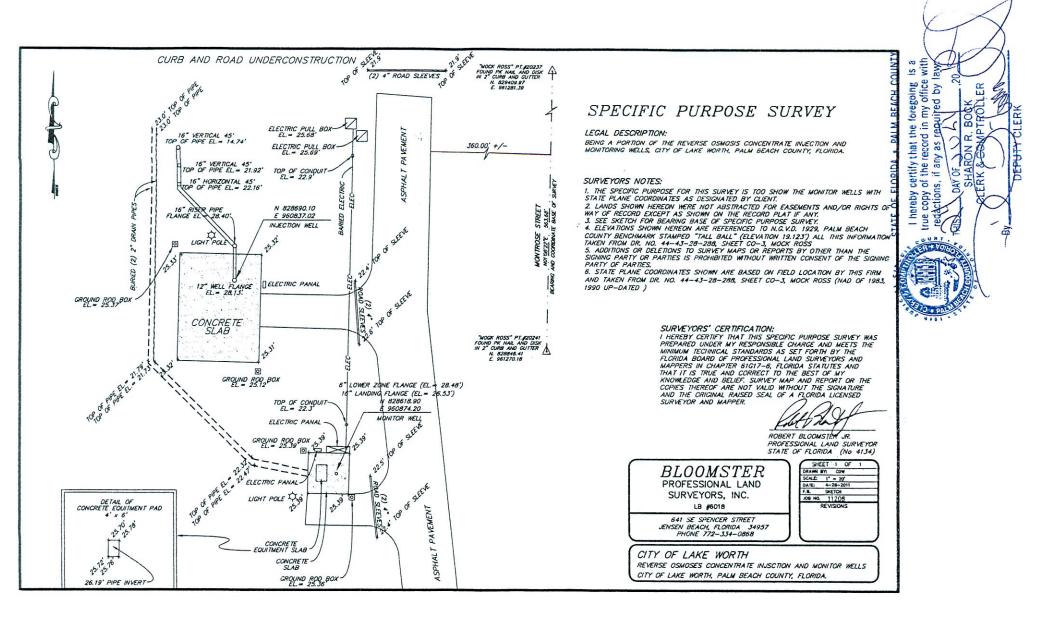


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**Response to FDEP Comment 2** 

Attachment A – Proof of Recording



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**Response to FDEP Comment 3** 

**Operation and Maintenance Manual Internal Cover Sheet** 

with Engineer's Signature and Seal

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#### **Engineer's Statement**

I hereby state, as a Professional Engineer in the State of Florida, that the information in this *Operation and Maintenance Manual* was assembled under my direct responsible charge. Much of the information presented herein was furnished by others, including many of the manufactures data sheets. While the Engineer has made every reasonable attempt to determine that this information is accurate, there is no assurance made herein as to the information provided by others.

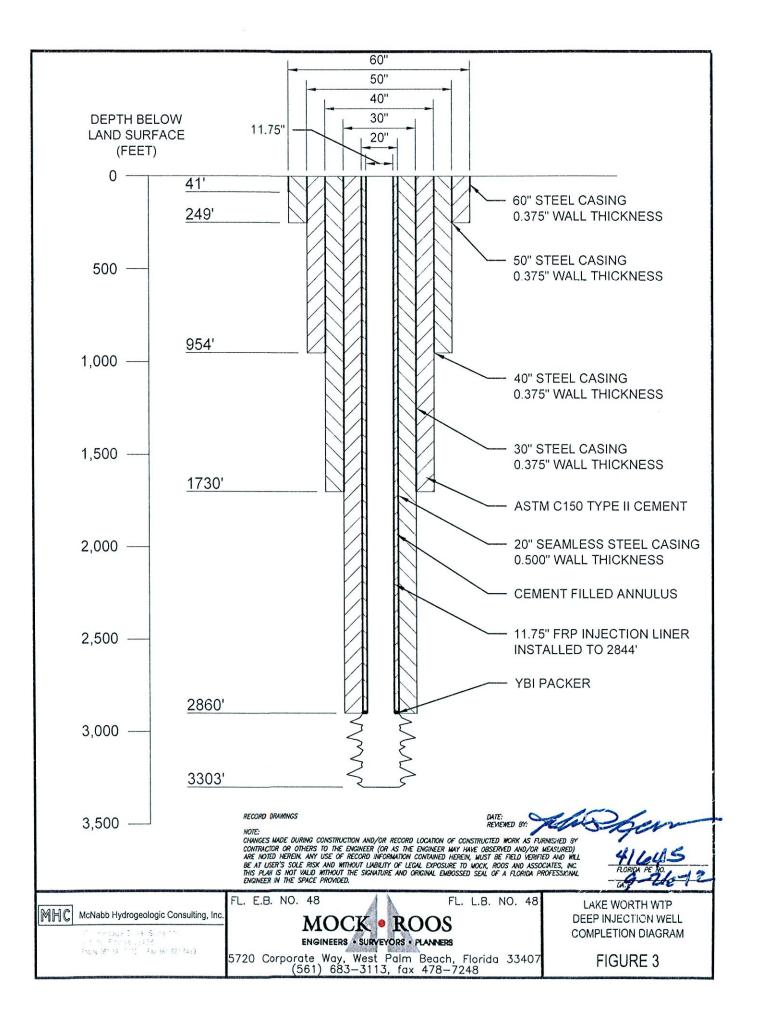
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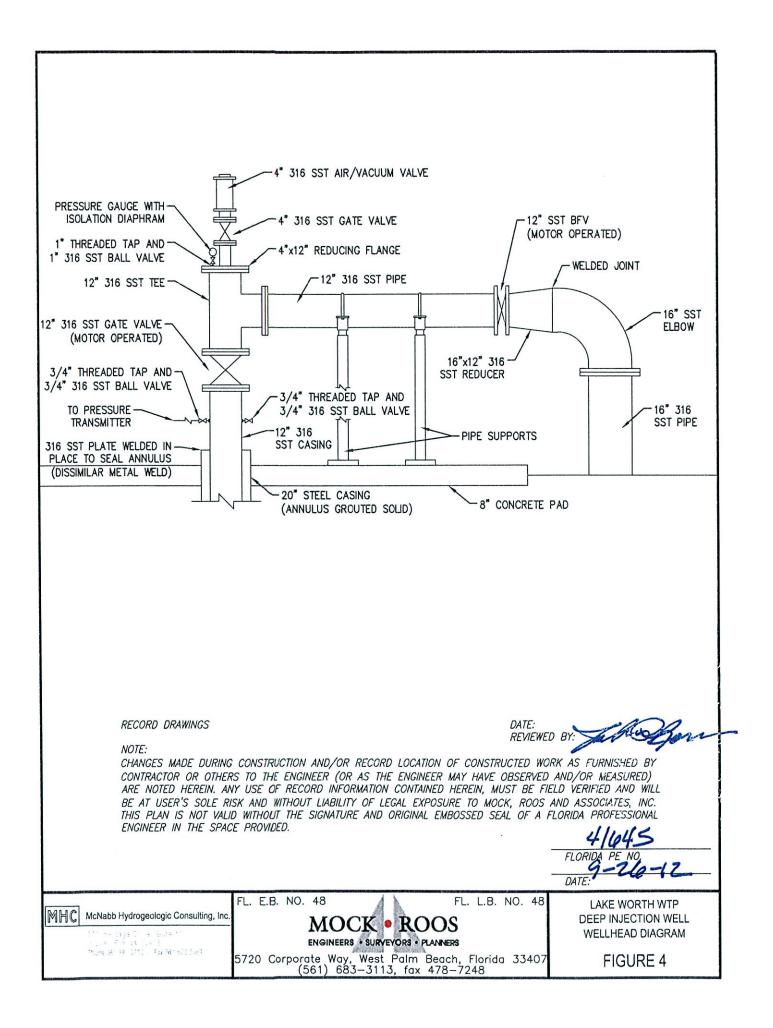
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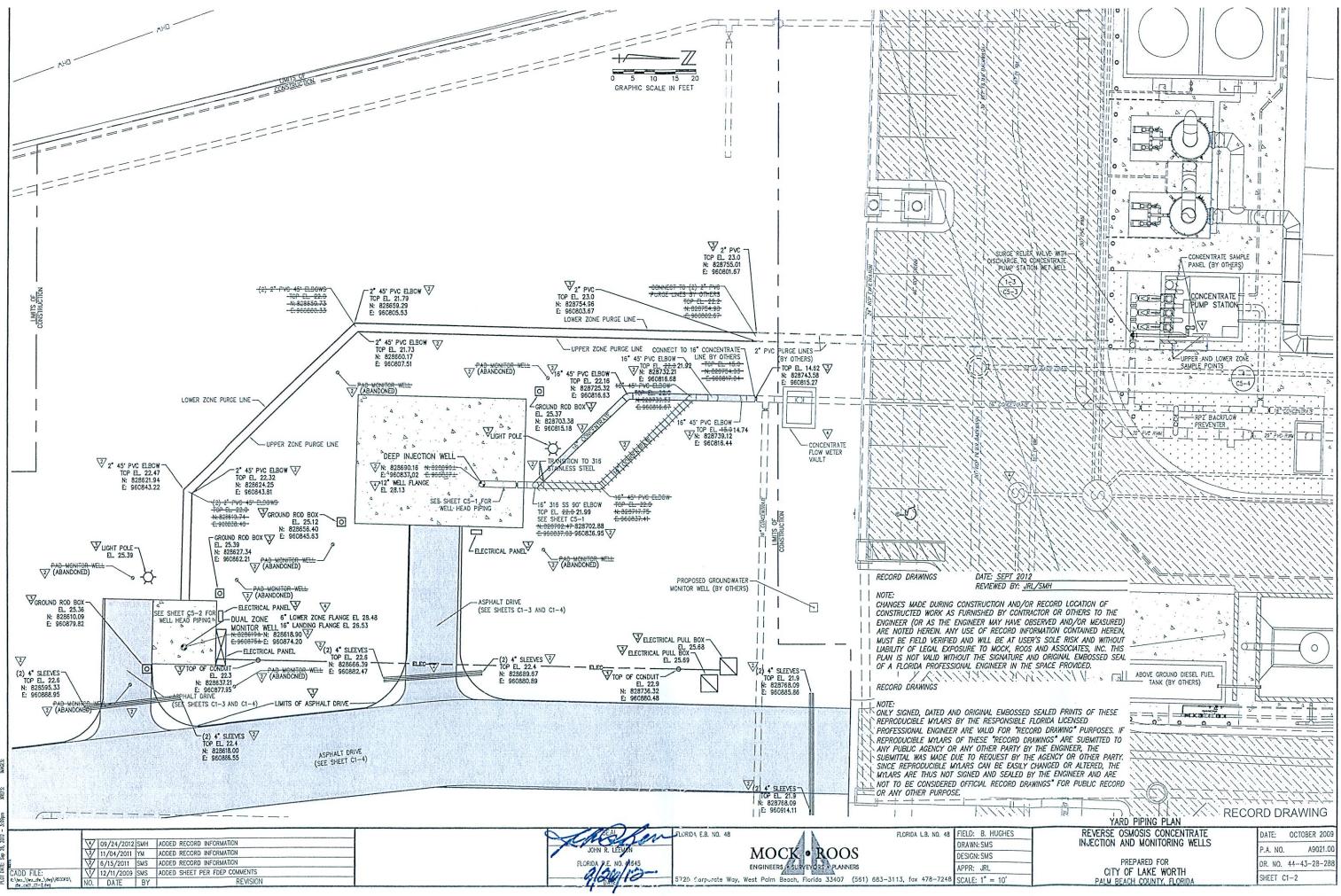
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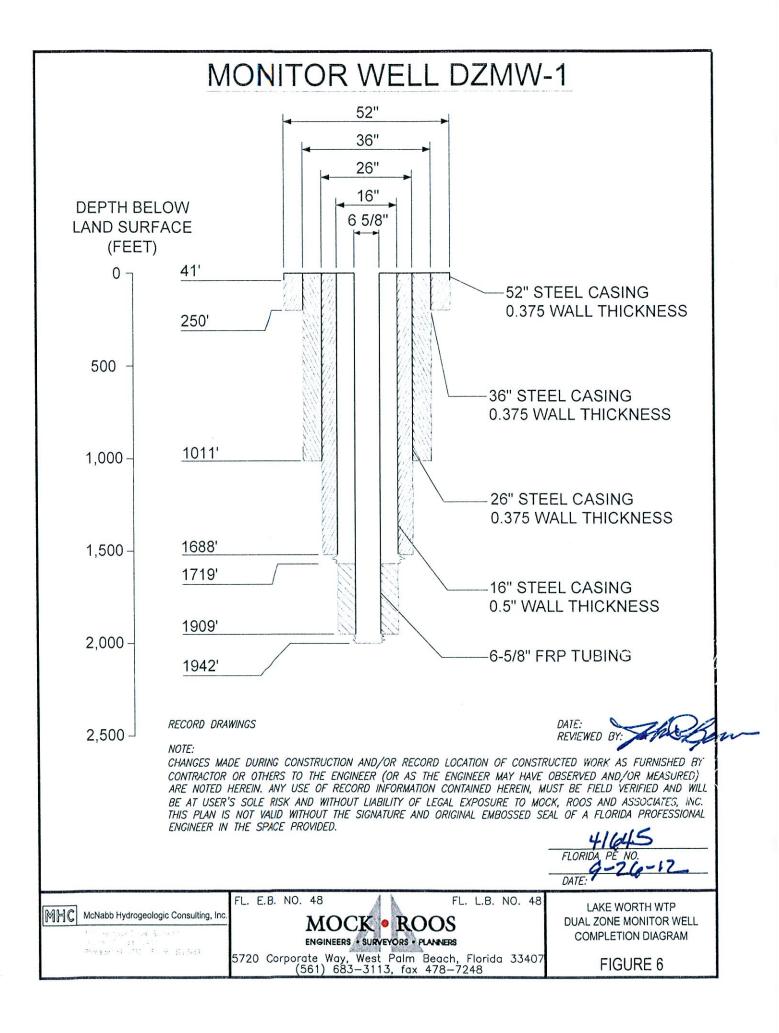
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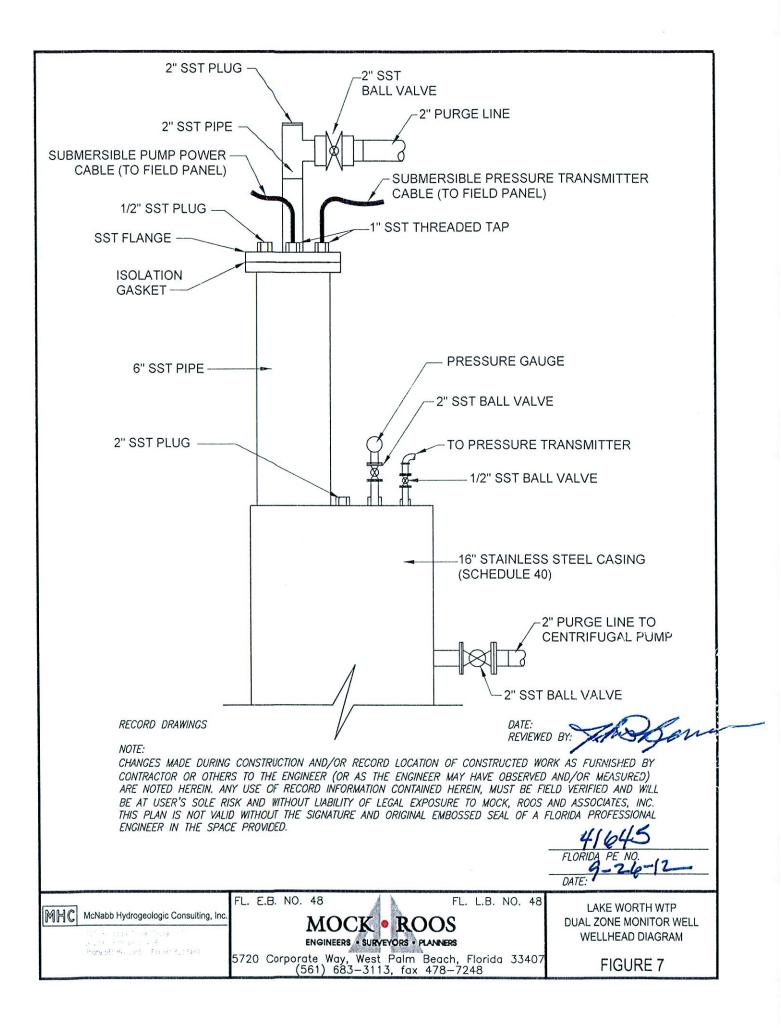


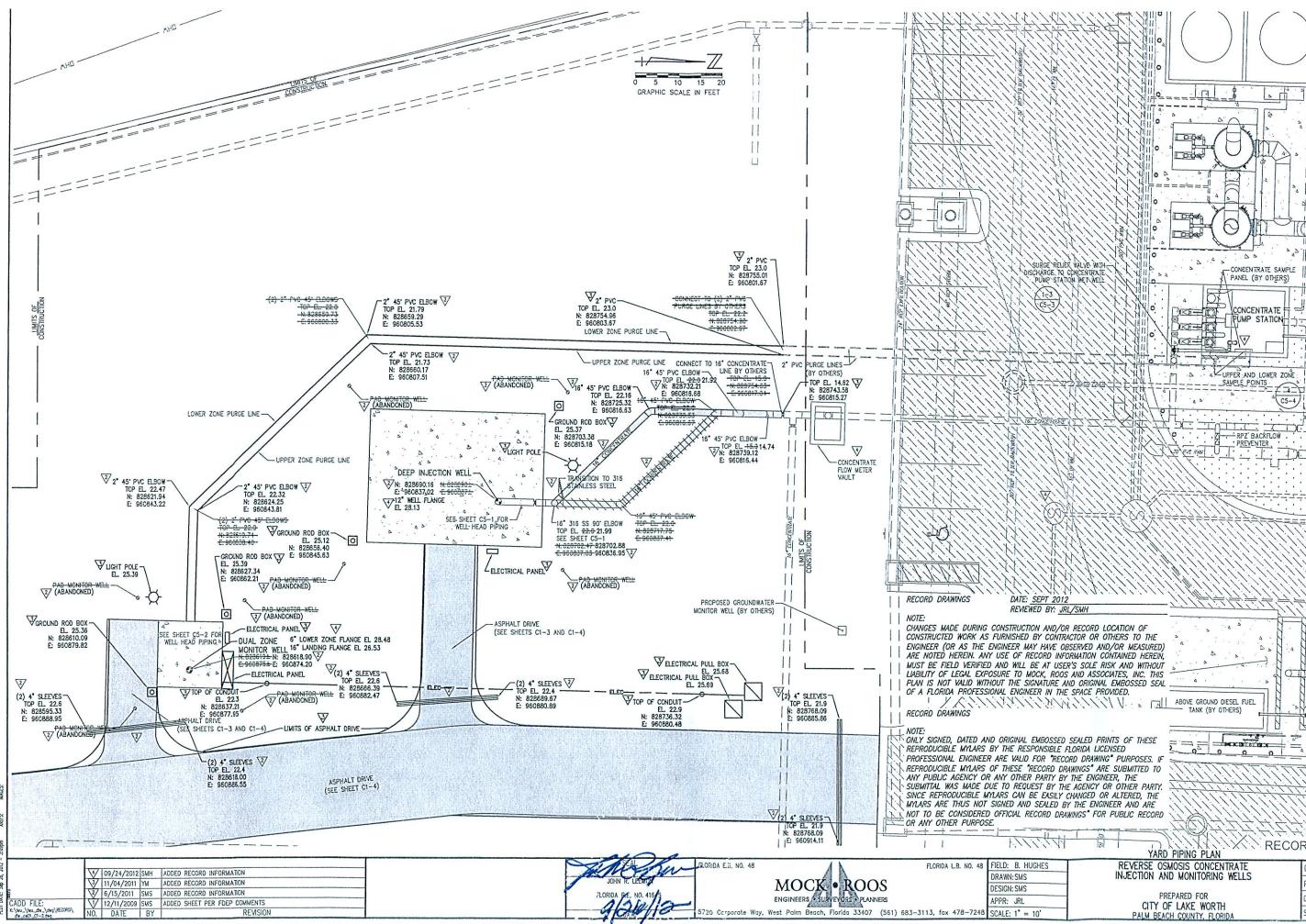


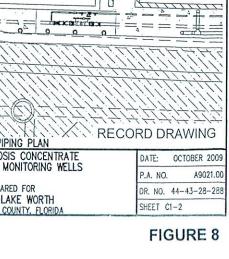


#### **FIGURE 5**









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**Response to FDEP Comment 5** 

**Updated Record Drawing Sheet C1-2** 

With Engineer's Signature and Seal

