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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

As a community water supply utility, Florida Governmental Utility Authority (the utility) is required by Regulation 17-555.360 of the Florida Administrative Code to establish a routine cross-connection control program for its water system.

A “cross-connection” means any connection or structural arrangement between a public and a consumer’s potable (i.e., safe for drinking) water system or any nonpotable (i.e., unsafe for drinking) source or system through which backflow can occur.

“Backflow” means the flow of any foreign liquids, gases, or substances into the distribution pipes of a potable supply of water.

“CROSS-CONNECTIONS” AS DEFINED ABOVE ARE PROHIBITED. Examples of community residential cross-connections are illustrated on the attached sheets. **ALSO PROHIBITED IS ANY CROSS-CONNECTION BETWEEN A PRIVATE IRRIGATION WELL AND POTABLE WATER PLUMBING.**

Prohibited cross-connections will need to be eliminated, by the installation of approved backflow prevention devices, within a reasonable period of time after written notice from Florida Governmental Utility Authority (“FGUA”). The utility will conduct periodic inspections to check for compliance with cross-connection regulations.

Upon discovery of a prohibited cross-connection, the utility will notify the resident. The resident will then be required to eliminate the cross-connection by installation of an appropriate backflow prevention device, or be subject to the disconnection of water service until the potential contaminant source is eliminated. Hose bib vacuum breakers shall be installed on all outside hose bibs, and are available at local hardware stores for less than \$10.00. Atmospheric or pressure type vacuum breakers, shall be installed on irrigation systems that are connected to the potable water system, and can be purchased at most plumbing or irrigation supply shops.

Examples of several approved backflow prevention devices commonly used for residential applications are illustrated on the attached sheets.

If you have questions, or feel that you may have a cross-connection, please contact FGUA at (727) 372-0115. Please remember, the intent of these requirements is to insure a safe supply of drinking water for all of us.