



Memorandum

Memorandum No: 22-154

Date: December 20, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

From: Greg Chavarria, City Manager 
Greg Chavarria (Dec 20, 2022 14:48 EST)

Re: Determination of Emergency Situation to Conduct Repairs to Fiveash Sludge Line

On December 20, 2022, the Fiveash Water Treatment Plant experienced a partial blockage of a 12-inch sludge line. Staff has brought in A&A Drainage to assist with tankering the sludge to the wellfield, as well as initiating removal of sections of the pipe and power jetting the line to restore services. The city requires additional assistance to remove sections of pipe to create access points for power jetting the system and has engaged one of our annual contractors, Southern Undergrounding, to assist with these operations.

Due to the time delay in processing a task order given the urgent operational need, at staff's request, the City Manager has declared a procurement emergency, pursuant to Section 2-190(b)(2), of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Emergency purchases are permitted in the event of equipment failure, catastrophic damage to City property, or other similar unexpected events. This declaration allows for an immediate response to repair the blocked sludge line, preventing additional damage. Should cost exceed the current bid threshold, a full report of all purchases shall be made to the City Commission at the earliest available Commission Meeting.

The current emergency repair and condition will not impact water production. We will keep you updated with the progress of the repair.

Attachment:

Determination of Emergency Situation to Conduct Repairs to Fiveash Sludge Line

c: Anthony G. Fajardo, Assistant City Manager
Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney
David R. Solomon, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
Department Directors
CMO Managers



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MEMORANDUM TO: Greg Chavarria, City Manager

SUBJECT: Determination of Emergency Situation to Conduct Repairs to five-Ash Sludge Line

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Pursuant to Section 2-190(b)(2), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, emergency purchases are permitted in the event of equipment failure, catastrophic damage to city property, or other similar unexpected event. It is requested that this situation is declared an emergency, allowing immediate response to repair the blocked sludge line. Should cost exceed the current bid threshold, a full report of all purchase shall be made to the City Commission at the earliest available Commission Meeting.

Alan Dodd
Public Works Director
City of Fort Lauderdale

Concur/Non-Concur

Greg Chavarria
City Manager
City of Fort Lauderdale

cc: Susan Grant, Assistant City Manager
Glenn Marcos, Procurement Officer