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Jeffrey F. Koerner, Program Administrator
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Air Resource Management
Office of Air Permitting and Compliance
2600 Blair Stone Road, M.S. 5505
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Via FedEx
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**Re: Tampa Electric Company - Big Bend Station
Title V Permit Number 0570039-045-AV
Gypsum Truck to Barge Transloading
Re-issued Notification of Change Without Permit Revision
Facility ID No. 0570039**

Dear Mr. Koerner:

On November 9, 2011, Tampa Electric Company (TEC) submitted a Notification of Change without Permit Revision to transload 300,000 tons of gypsum per year to barge vessels. The notification also provided backup calculations to demonstrate reasonable assurance that this activity was exempt from permitting requirements.

To meet our request to transload, the Department issued a letter of authorization, dated November 22, 2011, authorizing a preliminary schedule to transload a shipment of approximately 30,000 tons of gypsum between December 5, 2011 and December 15, 2011 and second shipment of approximately 22,000 tons of gypsum between December 20, 2011 and December 30, 2011. The Department did not authorize any additional transloading until the visible emission "unit specific applicability" was resolved with the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC).

TEC subsequently discussed the visible emission "unit-specific requirement" with the EPC on December 1, 2011 and the Department on December 16, 2011. The EPC and the Department both agreed that Chapter 1-3.52 is a general requirement, but not a "unit-specific applicable requirement." Therefore, all parties agreed this activity is an insignificant emissions source and exempt from the air construction permit requirements.

TEC reasserts this transloading activity is an insignificant source of emissions and exempt from the air construction permit requirements pursuant to 62-210.300(3)(b)1. F.A.C. Please contact me at (813) 228-4232 or Byron Burrows at (813) 228-1282, if you have any questions or comments regarding this notification.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Velasco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Robert A. Velasco, P.E., BCEE, QEP
Air Programs
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Enclosures

cc: Robert Wong, DEP
Diana Lee, EPCHC