

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BS RANCH AND FARM, INC.,

Petitioner,

v.

OGC CASE NO.: 23-1946  
(DOAH CASE NO.: 24-0634)

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION,

Respondents.

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POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA,

Petitioner,

v.

OGC CASE NO.: 23-1971  
(DOAH CASE NO.: 24-0809)

BS RANCH AND FARM, INC., AND FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION,

Respondents.

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**FINAL ORDER**

This matter is before the Florida Department of Environmental Protection via the August 15, 2024, Order Closing Files and Relinquishing Jurisdiction (Order) issued by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The Order governs both above-styled cases, which the Division consolidated on March 6, 2024. Both cases sought an administrative hearing related to the Department's denial of BS Ranch's requested renewal and modification of Industrial Wastewater Permit No. FLA866202. On August 7, 2024, BS Ranch filed a Motion to Relinquish Jurisdiction or, in the Alternative, for Continuance declaring that it has significantly revised its facility operations and did not want to be forced to litigate an operating permit renewal it no longer needs. After considering BS Ranch's motion and the Department and Polk County's responses thereto, which concurred that the matters before the Division were effectively moot, the Administrative Law Judge issued the Order cancelling the final hearing, closing its file, and relinquishing jurisdiction back to the Department.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that:

1. The petitions challenging the Department's denial of BS Ranch's requested renewal and

modification of Industrial Wastewater Permit No. FLA866202 are dismissed.

2. The Department's denial of Industrial Wastewater Permit No. FLA866202 is final and effective.
3. This matter is closed.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 22nd day of August, in Tallahassee, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
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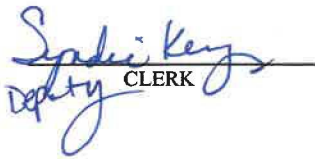


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FILED ON THIS DATE PURSUANT TO § 120.52,  
FLORIDA STATUTES, WITH THE DESIGNATED  
DEPARTMENT CLERK, RECEIPT OF WHICH IS  
HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED.



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DATE

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Any party to this proceeding has the right to seek judicial review of this order under Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal under Rules 9.110 and 9.190, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Agency Clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after the date this order is filed with the clerk of the Department.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was emailed to the below

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