# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT WASTE CLEANUP PROGRAM CERCLA SITE SCREENING SECTION

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**QUARTERLY REPORT** 

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## I. Cooperative Agreement Overview

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Site Screening Section (CSSS) conducts site assessments of contaminated and suspected contaminated sites for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund program. The EPA provides funding for this work through Cooperative Agreement (CA) V-02D04723, which allows DEP to continue to perform site assessments, including prescreening evaluations, abbreviated, preliminary and expanded assessments with sampling, and site inspections.

On August 14, 2023, FDEP was awarded a total of \$569,900 for a two-year period from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2025, via CA V-02D04723 (also referred to as CER25). The CA budgeted \$284,950 for FY 2024 and \$284,950 for FY 2025. A portion of the FY 2024 funds (\$142,368 or 50%) was released in August 2023. The second release came in March 2024 in the amount of \$287,560.00. The final release was issued in December 2024 in the amount of \$139,972.00.

#### II. Status of Staff

FDEP CSSS had no staff changes during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of FY 2025. **Table 1** provides a complete list of personnel and positions.

### **Table 1- CERCLA Site Screening Section Staff**

#### **Staff Member**

Scott Sweeney Claire Fields Benjamin Cea Salazar Megan Johnson (Part-time)

#### **Position**

Environmental Manager Environmental Specialist III Environmental Specialist I Environmental Consultant

## III. FY 2023 Carryover Commitments

There were no carryover commitments for site assessments from the previous CA (V-02D04721). All FY 2023 projects were completed prior to September 30, 2023.

## IV. FY 2024 & FY 2025 CA Commitments

In May 2023, DEP and EPA met to discuss the closeout of the previous CA and the proposed workplan for the current CA (V-02D04723). Included in the workplan was a "TBD" Preliminary Assessment with Sampling (PAWS), which was filled by a new site, Atlantic RV & Auto Repair, following EPA approval on July 27, 2023. Included in the workplan was a "TBD" Preliminary Assessment (PA) which was filled by a new site, Cal-Spray Chemical, following EPA approval

on October 19, 2023. There were three "TBD" projects remaining in the workplan, a single Preliminary Assessment with Sampling (PAWS) and two Site Inspections (SI), which will be filled in the future.

DEP and EPA met to discuss the FY 2024 commitments in March 2023. Both EPA and DEP reviewed the outstanding sites on EPA's backlog and prioritized which sites needed to be addressed. The FY 2024 workplan was finalized on May 8, 2023. The following is a list of commitments as presented in the approved workplan.

#### FY 2024 Commitments: 8 Projects

- Completion of 3 Pre-CERCLA Screening Assessments (PSAs)
- Completion of 1 Preliminary Assessment (PA)
- Completion of 1 Preliminary Assessment with Sampling (PAWS)
- Completion of 3 Site Inspections (SIs) with assistance from FDEP's contractor

#### FY 2025 Commitments: 7 Projects

- Completion of 1 Pre-CERCLA Screening Assessment (PSA)
- Completion of 2 Preliminary Assessment (PA)
- Completion of 1 Preliminary Assessment with Sampling (PAWS)
- Completion of 3 Site Inspections (SIs) with assistance from FDEP's contractor

## V. FY 2024 Commitments—Updated Status

The commitments for FY 2024 are included in Table 2 (below). Both Atlantic RV & Auto Repair and Cal-Spray Chemical were added to the workplan as a PAWS and a PA, respectively, for FY 2024; they were projected to be completed in Q2 and Q3, respectively, of FY 2024. The PSA for KAMAX was submitted on October 18, 2023, and was approved by EPA on October 31, 2023. The PSA for Azalea Cleaners was submitted on December 20, 2023, and was approved by EPA on May 7, 2024. The PSA for APAC Southeast was submitted on March 25, 2024, and was approved by EPA on April 22, 2024. The PA for Cal-Spray Chemical was submitted on June 30, 2024, and was approved by EPA on July 22, 2024. The due date for the PAWS for Atlantic RV was extended to August 30, 2024, with the approval of EPA; the report was submitted on August 27, 2024, and was approved by EPA on September 10, 2024. The due date for the SI for Joy Laundry was extended to August 15, 2024, with the approval of EPA; the report was submitted on August 13, 2024, and was approved by EPA on September 12, 2024. The SI for Crytal Clean was submitted on August 1, 2024, and approved by EPA on October 10, 2024. The SI for Express Cleaners was submitted on September 9, 2024, and was approved by EPA on October 8, 2024. All commitments have been completed for the projects in FY 2024.

Table 2 – FY 2024 Project Completions								
Phase	Proposed	Completed						
PSA	3	3						
PA	1	1						
PAWS	1	1						
SI w/ FDEP contractor	3	3						
Total	8	8						

# VI. FY 2025 Commitments—Projected

The proposed FY 2025 commitments are included in **Table 3** (below). One project was submitted in Q2 of FY 2025. The PA for British American Auto Repair was submitted on January 14, 2025 and is expected to be approved in Q3 of FY 2025.

Table 3 – FY 2025 Proposed and Project Completions							
Phase	Proposed	Completed					
PSA	1	0					
PA	2	1					
PAWS	1	0					
SI w/ FDEP Contractor	3	0					
Total	7	1					

**Table 4** (below) presents a site-specific detailed list of FY 2025 projects, including the delivery dates, progress, and cost estimates.

Table 4- FY 2025 Projects and Cost Estimates							
Site Activities / Phase (Commitments)	Milestones (Annual Completions)	Results of Activities (Outputs)	Projected Delivery Date	Site Status	Funding for FY 2025	Total Expenditures FY 2025	Total Award Remaining
Pre-CERCLA Screening Assessment (PSA)							
Park Avenue Cleaners	0	Desktop Review, PSA Report, Initial HRS Quickscore	Q2/FY 2025- March 31, 2025	In Progress	\$9,000	\$0	\$9,000

Preliminary Assessment (PA)							
British American Auto Repair	1	Desktop Review, PA report, Updated Quickscore	Q2/FY 2025- March 5, 2025	In Progress	\$12,600	\$0	\$12,600
Winnies Washhouse	0	Desktop Review, PA report, Updated Quickscore	Q2/FY2025- March 30, 2025	In Progress	\$12,600	\$0	\$12,600
PA with Sampling (PAWS)							
Azalea Cleaners	0	FDEP: Desktop Review, PA Report, Updated Quickscore; Contractor: QAPP/WP, All Fieldwork: SO & GW, Letter report data summary		In Progress	\$32,400	\$0	\$32,400
SI w/ DEP Contractor						_	
Cal-Spray Chemical	0	FDEP: Site Visit/Oversight, PM & Updated Quickscore; Contractor: QAPP/WP, All Fieldwork- GW, SO, SI Report	Q3/FY 2025- April 30, 2025	In Progress	\$34,200	\$0	\$34,200
Tri County Hard Chrome	0	FDEP: Site Visit/Oversight, PM & Updated Quickscore; Contractor: QAPP/WP, All Fieldwork- GW, SI Report	Q3/FY 2025- April 30, 2025	In Progress	\$34,200	\$0	\$34,200

# VII. Other Tasks in Support of Assessment Activities

Non-site-specific activities includes time spent for all other assessment functions including, but not limited to: technical assistance, training, public requests, workshops, workplan amendments, fiscal tracking, EPA backlog sites, public inquiries and complaints, time sheet entries, staff meetings, administrative duties, and presentation preparations.

## VIII. Budget

The total approved funding award for the current CA (V-02D04723) is \$569,900. The yearly budget allocations are 284,950 for FY 2024 and \$284,950 for FY 2025. As of December 31, 2024, \$291,525.25 remains in the total award funding.

The details of the budget and expenditures for CER25 as of December 31, 2024, are provided below in **Table 5.** 

Table 5- CER25 Budget Summary FY 2025-Quarter 1

Object Class Category	Original Award for FY 2024 & FY 2025	Funding for FY 2024	Funding for FY 2025	Expenditures for FY 2025 Q1	Total Expenditures for CER25 through FY 2025 Q1	Total Award Remaining
Travel	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$1,048.16	\$2,795.19	\$4,204.81
Salaries, fringe, and contracts	\$562,900	\$281,450	\$281,450	\$60,946.31	\$275,579.56	\$287,320.44
Total	\$569,900	\$284,950	\$284,950	\$61,994.47	\$278,374.75	\$291,525.25