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PRESS RELEASE

The Board of Directors of the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority at their Board Meeting today requested funding from the Monroe County Commission to construct a deep injection well at the Cudjoe Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Board in cooperation with the Monroe County Commission engaged Florida International University (FIU) to conduct a tracer study in order that a science based decision could be made in determining whether a deep injection was needed at the facility.

The Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority was presented a study conducted by Dr. Henry Briceno of FIU. The study states that “a connection between injection depth and surface waters may exist at the injection site”.

Even though the Cudjoe Treatment Plant has been permitted to utilize shallow injection wells, the Board decided, in an abundance of caution, that the protection of the fragile environment of the Florida Keys requires the installation of a deep well.

Monroe County Mayor Danny Kolhage stated “I am pleased that our partners at the FKAA were diligent in their evaluation regarding the need for a deep well. I plan on supporting it at the BOCC meeting on April 15, 2015”.

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