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The Honorable Carl J. Domino
Florida House of Representatives
Representative, District 83
Juno Beach Professional Office Building
13700 U.S. Highway One, Suite 202C
Juno Beach, FL 33408

Dear Representative Domino:

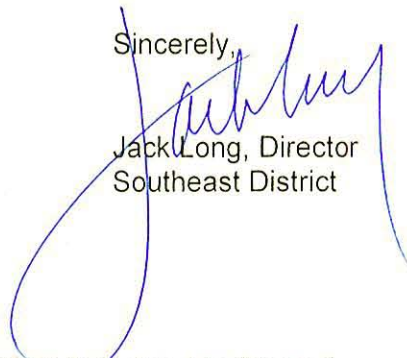
Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Acreage Public Health Information Forum that you recently hosted. As a follow-up to your October 20, 2009 letter, I would like to share with you the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) summary of our field investigation in The Acreage.

In August, DEP's Site Investigation Section collected more than 70 water samples from private wells widely distributed throughout The Acreage to investigate the possible presence of industrial or agricultural hazards in the community which might affect the drinking water supply. The results of the investigation showed no indication of such hazards. However, gross alpha particle activity and/or radium 226/228 were detected above drinking water standards in four private drinking water wells. These radionuclides appear to be naturally occurring. DEP's final report was issued on September 30, 2009. A copy of the final report is enclosed and can also be viewed at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/southeast/acreage/default.htm>.

Residents of The Acreage who are concerned about potentially elevated gross alpha particle activity or radium levels in their drinking water should have their well water tested. Based on those results, they may wish to install a water treatment system or to conduct maintenance on their existing water treatment system. The Palm Beach County Health Department has posted information on their website regarding water filters for removing radium 226/228 from well water as well as a listing of water well testing labs certified to perform radiological tests. Please see the information under Acreage Investigation at <http://www.pbchd.com/>.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 561/681-6661.

Sincerely,


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