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WEST PALM BEACH

Re: DEP Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]:

If you have already retained an attorney in this matter, please disregard this letter. However, if you have not retained an attorney, please consider doing so immediately. It is very important for you to know your legal rights. An attorney whose practice includes environmental law can advise you of your rights regarding developing, improving or altering your property, and the extent of, and the limitations on the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) authority over such activities. It also is important for you to know your rights against other parties, who may actually be responsible for any violations of state laws or regulations that are being sought to be imposed upon you.

The DEP's records allege that their personnel have observed unauthorized fill, shoreline hardening, and mangrove alteration on your property. These records also indicate that the DEP intends to impose upon you civil penalties, costs and expenses. You should be aware that they may seek other requirements from you such as restoration, replacement or mitigation for the alterations that have occurred on your property. Further, you should know that the District may have put other state or local agencies on notice of alleged violations and these agencies may seek additional penalties against you, unless your rights are protected. You should take the letter you have received very seriously. You have been required to schedule a meeting with the DEP and have been advised that you may bring anyone with you that you feel may help resolve this matter. ***You should bring an attorney to represent you and defend your rights. Your immediate attention is essential to protect your rights.***

Lewis, Longman & Walker represents landowners and others, who have been cited by environmental agencies alleging violations of environmental laws. Please contact us at [REDACTED] today to schedule a meeting to discuss your rights and to be advised of the DEP's enforcement authority and process. An initial consultation will answer many of the questions you have regarding your rights and potential liabilities, as well as possibly deter unwarranted fines and penalties. In addition, if the DEP initiates unjustified litigation against you and you prevail, you may be entitled to an award for some or all of your attorney's fees.

The hiring of an attorney is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisements. We will be happy to provide you with information about our qualifications and experience.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Shareholder

Enclosure: Resume of [REDACTED]