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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT

*Sent electronically to: stephend@dannoceantowing.com; Alanm@morantug.com;
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Dann Ocean Towing, Inc.
Mr. Stephen Dann
3670 S. Westshore Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33629

Moran Towing Corporation
Mr. Alan Marchisotto
50 Locust Ave.
New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

AES Puerto Rico, LP
Mr. Jesus Bolinaga, Market Business Leader
Post Office Box 1890
Guayama, Puerto Rico 00785

**RE: Warning Letter No. WL21-149
Dann Ocean Towing, Inc.
Moran Towing Corporation
AES Puerto Rico, LP
ERP Site ID: 406599
Duval County**

Dear Messrs. Dann, Marchisotto and Bolinaga:

On March 22, 2021, the Department was notified of the grounding of the barge BRIDGEPORT within state waters. Possible violations of Sections 253 and 403, Florida Statutes (Fla. Stat.), and Chapters 18-21, 18-14 and 62-701, Florida Administrative Code (Fla. Admin. Code) may have occurred.

Specifically, the following was observed and/or documented:

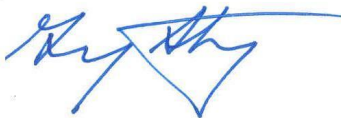
- The barge was within territorial waters owned by the State of Florida in the Atlantic Ocean and beyond the navigation channel entrance to the St. Johns River.
- On May 17, 2021, an unknown quantity of the cargo “Agremax” was discharged. The Agremax released was generated by AES, transported on a barge owned by Moran and towed by Dann Ocean Towing.

Violations of Florida Statutes or administrative rules may result in liability for damages and restoration, and the judicial imposition of civil penalties, pursuant to Section 403.161, Fla. Stat.

Please contact Matthew Kershner at (904) 256-1649, or Nathaniel Harvey at (904) 256-1683, within 15 days of receipt of this Warning Letter to arrange a meeting to discuss this Warning Letter. The Department is interested in receiving any facts you may have which might assist in determining whether any violations have occurred. You may bring anyone with you to the meeting that you feel could help resolve this matter.

Please be advised that this Warning Letter is part of an agency investigation, preliminary to agency action in accordance with Section 120.57(5), Florida Statutes. We look forward to your cooperation in completing our investigation and resolving this as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Gregory J. Strong
District Director

cc: FDEP-NED: James Maher, Gracie Kennedy, Nathaniel Harvey, Matthew Kershner