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July 10, 2023

Meritage Homes  
Attn: Steve Harding  
10117 Princess Palm Avenue, Suite 500  
Tampa, FL 33610

RE: Rustic Road Offsite Utility Improvements (Water Main Only)  
Final Certification; Permit #: 0124807-226-DSGP  
PWS: City of Venice Utilities (6581901)

Dear Mr. Harding:

This acknowledges receipt of a certified request received by Department of Health for a final letter of release for installed  $\pm 7,720$ -LF of 12-inch PVC DR 18 C900 pipe installed by open cut method;  $\pm 10$ -LF of 8-inch PVC C900 DR 18 water main installed by open cut method;  $\pm 330$ -LF of 12-inch HDPE DR 11 water main installed by directional drill method under Salt Creek;  $\pm 330$ -LF of 12-inch HDPE DR 11 water main installed by directional drill method under unnamed environmentally sensitive area; and associated appurtenances per certified record drawings as part of Rustic Road Offsite Utility Improvements (Water Main Only) in City of Venice Utilities service area.

Your engineer of record has certified that the subject facilities have been completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. These facilities were cleared bacteriologically in accordance with Rule 62-555.345 Florida Administrative Code. Bacteriological samples and pressure testing results are acceptable and meet DOH and DEP requirements. There are no deviations from the permitted plans.

Changes in applicable laws and regulations with affect to operating procedures and/or quality standards must be complied with. In addition, we wish to call your attention to the requirements that no sanitary hazards, regardless of how slight, shall be placed within 100 feet of public water supply well and under certain circumstances, this distance can be increased.

Based on this information, we are issuing this letter of release to place into service the installed PWS components to provide potable water and fire protection service for Rustic Road Offsite Utility Improvements (Water Main Only) project in City of Venice Utilities service area.

Please contact me at 941-228-7344 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Penumudi, P.E.  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PBP: J:/EH/PWS

c: City of Venice Utilities Department, Attn: Javier Vargas  
Infrastructure Solution Services, LLC., Attn: Devyn M. Brown, P.E.