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Subject: Comments on Lockheed Martin's Interim Report on sampling required due to Lockheed's inability to capture the groundwater plume in Tallevast

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Mike and Bob,

On behalf of Laura Ward and Wanda Washington as Co-Executive Directors of FOCUS and the Tallevast community attached are comments from RES, an independent scientific consulting firm who advises the community, regarding Lockheed's Jan 2025 Interim Report prepared by their consultants AECOM and submitted to FDEP.

**As you know, Lockheed's plume in Tallevast continues to spread and this interim report discusses additional groundwater sampling that Lockheed conducted to evaluate groundwater contamination recently found which is beyond Lockheed's current ability to capture/clean up.**

Florida Chapter 376 and the related "Global RBCA" Rules in Florida Administrative Code Section 62-780 et.seq., clearly define that the extent of contamination must be defined prior to the development of a Remedial Action Plan (RAP), a cleanup plan. This should be obvious - because if you do not know where the contamination is you cannot adequately design its cleanup. Further, once approved the RAP is required to contain/capture the contamination and to clean it up.

**After more than ten years of operating its RAP/clean up system which was approved by FDEP Lockheed continues to find new contamination, which is only possible if 1) they failed their obligations in Site Assessment to define the contamination (delineate a groundwater plume) and/or 2) that they have failed to contain that contamination as required in its RAP.**

Though we appreciate FDEP's recent requests the last three years to have Lockheed further assess areas to define the full extent of the contamination and to make changes to the operation of its RAP, Lockheed's reluctance to perform some of FDEP's directives (i.e. despite requesting it two years ago, Lockheed has not conducted a DPT investigation in the densely

populated residential area South of the site) and its extreme delay in others it has performed, demonstrate that Lockheed has not met its obligations under the Consent Order and relevant law included therein as well as above.

The residents in Tallevast deserve better and FDEP must act to hold Lockheed accountable. To that end, we again reiterate our request for consideration of these comments in FDEP following up with Lockheed.

Further, for five years, FOCUS has been requesting meetings with FDEP and Lockheed, but neither has conducted these meetings. And, as confirmed in your recent email, FDEP and Lockheed are conducting meetings and phone calls which are not getting documented in the public domain including OCULUS, sometimes at all and other times only after excessive delay. Since neither FDEP nor Lockheed will meet with the affected community on these issues, reliance on the public database is even more important as it is the community's only way of attempting to meaningfully understand what is happening in the community. These issues must be immediately rectified. We hope to hear from you this week about a time for a meeting.

Sincerely,

Jeanne