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September 26, 2016

The Honorable Gina McCarthy  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

The State of Florida is facing a new environmental crisis that could affect the drinking water for millions. On August 27, 2016, workers from Mosaic's New Wales phosphate processing plant in Mulberry, Florida, discovered a massive sinkhole near a pond of acidic water, radioactive water. An estimated 215 million gallons of contaminated water has flowed down the sinkhole and potentially into the Floridan aquifer, the source of drinking water for almost 10 million Americans.

Of further concern, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) failed to notify residents about the potential health hazard in their water.

Please continue to monitor FDEP efforts to mitigate the situation and protect the surrounding community. Floridians have a right to clean water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patrick E. Murphy".

Patrick E. Murphy  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS