



STATE OF FLORIDA

# **DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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Governor

W. CRAIG FUGATE  
Director

February 27, 2008

Brad Williams  
David Sharp  
Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company  
1000 Louisiana Street  
Suite 4361  
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mr. Williams and Mr. Sharp:

Congratulations on the progress that Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company is making to bring the first market area natural gas storage facility to the State of Florida. Thank you for bringing your project to our attention and for your continued work with our team to ensure that Florida has increased capabilities to respond and recover from disasters on behalf of the residents of the State of Florida.

As you know, our mission is to ensure that Florida is prepared to respond to emergencies, recover from them, and mitigate against their impacts. The rapidly increasing demand for natural gas may create greater risks for Florida and we recognize that power generation and local distribution companies will be more vulnerable to supply interruptions in the coming years. Natural gas storage is one well tested tool to mitigate those risks which compliments existing and new pipeline capacity into the State. From a system reliability, supply security, and infrastructure standpoint, we believe it is important that the state have increased resources to aid in disaster preparedness planning and that provide high daily deliverability during emergencies

We support and applaud your specific efforts and encourage participation by Florida companies in your project, as well as in all natural gas storage projects.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate".

Craig Fugate, Director  
Division of Emergency Management

cc: The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor, State of Florida  
The Honorable Ken Pruitt, President, Florida Senate  
The Honorable Marco Rubio, Speaker, Florida House of Representatives