



August 23, 2021

***TIDEWATER UTILITIES, INC.***

***APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT***

Bethany Bay/Ocean View District  
Tupelo Sands Connection  
PWS #DE0000221  
Approval #21W117

Mr. Ben Gordy  
OA Millville, LLC  
18949 Coastal Highway, Unit 301  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Dear Mr. Gordy:

As provided by Section 2.11 of the *State of Delaware Regulations Governing Public Drinking Water Systems*, you are granted approval to connect Tupelo Sands to the existing main in accordance with the plans submitted by Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. The plans consist of:

1. Transmittal letter dated August 19, 2021.
2. One of the plans entitled "Tupelo Sands Construction Plans" dated July 2020 and Revised June 22, 2021.

These plans, as noted, are made a part of this approval. This approval is granted subject to the enclosed list of conditions.

It is the owner's responsibility to ensure as-built drawings are maintained throughout all phases of construction. Prior to receiving an Approval to Operate, the Office of Engineering requires one set of as-built drawings, including profile markups.

The Office of Engineering recommends detectable tracer tape that is three inches wide and blue in color to be installed directly above all water mains larger than two inches in diameter. The detectable tracer tape for the non-potable fire mains shall be different color such as red or purple.

**Where fluoridation has been or will be instituted as required under 16 Del. C. 124, the target level for fluoride shall be 0.7 mg/L and not to exceed 2.0 mg/L. All municipal water supplies, whether municipally owned or privately owned, shall comply with subsection 9.1.14.1 of the *State of Delaware Regulations Governing Public Drinking Water Systems*.**

Mr. Ben Gordy  
OA Millville, LLC  
August 23, 2021  
Page 2

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Bill Milliken at (302) 741-8646.

Plans reviewed by:

Sincerely,

William J. Milliken, Jr.  
Engineer III  
Office of Engineering

Doug Lodge, P.E.  
Supervisor of Engineering  
Office of Engineering

cc: Public Service Commission  
Dustin J. Ressler, Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.  
Alexis Virdin-Gede, Tidewater Utilities, Inc.  
Ashley Kunder, Office of Drinking Water

1. The approval is void if construction has not started by August 23, 2022.
2. The project shall be constructed in accordance with the approved plans and all required conditions listed in this Approval to Construct. If any changes are necessary, revised plans shall be submitted and a supplemental approval issued prior to the start of construction. As-built plans including profile mark-ups must be submitted to the Office of Engineering after construction has been completed.
3. Representatives of the Division of Public Health may inspect this project at any time during the construction.
4. This approval does not cover the structural stability of any units or parts of this project.
5. The water system shall be operated in conformance with the *State of Delaware Regulations Governing Public Drinking Water Systems*.
6. All potable water lines and appurtenances shall be disinfected using one of the methods in the American Water Works Association Standard C651, current edition.
7. Water mains crossing sanitary and storm sewers should be laid to provide a minimum vertical distance of 18 inches between the outside of the water main and the outside of the sewer, and the water main should be above the sewer. At crossings, one full length of water pipe should be located so both joints will be as far from the sewer as possible. Special structural support for the water and sewer pipes may be required. In cases where it is not practical to maintain an 18-inch separation, the Division may allow deviation on a case-by-case basis if supported by data from the design engineer.
8. Water mains should be laid 10 feet horizontally from any existing or proposed sanitary or storm sewers. The distance should be measured edge to edge. In cases where it is not practical to maintain a 10-foot separation, the Division may allow deviation on a case-by-case basis if supported by data from the design engineer.
9. All chemicals, materials, mechanical devices, and coatings in contact with potable water shall comply with National Sanitation Foundation/American National Standards Institute Standards (NSF/ANSI) 60 and 61 and shall be inert, nontoxic, and shall not impart any taste, odor, or color to the water.
10. Sufficient valves should be provided so that inconvenience and sanitary hazards will be minimized during repairs. Valves should be located at not more than 500-foot intervals in commercial districts and at not more than one block or 800-foot intervals in other districts.
11. There shall be no connection between the distribution system and any pipes, pumps, hydrants, or tanks whereby unsafe water or other contaminating materials may be discharge or drawn into the system.

12. Fire hydrant drains shall not be connected to or located within 10 feet of sanitary sewers, storm sewers, or storm drains.
13. Prior to usage of water from this new well, water plant, storage plant, or distribution system, approval for the water quality must be obtained from the Division of Public Health.
14. The water system should be capable of providing at least 25 psi at ground level at all times throughout the distribution system.
15. All plastic pipe utilized in this drinking water system shall be approved for potable water use (NSF-pw). If any piping is joined with solder or flux, the solder and flux shall be lead free (less than or equal to 0.2 percent lead).
16. All water lines should be buried to a depth of at least 3 feet.
17. A Certificate of Public Conveniences and Necessity should be acquired from the Public Service Commission, (302) 739-4247.
18. This approval is for the distribution system only. Plans and specifications for all well plumbing, pumps, storage (including any interior coatings), and treatment must be submitted to and approved by this office prior to their installation.
19. The approval is subject to immediate revocation upon violation of any of the preceding conditions.
20. All other local (county/city/town) approvals or permits needed must be obtained prior to beginning construction.
21. Upon completion of construction and before the system is placed into operation, a "Notice of Completion" must be submitted to the Office of Engineering. Before placing the system into operation, the following must be adhered to:
  - a. Submit a set of as-built plans with profile markups to the Office of Engineering.
  - b. Obtain an Approval to Operate from the Office of Engineering.