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Ms. Martha Dodson

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Dear Ms. Dodson,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the proposed expansion of the ABB Combustion Engineering plant in Hematite. The handling of radioactive materials is regulated under a license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). I understand that this expansion will not involve the handling of any additional radioactive materials but will add facilities for the assembly of uranium pellets into fuel rods.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources does not regulate these radioactive materials because of the federal preemption in the U.S. Atomic Energy Act. We have also inspected the plant and determined that it does not produce hazardous waste which would be regulated under the Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Law. The plant is permitted under Missouri's Clean Water Law and the Missouri Air Conservation Law and is in compliance with both of these permits.

The plant site does contain areas of contaminated soil which will need to be cleaned up. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has recently reviewed the information on the contaminated areas and determined that no immediate action is required because there is no immediate threat to public health. Also, the NRC has required ABB to install additional groundwater monitoring wells. If the plant expansion involves any excavation of the contaminated soil at the plant, ABB will be required by the NRC to dispose of it in a properly licensed facility. I understand that the plant expansion will be to the west and that a preliminary survey showed that there is no contaminated soil in that area.

If you require any further information on the ABB plant please contact Mr. David Bedan of my staff at (314) 751-4533.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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