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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20555

RE: Bellefonte Nuclear Plant  
NPDES No. AL0024635

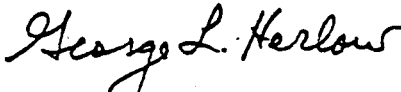
Dear Mr. Regan:

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Should you have any additional questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,



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