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SUBJECT: NPDES noncompliance notification: on 920307, rainfall event exceeding 1.25 inches of pH values for discharge occurred in ash settling pond. Caused by rainfall w/low pH value. Values returned to within normal range on 920309.

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SUBJECT: Marshall Steam Station (NC0004987)
Noncompliance Notification
File: MS-704.00

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Part II A (2) of the Marshall Steam Station NPDES permit (NC0004987), this is to notify you of a pH noncompliance incident at Marshall Steam Station. This letter is a follow-up to the telephone notification to Mr. Rex Gleason of the Mooresville Regional Office on March 7, 1992. Information related to the incident is as follows:

EVENT

After a March 7, 1992, rainfall event exceeding 1.25 inches, the pH values for the discharge of the Ash Settling Pond (outfall 002) were below 6.0 for two consecutive days, March 7th and 8th, 1992. These pH values were 5.61 and 5.95 respectively. During the rainfall event, a sample of the rainfall was collected and analyzed for pH. The pH of the rainfall was found to be 5.19. The pH of the Ash Settling Pond discharge returned to normal values on March 9, 1992

Summary

The cause of the period of pH noncompliance appears to be a result of the rainfall with a low pH value. Once the event passed, pH values returned to normal and no additional corrective measures were planned.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Norma G. Atherton at (704) 382-2116.

Sincerely,

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