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Washington, D.C. 20555

Re: Release of Southerly Ash Lagoons

Dear Mr Nalluswami:

I am writing to inquire as to the status of the three operational ash lagoons at the Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant. As you are aware, these lagoons were cleaned under the District's radiological control plan more than a year ago. Following the removal of all ash, a final survey was completed by B. Koh and Associates, Inc. This final survey was followed by a confirmatory survey by ORAU.

All of the above referenced survey work was completed more than a year ago, and it is my understanding that the NRC has been in possession of all requested information necessary to issue a final release for nearly a year. The District has been operating these lagoons pursuant to conditional releases issued by the NRC.

The District is already in the early stages of planning the next ash removal project for these lagoons. We would therefore like to close out this particular matter to remove any lingering uncertainty before we move into the contract stage.

As you are aware, these lagoons are an integral part of wastewater treatment in the Cleveland area. The NRC's prior cooperation in matters relating to the operational lagoons has been appreciated.

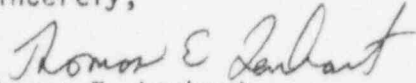
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Please call me at 216-881-6600 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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