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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Catherine Templeton, Director South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29601

Re: H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant - 1960 Ash Fill Area

Dear Director Templeton:

This letter services to notify the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) that Duke Energy has made a determination regarding the disposition of legacy ash stored in the 1960 Fill area, also referred to as the "lay-of-land storage area". Ash was placed in this storage location on the west side of the site early in the life of the coal-fired H.B. Robinson Unit 1 Steam Electric Plant, prior to the construction of the recently retired Coal Ash Basin (NPDES Permit # SC00029251).

Duke Energy intends to excavate this 1960 Fill area containing approximately 275,800 cubic yards of ash, and consolidate this ash with ash stored in the H.B. Robinson Coal Ash Basin (NPDES Permit # SC00029251) for final long-term storage.

By separate letter, Duke Energy is transmitting to SC DHEC, the *"Robinson Ash Basin Closure Investigation - Conceptual Closure Plan Update"* for the H.B. Robinson Coal Ash Basin.

Duke Energy is committed to the health, safety and welfare of employees, contractors, and the public, and to protecting the environment and natural resources. This coal ash excavation seeks to minimize public and environmental impacts.

If you have further questions on this matter, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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