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Mr. Harry Sideris, Senior Vice President
Environmental, Health and Safety
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Charlotte, North Carolina 28201-1006

Subject: Development and Use of Ash Staging Areas

Dear Mr. Sideris,

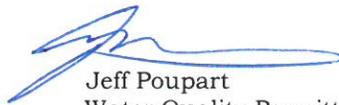
The Division has received your September 9, 2015 letter regarding the proposed options for the Development and Use of Ash Staging Areas in or near Ash Basins.

The Division believes that the first option described in the letter Ash Decanting /Stack-out Areas in the Ash Basin Footprint is authorized by the existing NPDES wastewater permits. The Division also believes that the second option Ash Decanting /Stack-out Areas in the Ash Basin Drainage Areas (but outside the footprint of the ash basin) is authorized by NPDES wastewater permits. However, as you stated in your description of the second procedure this activity outside the ash pond footprint may subject to permitting or other regulatory requirements of EPA CCR or NC CAMA. I recommend that you contact Division of Waste Management staff regarding this second option. During the ash staging process all the terms and conditions of the NPDES wastewater permits shall be met and the water quality standards in the receiving stream shall not be contravened.

The Division concurs with you that the third described option Ash Decanting /Stack-out Areas over non-CCR impacted areas outside of the Ash Basin Drainage Area will require NPDES permit modification before proceeding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the following e-mail address: jeff.poupart@ncdenr.gov or telephone number: 919-807-6309.

Sincerely,



Jeff Poupart
Water Quality Permitting Chief
Division of Water Resources

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