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Tracy Davis, Director  
Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources  
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Dear Mr. Davis:

The Excavation Plan for the Asheville Steam Electric Generating Plant (Plant) submitted to NCDEQ (then NCDENR) on November 13, 2014, identified the Asheville Regional Airport (Airport) as the primary final storage location for ash from the Plant. This structural fill project proceeded in phases, with the most recent phase (Phase 3) substantially complete on July 17, 2015. While Duke Energy plans to proceed with additional phases at the airport, alternative offsite storage is necessary to meet the excavation timeline.

Since submitting the Excavation Plan, Duke Energy has evaluated additional final storage opportunities to meet milestones of the Coal Ash Management Act of 2014, and the Mountain Energy Act of 2015. During the week of October 17, 2015, Duke Energy will begin the next phase of ash hauling and storage from the Plant. During this phase, Duke Energy plans to relocate approximately 575,000 tons of ash from the 1982 Ash Basin to the R&B Landfill in Homer, Ga., owned and operated by Waste Management.

If you have questions about Duke Energy's excavation plans at Asheville, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

John Elnitsky  
Senior Vice President