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Re: Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) response to coal combustion residual site assessments for the Bailly, D.H. Mitchell and Michigan City Generating Stations

Dear Mr. Hoffman,

On April 17, 2013, notice was received from your office informing NIPSCO of the publication of final reports regarding 2011 coal combustion residual site assessments for the Bailly (BGS), D.H. Mitchell (DHMGS) and Michigan City (MCGS) Generating Stations, and requesting that NIPSCO respond to recommendations contained within those reports.

The BGS impoundments are incised and do not require a condition rating nor a hazard potential rating. The report for that facility states that further research or remedial recommendations are not necessary.

The DHMGS facility has been idle since 2002 and the impoundment structures had been breached prior to the site assessment. The single impoundment which is intact is incised. The report for that facility states that no further research or remedial recommendations are necessary.

The MCGS facility site assessment returned several recommendations for remedial measures, including maintenance activities, geotechnical investigation and embankment stability analysis as well as hydrologic and hydraulic evaluation. Upon receiving these recommendations in the 2012 draft report, NIPSCO responded by addressing each of them and completing investigations as detailed in reports provided to EPA dated August 27, 2012. As a result, the final report for that facility states the remedial measure recommendations as summarized in the document have been satisfied and no longer apply.

Based on the conclusions as published in these reports, it is NIPSCO's opinion that no further remedial activities are necessary at this time. If you have need of further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 219-956-5125 or gcostakis@nisource.com.

Sincerely,

Gregory Costakis
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