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Dear Mr. Rice:

It is with deep regrets that we must withdraw our Project XLC Proposal, Agricultural Community Environmental Management Systems. Over the time that we have been working on this project, the underlying business climate has changed dramatically, and we our partner, HMH & Associates are no longer in a position to move forward on the project as proposed.

I wish to commend strongly the efforts of EPA employees, both at headquarters and at the Region, on this project. They made every effort to provide technical assistance and flexibility on a concept that is a promising approach to improved environmental performance.

Our sincere regards,

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