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Mr. Stephen Bell
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Dear Mr. Bell:

Thank you for your letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which was received on April 29, 2025, requesting that the Agency hold the public hearing on the Asheboro Permit in abeyance pending the Fifth Circuit's decision in *Union Carbide Corporation vs. U.S. EPA*. After consideration of the various points made in your request, the EPA plans to proceed with planning for the public hearing. We are working on the public hearing logistics and will notify you of the final details.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Craig Hesterlee, Branch Chief, at (404) 562-9749.

Sincerely,

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Kathlene Butler
Director
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cc: Mr. Richard Rogers
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