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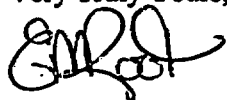
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Northeast District Office
Attention: Ms. Marie Underwood
2110 E. Aurora Road
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

As discussed with Ms. Marie Underwood of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP) is performing maintenance on the neutralization basins. This maintenance is required, as inspections have found deterioration of the basin linings. These basins are identified as outfall 601 of permit 3IB00016*GD. The linings will be removed and reapplied prior to returning the basins to service. The proposed method for removing the coatings from the basins is to HydroBlast the surfaces with water to remove the coatings. If this method is used, the water will be vacuumed and filtered from the basins. The resulting water will be sampled for all Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) metals and volatile organics by the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure. If the sample results verify that the water is not a hazardous waste, it will be transferred to the chemical cleaning lagoons (outfall 602) for discharge, in accordance with permit requirements. If the sample results classify the water as a hazardous waste, it will be handled in accordance with RCRA requirements, and will not be discharged. If the HydroBlast method is used, it is expected to generate approximately eight thousand gallons of water waste. As per our conversation on 9/26/03, it is understood that this is an acceptable approach for disposal of the water, as this is an infrequent maintenance activity to maintain the permitted systems.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Leo Harte at (440) 280-5514.

Very Truly Yours,



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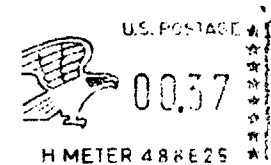
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