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RE: December 3, 2014 Notice of Violation - Emissions Tests

Mr. Deskins:

This letter is in response to the above Notice of Violation (NOV) Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. ("Rieth-Riley") received from MDEQ. The NOV concerns compliance with Special Conditions I.1 and I.2 of PTI No. 110-87E at Rieth-Riley's Benton Harbor facility located at 1589 Townline Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan. The NOV indicated that testing for particulate matter (PM) revealed that the PM emission limit rates of 0.04 gr/dscf and 1.04 lb/ton were exceeded.

Upon receipt of the PM testing results, Rieth-Riley immediately conducted an investigation of the baghouse and associated equipment. While no single potential cause has yet been determined for the elevated emissions levels, areas for further investigation were identified. However, production at this plant was completed for the 2014 season very soon after the receipt of the test results, so sufficient time for identification of any specific problems, the correction of those problems, and re-testing was simply not available. All areas identified for further investigation in the initial review have been scheduled for more thorough investigation and, as needed, correction during winter maintenance on the Benton Harbor facility prior to start-up for the 2015 season.

A re-test will be scheduled as early as production schedules allow in 2015. MDEQ will be kept informed as Rieth-Riley and Wilcox attempt to coordinate the required testing.

Please contact me at 574-875-5183 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully,  
RIETH-RILEY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

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