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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District
Attention: CELRL-RDN, Room 752
P.O. Box 59
Louisville, Kentucky 40201-0059

RE: LRL-2017-632-mdh

To Whom It May Concern:

The Aurora Utilities and the L-M-S Conservancy District currently manages a Wellhead Protection (WHP) Area adjacent to the former AEP Tanner's Creek Power Plant. The site is now owned by Tanner Creek Development, LLC (see attached WHP Area Map). Our municipal water utility supplies drinking water to parts of Aurora, Lawrenceburg, and other surrounding communities. As Joint Public Notice LRL-2017-632-mdh states, the current Owner is proposing demolition and re-development of the site to be used as a destination to dispose of coal fly ash, bottom ash, and wet scrubber byproducts from various electric-generating power plants along the Ohio River. The Aurora Utilities and the L-M-S Conservancy District is concerned that the use of the site's unlined former settling pond as a restricted waste landfill would present a clear and present danger to the community.

The primary concern is that stormwater will percolate through the landfill, dissolve toxic chemicals, and ultimately leach into the underlying aquifer. This leachate is commonly accepted to be laden with heavy metals known to be carcinogenic in nature. Once these toxic chemicals reach the aquifer, the community's public water supply will be irreparably harmed, leaving the adjacently located communities without a permanent, dependable drinking water supply. Additionally, fugitive dust emissions from the proposed system of conveyor belts have the potential to deposit the ash on to the ground of the AHP Area and infiltrating heavy metals to the quifier and directly adjacent to the wells.

If the project is approved despite the objections put forth, in the very least, the Aurora Utilities and the L-M-S Conservancy District request that the Owner, Tanner Creek Development, LLC, be responsible for installation of monitoring wells in-between the landfill and the Public Well Fields, implement continuous monitoring for potential contaminants from the site, and provide alternate sources of drinking water in the event the aquifer is contaminated. As part of the WHP Program a Wellhead Delineation and a Source Water Assessment have been completed. According to the assessment completed by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the well field has been categorized was a moderate susceptibility risk to contamination. Both reports can be made available for your review.

We believe that an effective program of pollution prevention is everyone's responsibility. By assisting us in this endeavor, you help ensure that the citizens of Aurora, Lawrenceburg, and other surrounding communities will have a safe water supply now and in the future. If you have any questions or concerns or desire additional information on WHP, please contact Aurora Utilities at 812-926-2745 or L-M-S Conservancy District at 812-926-2850.

Sincerely,

AURORA UTILITIES



Randy Turner
Superintendent

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Enclosure