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Subject: Characterization of Air Quality Near Duke Energy Progress -Asheville Steam Electric Plant in Buncombe County

Dear Ms. Toney,

On June 30, 2016, I transmitted a letter detailing how air quality around each of the facilities subject to the Data Requirements Rule (DRR) for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard would be characterized. You will recall that the Division of Air Quality (DAQ) received third party modeling information for two sources whose emissions are below the emissions threshold established in the DRR. One of these facilities is Duke Energy Progress – Asheville Steam Electric Plant located in Buncombe County. In the June 30, 2016 letter, I indicated that air quality near this facility would be characterized using modeling. However, due to complications with the modeling and recent changes to the AERMOD system, I have determined that monitoring will be used to characterize air quality near this facility. A site has been chosen and approved by your staff. Subsequently, DAQ will be submitting a revised ambient monitoring network plan that identifies this new site as a DRR site.

Please contact me at (919) 707-8430 if you have any questions regarding this submittal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Sheila Holman'.

Sheila Holman, Director

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