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Mr. Mark Loerop Hard Hat Services, Inc. 932 N. Wright Street, Suite 160 Naperville, IL 60563

Subject:

**Initial Annual CCR Surface Impoundment Inspection Report** 

Interstate Power and Light Company - Burlington Generating Station

Burlington, IA

Mr. Loerop:

Thank you for preparing the initial annual inspection report that is required under 40 CFR 257.83(b) of the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule. We have carefully reviewed the findings and recommendations contained in the report. We understand that you did not observe any indication of an actual or potential structural weakness within the existing CCR surface impoundment. Thus, we have focused on improving the vegetative conditions, as recommended. In response to the report, we have completed the following measures:

- Woody vegetation along the upstream and downstream slopes of the south and west embankments of the Main Ash Pond has been removed.
- Vegetation along the Main Ash Pond, Ash Seal Pond, Economizer Ash Pond is now managed to facilitate effective inspections.
- The dense/ tall grassy vegetation along the western embankment of the economizer ash pond (bottom 1/3 of the slope) is now managed to facilitate effective inspections.

The work was completed as soon as feasible and in a manner that protects the safety of our employees and meets all local, state, and federal requirements. We will continue to manage the vegetation along the embankments to facilitate effective inspections, and we look forward to your next annual inspection.

Sincerely,

Robert Huschak Plant Manager

**Burlington Generating Station** 

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