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Dear Mr. Maxted,

Thank you for your email that notified EPA that the Primary Ash Pond, the unit covered by the CCR Part A demonstration submitted under 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(f)(1) for Columbia Energy Center, ceased receipt of waste on March 23, 2023. As a consequence, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) requested to withdraw the submitted demonstration from EPA review.

EPA reviewed the demonstration and determined that it included the required information, analyses and documentation specified under 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(f)(1), and consequently determined on January 11, 2022 that the demonstration was complete. As a consequence, the deadline for the Primary Ash Pond, the CCR unit covered by the demonstration, to cease receipt of waste was tolled throughout the entire period between April 11, 2021 and March 23, 2023, when the unit ceased receipt of waste. See, 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(f)(3)(ii).

Accordingly, EPA has updated the PART A webpage ([linked here](#)) to show that you have ceased receipt of waste.

Best regards,

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Subject: Request to Withdraw Columbia Part A Demonstration

Dear Mr. Huggins,

On November 24, 2020, Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WPL) submitted a complete demonstration to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that requested approval of a site-specific alternative deadline to initiate closure pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(f)(1) for the existing CCR surface impoundment (Primary Ash Pond) located at the Columbia Energy Center near Portage, Wisconsin. In that submittal, WPL requested an alternative deadline of October 31, 2022 to continue to receive CCR and non-CCR wastestreams at the Primary Main Ash Pond after April 11, 2021 in order to install new capacity for managing non-CCR wastewaters, including a new bottom ash handling system. On January 11, 2022, EPA informed WPL that the demonstration was complete and that the April 11, 2021 deadline to cease receipt of waste was tolled pending a final decision on the application. WPL subsequently amended the application on two occasions due to unforeseen project delays, resulting in a requested site-specific alternative deadline of March 31, 2023.

The new bottom ash handling system is now operational and final tests of on-site storage capacity have been completed. Thus, the Primary Ash Pond has permanently ceased receipt of CCR and non-CCR wastewaters as of March 23, 2023 and it is no longer necessary for EPA to issue a further extension of the April 11, 2021 deadline to cease receipt of waste at the Primary Ash Pond. Therefore, WPL is officially requesting to withdraw the demonstration that was submitted on November 24, 2020.

Thank you for your review of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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