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ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

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Mr. William Early, Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel U.S. EPA, Region 3 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

> Re: Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant

> > Permit Number: DC0021199 Appeal Number: NPDES 05-01

Dear Mr. Barly:

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To assist the Environmental Appeals Board in deciding whether the matters raised by petitioners should be reviewed, please have your staff prepare a response that addresses the petitioners's contentions and whether petitioners have satisfied the requirements for obtaining review under 40 C.F.R. §124.19(a). Include relevant portions of the administrative record with the response, together with a certified index of the entire administrative record. Please file an original (signed in blue ink) and five copies of these materials no later than March 14, 2005, and send a copy of the response and the certified index to petitioner with a certificate of service showing the date and method of service.

All documents, including the materials due March 14, 2005, must reference the appeal number. <u>IMPORTANT</u>: In addition, any envelope or other packaging containing documents sent to the Environmental Appeals Board's mailing address or hand-delivery

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A copy of this letter is being sent to the petitioners as notification of these filing requirements.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Eurika Durr

Clerk of the Board

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