



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Robert Clark
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Dear Mr. Clark:

As you know, in a letter dated June 6, 2012, to Jeffrey Hanson of Alliant Energy, because the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) had not addressed objections that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency raised in an October 8, 2009, order responding to a petition to object to a proposed Title V operating permit for the Alliant Energy Columbia Generating Station located in Pardeeville, Wisconsin (Columbia), EPA proposed to require that Alliant Energy apply for a federal part 71 operating permit for Columbia and offered Alliant Energy the opportunity to comment and request a hearing on EPA's proposal. As explained in a subsequent letter to Mr. Hanson dated June 18, 2012, EPA alleged in a December 14, 2009, Notice of Violation (NOV) that violations had occurred at Columbia and that the allegations in the NOV related to issues that were the subject of the October 8, 2009, order. In addition, a follow-up letter dated August 15, 2012, to you stated our understanding that settlement of the allegations in the NOV would result in a revised operating permit from WDNR that would address the issues raised in the October 8, 2009 order.

On April 22, 2013, EPA filed a complaint and lodged a Consent Decree (CD) to resolve the allegations in the NOV. *US v. WPL, et al*, civil action number 13-cv-266 (WD Wisconsin), and the District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin entered the CD in this case on June 18, 2013. Thus, we have cancelled the July 3, 2013, hearing that Alliant Energy had requested and are withdrawing our proposal to require Columbia to submit an application for a Part 71 federal Title V operating permit.

Please call Jane Woolums of the Office of Regional Counsel at 312-886-6720 if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Genevieve Damico".

for Genevieve Damico
Chief
Air Permit Section