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Ms. Kate Crowley
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**RE: Martins Creek SES – Basin 4 Ash Release
Phase IV Completion Report Package**

Dear Ms. Crowley:

Enclosed is the Phase IV Completion Report for the PPL Martins Creek, LLC Basin 4 Ash Release. This package includes:

- Three hardcopies of the final report
- The approved Phase IV Work Plan for the studies
- The DEP approval letter for the Phase IV Work Plan
- The comments on the biological section of the report from the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- The PPL response to the Academy comments
- Twenty CDs, each including of all the above listed items
- Four CDs of the raw data from the biological studies

The Work Plan for Phase IV states that two rounds of biological sampling would be completed in 2006. As you may recall, the Delaware River experienced flooding conditions in June 2006 shortly after the biological sampling had begun. PPL had completed the sediment sampling before the flood, but the biological sampling had to be discontinued. River water levels remained high for most of the summer. With your approval, the sampling was postponed until the end of the summer. Sampling was completed by the end of September 2006.

The Work Plan for Phase IV included a study plan for sampling benthic macroinvertebrates in the river pools near the release site. PPL requested approval of this study plan in order to obtain additional information if time and conditions permitted. This part of the Work Plan was optional and, because of river conditions during the summer of 2006, the work was not performed.

We understand that the PA DEP will be distributing the report to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Team for their review. PPL would be pleased to discuss the report with you and the team should any questions arise. Please contact either Craig Shamory at 610-774-5653, Michael Hasel at 610-774-4637 or Nancy Evans at 610-774-4309.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Barkanic", written in a cursive style.

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Cleanup Project Director