



Dear Martins Creek Neighbors and Community,

Last week, there was a leak in a storage basin at our Martins Creek power plant. As a result, we released a large amount of water and coal ash into the Delaware River and onto the land near the basin.

We know that this event has caused you understandable concern. We want you to know that it is not consistent with our normal high standards of operation. We apologize, we accept responsibility for what happened, and we are going to do whatever it takes to make things right.

We appreciate your understanding over the past several days and we also are very appreciative of the excellent support that we have received from local, regional and state agencies and authorities.

The leak was caused by damage to a wooden segment of the discharge structure located in the basin. We worked diligently around the clock to stop the leak, to limit the spread of the water-ash mixture and to keep public agencies and plant neighbors informed. We are now putting that same effort into the cleanup activities.

Because of the potential effects on area drinking water, we are conducting extensive water testing and will continue to do so for as long as needed. The preliminary analyses conducted by an independent laboratory have shown that the area drinking water remains safe.

We have begun an investigation to determine the cause of the equipment failure that resulted in the leak. And, we will be taking aggressive action to avoid similar events at any of our water treatment basins at Martins Creek or at our other plants.

We have asked Normandeau Associates, an environmental consulting firm specializing in biological assessments, to determine if there have been any immediate environmental effects from the leak and to evaluate any potential future effects.

In addition, we have asked the Academy of Natural Sciences to provide an independent review of the environmental assessment and clean-up activities, and to make its findings available to the public.

We are committed to operating our plants with the utmost care and are disappointed that this incident occurred. But we promise you that we will use this experience to strengthen our commitment to the community and the environment.

Bryce Shriver
President, PPL Generation