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March 26, 2009

Mr. Richard Kinch  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
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5th Floor; N-5783  
Arlington, VA 22202 2733

RE: Request for Information Under Section 104 (e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9604(e)

Dear Mr. Kinch:

PPL Generation LLC's Holtwood Power Station received the EPA's Information Collection Request regarding coal combustion residue surface impoundments on March 12, 2009. In April 1999 PPL Holtwood's only coal fired unit was permanently shut down and was subsequently demolished. As a result, no impoundments at this facility receive coal combustion residue or contain free liquid. Therefore, this facility is not subject to this information collection request, and I have attached the signed certification.

If you have any questions or need additional information this, please contact Craig Shamory from our Environmental Management Department at 610-774-5653 or [csshamory@pplweb.com](mailto:csshamory@pplweb.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis J. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.


Dennis J. Murphy

CC:

Craig Shamory PPL, EMD  
Holtwood Hyrdo Station

ICR Letter Certification Statement:

I certify that the information contained in this response to EPA's request for information and any accompanying documents is true, accurate, and complete. As to the identified portions of this response for which I cannot personally verify their accuracy, I certify under penalty of law that this response and all attachments were prepared in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature: 

Name: Dennis J. Murphy

Title: VP/COO-Eastern Fossil & Hydro, PPL Generation LLC

## PPL response to ICR

Plant Name: Holtwood SES

Impoundment Name: None

Please provide the information requested below for each surface impoundment or similar diked or bermed management unit(s) or management units designated as landfills which receive liquid-borne material for the storage or disposal of residuals or by-products from the combustion of coal, including, but not limited to, fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag, or flue gas emission control residuals. This includes units that no longer receive coal combustion or by-products, but still contain free liquid.

1. Relative to the National Inventory of Dams criteria for High, Significant, Low, or Less-than-Low, please provide the potential hazard rating for each management unit and indicate who established the rating, what the basis of the rating is, and what federal or state agency regulates the unit(s). If the unit(s) does not have a rating, please note that fact.

*In April 1999 PPL Holtwood's only coal fired unit was permanently shut down and was subsequently demolished. As a result, no impoundments at this facility receive coal combustion residue, or contain free liquid. The former impoundment was closed under PA DEP oversight.*

2. What year was the management unit commissioned and expanded?

*Refer to answer in No. 1.*

3. What materials are temporarily or permanently contained in the unit? Use the following categories to respond to this question: (1) fly ash; (2) bottom ash; (3) boiler slag; (4) flue gas emission control residuals; (5) other. If the management unit contains more than one type of material, please identify all that apply. Also, if you identify "other", please specify the other types of materials that are temporarily or permanently contained in the unit(s).

*Refer to answer in No. 1.*

4. Was the management unit(s) designed by a Professional Engineer? Is or was the construction of the waste management unit(s) under the supervision of a Professional Engineer? Is inspection and monitoring of the safety of the waste management unit(s) under the supervision of a Professional Engineer?

*Refer to answer in No. 1.*

5. When did the company last assess or evaluate the safety (structural integrity) of the management unit(s)? Briefly describe the credentials of those conducting the structural integrity assessments/evaluations. Identify actions taken or planned by facility personnel as a result of these assessments or evaluations. If corrective actions were taken, briefly describe the credentials of those performing the corrective actions, whether they were company employees or contractors. If the company plans an assessment or evaluation in the future, when is it expected to occur?

*Refer to answer in No. 1.*

6. When did a State or a Federal regulatory official last inspect or evaluate the safety (structural integrity) of the management unit(s)? If you are aware of a planned state or federal inspection or evaluation in the future, when is it expected to occur? Please identify the Federal or State regulatory agency or department which conducted or is planning the inspection or evaluation. Please provide a copy of the most recent official inspection report or evaluation.

*Refer to answer in No. 1.*

7. Have assessments or evaluations, or inspections conducted by State or Federal regulatory officials conducted within the past year uncovered a safety issue(s) with the management unit(s), and if so, describe the actions that have been or are being taken to deal with the issue or issues. Please provide any documentation that you have for these actions.

*Refer to answer in No. 1.*

8. What is the surface area (acres) and total storage capacity of each of the management units? What is the volume of materials currently stored in each of the management unit(s)? Please provide the date that the volume measurement(s) was taken. Please provide the maximum height of the management unit(s). The basis for determining maximum height is explained later in this Enclosure.

*Refer to answer in No. 1.*

9. Please provide a brief history of known spills or unpermitted releases from the unit within the last ten years, whether or not these were reported to State or federal regulatory agencies. For purposes of this question, please include only releases to surface water or to the land (do not include releases to groundwater).

*Refer to answer in No. 1.*

10. Please identify all current legal owner(s) and operator(s) at the facility.

*PPL Holtwood, LLC is the legal owner of this impoundment.*