

October 12, 2018

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c/o Delegated Representative Margie Ring, State Solid Waste Coordinating Engineer
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Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection
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Notification of Intent to Initiate Closure of DE Karn Bottom Ash Pond

Director Grether,

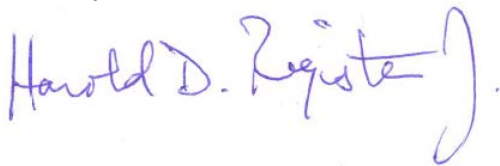
This letter serves as notification of intent to initiate closure of the DE Karn Bottom Ash Pond as required by 40 CFR 257.102(g).

Consumers Energy intends to initiate closure of the DE Karn Bottom Ash Pond as described in 40 CFR 257.102(c) and in a manner consistent with the Closure Plan prepared by Golder Associates dated January 12, 2018. This closure notification does not necessitate a final cover design certification meeting the requirements of 40 CFR 102(d)(3)(iii). A Certified Quality Assurance (CQA) Plan not required under the federal rule has been submitted to the district to better define quality controls and documentation that will be collected during the removal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCRs) from the bottom ash pond.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 257.106, this letter serves as notification that this Notification of Intent to Initiate Closure has been placed in Consumers Energy's Operating Record as required by 40 CFR 257.105 and will be placed on Consumers Energy's CCR Rule Compliance Information and Documentation website pursuant to 40 CFR 257.107.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact the undersigned at (517) 788-2982.

Sincerely,



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