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Mr. Robert Apple
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RE: Response to SCANA's February 18, 2015 Status Update - Removal Action Decision
Congaree River Sediments
SCE&G Huger Street Former MGP
Columbia SC
File # 52561, VCC # 02-4295-RP

Dear Mr. Apple:

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) has reviewed SCANA's Modified Removal Action approach which proposes the removal of sediments impacted by the Tar-like Material (TLM) from "targeted" area of the Congaree River. Based on meetings and discussions with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and SCANA, the Department agrees that construction of a stone cofferdam, as originally envisioned, presents difficulties and risks not previously recognized and, more significantly, the potential for negative impacts to the opposing shore area. These negative factors outweigh the potential benefits of this original approach. Therefore, the Department approves SCANA's request to move forward with design and permitting of the Modified Removal Action approach as described/proposed in your February 18, 2015 letter. Please proceed with revising all previously submitted plans to incorporate the modifications needed to implement the modified removal action.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (803)898-0747 or by email at berresjl@dhec.sc.gov.

Sincerely

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