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Dallas Baker, Chief
Air Division
Office of Pollution Control
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 2261
Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2261

Dear Mr. Baker:

By letter dated December 15, 2016, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency a request to change the characterization pathway under EPA's sulfur dioxide Data Requirements Rule (DRR) for the Pursue Energy Corporation Thomasville Gas Plant in Rankin County, Mississippi. Your letter sets out the rationale to change the DRR characterization pathway for the Thomasville Gas Plant from air quality modeling to a permanent shutdown and the EPA concurs with this rationale. Consistent with the requirements of the DRR, the appropriate documentation for sources permanently shutting down is due to EPA by January 13, 2017, and your letter indicates that MDEQ intends to meet this deadline.

If you have any questions regarding this concurrence letter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Scott Davis, Chief, Air Planning and Implementation Branch at (404) 562-9127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Scott Davis".

for Beverly H. Banister
Director
Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division