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Cheryl L. Newton, Acting Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3507

Re: Proposed Cahokia Heights Section 1431 Order

Dear Acting Regional Administrator Newton:

Thank you to both you and your staff in discussing with Director John Kim and staff of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") your office's proposed Safe Drinking Water Act Section 1431 Order concerning the Cahokia Heights public water supply. The Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA have a shared interest in ensuring compliance with applicable wastewater and drinking water standards throughout Illinois, including the Cahokia Heights area. Both agencies are involved in compliance assurance work throughout the region on these issues, with coordination between our staffs to better utilize our respective agencies' resources. This is another situation in which, to better allocate workloads between the agencies, Illinois EPA supports U.S. EPA's efforts in ensuring compliance with safe drinking water standards in the region, coupled with Illinois EPA's ongoing work on ensuring safe drinking water standards and wastewater control standards in the region. More specifically, Illinois EPA supports U.S. EPA's proposed Section 1431 order to ensure public health is protected.

Illinois EPA looks forward to continuing our partnership in maintaining a safe and healthy environment through our combined actions in this region and throughout Illinois. Please do not hesitate to contact us as matters arise on this issue and others in Illinois.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Gunnarson".

Charles W. Gunnarson
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