

December 22, 2023

## **CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Michael D. Childers and Mrs. Debra J. Childers 1576 Henry Camp Road Saint Mary's, WV 26170

## Re: Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC - McElroy's Run Landfill and Impoundment Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule Notification [40 CFR 257.95(g)(2)]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Childers:

Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC (Allegheny Energy) is writing to inform you of some recent results of our ongoing environmental investigation activities at the McElroy's Run Landfill and Impoundment Facility located adjacent to your property. McElroy's Run has been in operation since the late 1970's to manage coal combustion residuals (CCR) produced by the Pleasants Power Station. The facility is regulated under West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) Solid Waste/National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0079171 and is also regulated under the federal CCR Rule (40 CFR, Part 257, Subpart D). A WVDEP groundwater monitoring program for the facility began in 1994 and a separate CCR Rule groundwater monitoring program was established in 2017. Since its inception, the CCR Rule monitoring program has included the phased installation of several new groundwater monitoring wells to perform detection and assessment monitoring and to determine the nature and extent (N&E) of potential contaminant migration from McElroy's Run.

As part of the facility's groundwater monitoring program, one of the new N&E monitoring wells was installed on your property in 2021 (GW-34). This well monitors groundwater in the Grafton Sandstone aquifer which is positioned approximately 500 feet below the ground surface at GW-34. Sampling and analysis of groundwater from this well has produced some results that show levels of arsenic that exceed the applicable groundwater protection standard (GWPS) of 10 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/l). As required by certain provisions in the CCR Rule [40 CFR 257.95(g)(2)], Allegheny Energy is providing you this letter as notification that groundwater with levels of arsenic exceeding the GWPS have migrated under your property at GW-34.

Allegheny Energy will continue to implement its groundwater monitoring program as required by both Permit No. WV0079171 and the CCR Rule. This will include (among other steps) additional N&E investigative work to better define the limits and levels of the arsenic migration and to support an assessment of corrective measures and selection of an appropriate remedy to address impacted groundwater. Before any decision is made as to any required remedy for groundwater contamination in

this area, this matter will be subject to a publicly noticed meeting in the area to discuss the results of the corrective measures assessment and recommended remedy. All the information collected, and reports developed to date under Allegheny Energy's CCR Rule groundwater monitoring program are publicly available and posted on the following web site:

## http://ccrdocs.firstenergycorp.com/files/CCRImpoundments/McElroy'sRun/

Allegheny Energy appreciates your attention to this matter and your ongoing cooperation. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (724) 838-6965 or via e-mail at jmeade@firstenergycorp.com.

Sincerely,

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James Meade Corporate Counsel FirstEnergy Service Corporation (on behalf of Allegheny Energy)