



October 30, 2018

Gordon Criswell
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RE: DEQ Approval of the Revised Plant Site Remedy Evaluation Report

Gordon:

Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and its contractor, Weston Solutions, have reviewed the revised Plant Site Remedy Evaluation Report, and approve the report. Please note that previous comments that did not require changes to the Report should be considered in future work and provided in future updates to the Report. DEQ retains the authority to require additional measures and/or installation of the contingency plans based on the results of the remedy performance evaluations.

Per the conditions of the AOC, Talen must provide financial assurance to cover the costs of the approved remedy. The amount proposed in Table 7-6 of the *Revised Plant Site Remedy Evaluation Report* was \$62,210,000; however, this amount was calculated using a 5% discount rate, which has since been changed to a 3% discount rate (a rate that is approved by DEQ). Therefore, the amount proposed should be re-calculated using the approved rate and submitted to DEQ within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the comments, please feel free to contact me at 406-444-6797 or sedinberg@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Edinberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Sara Edinberg
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cc: Aimee Reynolds, DEQ
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Cam Stringer, NewFields
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