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AEP Rockport Power Plant  
Rockport, Spencer County, Indiana  
US EPA Inspection – August 26, 2010  
Bottom Ash Pond Complex  
Action Plan based on Final Recommendations – July 19, 2011

AEP has reviewed the final report provided by O'Brien & Gere as part of their assessment of the ash impoundment facility at the Rockport Plant and would like to offer the following comments. AEP's comments are denoted in *italic* print after each excerpt from the O'Brien & Gere final report.

#### **6.2. LONG TERM IMPROVEMENT**

The metal components of the various outlet structure access platforms and railings are exhibiting corrosion. A plan should be established to either paint or replace corroded members before their support capability is compromised.

#### **Response:**

*As part of AEP Dam and Dike Inspection and Maintenance Program (DIMP), such appurtenances are inspected and programs established to evaluate the maintenance or replacement needs. AEP will continue to monitor the corrosion of the noted platforms and perform the appropriate maintenance prior to compromising the structural integrity of the components, as part of our on-going commitment to personal safety.*

#### **6.3. MONITORING AND FUTURE INSPECTION**

The annual internal inspections should continue as planned. The operation and maintenance program currently utilized should be continued.

#### **Response:**

*AEP acknowledges this comment and will continue its dam and dike inspection and maintenance program (DIMP).*

#### **6.4. TIME FRAME FOR COMPLETION OF REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS**

The recommended maintenance items should be completed within one year of this inspection. Alternatively, a structural assessment of the support members could be conducted to determine the need for and timeliness of replacement.

#### **Response:**

*As noted in the response to Item 6.2, AEP will continue to monitor these components to ensure structural integrity.*