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RE: Response to letter entitled - Request for Action Plan regarding Luminant Power - Martin Lake Steam Electric Plant, received May 8, 2014.

Mr. Hoffman,

In the list of recommended course(s) of action of your letter of May 9, 2014, the only item identified with a recommendation was:

Recommendations Regarding the Field Observations

Based on the field observations, a maintenance recommendation is:

- Control all burrowing animals (e.g. rodents or armadillos) and appropriately fill-in burrows in the embankments around the ponds. The burrows were also noted in the two annual inspection reports; see Appendix A – Docs 01 and 04 of the final report.

In response to the recommendation, it should be pointed out that the burrows identified in the annual inspections cited were addressed promptly, were at different ponds/ locations, and were not carryover items from previous inspections. It is also important to state that each time an animal burrow is found, it is quickly addressed by appropriately filling in the burrow and making any other necessary repairs. Due to the site's rural setting, its close proximity to wooded areas and the adjacent reservoir, burrowing animals are always present in the area.

As part of our numerous formal and informal inspections, daily observation, and personnel training, we are alert to look for and repair animal burrows found in pond embankments. Like all of the generating sites in our fleet, The Martin Lake facility has, and will continue to maintain an effective program to locate and repair animal burrows found in the embankments of ponds. Since these activities have been part of our operations for decades, and will continue, no new action plan is necessary.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Mireles