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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 8, 2012

Secretary Randy Huffman
WV Dept. of Environmental Protection
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304

Dear Secretary Huffman,

Many of my constituents are concerned about seepage from the Little Blue Run Residual Waste Disposal Impoundment, located near Chester, WV. I understand that recently, the WVDEP and First Energy coordinated to execute a plan designed to address the seepage through a series of pumps that catch the runoff and then circulate the water back to Little Blue.

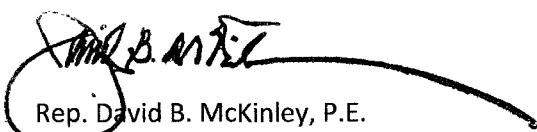
I would like to know if you believe this solution is sufficient to address their concerns and, if so, how long you believe it will take for the residents to notice the difference in moisture. My staff visited the area on Thursday, March 1st and noticed heavy moisture throughout the neighborhood just down the hill from Little Blue. Despite heavy rains, residents contend that this is still a result of the seepage. This leads to my concern that the pump system may not be sufficient enough to correct this problem.

Please let me know whether or not you believe the actions taken by First Energy as advised by the WVDEP were successful in resolving this situation.

Additionally, I invite you to join me in visiting the neighborhood surrounding the Little Blue Run Residual Waste Disposal Impoundment and observing firsthand the recently constructed pump system as well as meeting with the local residents to address their concerns.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you. Please send any correspondence to my Morgantown District Office, which is located at 709 Beechurst Avenue, Suite 14B, Morgantown, WV 26508.

Sincerely,



Rep. David B. McKinley, P.E.
Member of Congress

cc: Curtis Havens