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There is no soil sampling that is performed as part of the approved site monitoring program.

Based on the IEPA letter dated August 26, 2013, it is understood that upon IEPA approval of the above amended wording, the GMZ will be approved as amended without the need for resubmitting the entire application document. If there are any questions, please contact me at 262-781-0475 or Ms. Maria Race of Midwest Generation at 630-771-7862.

Sincerely,

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