

February 6, 2026

Mr. Frank Behan
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Resource Conservation & Recovery
Materials Recovery & Waste Management Division
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: RM Schahfer Generating Station Alternative Closure Demonstration – Update to Schedule and Closure Plan

Dear Mr. Behan:

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) hereby submits this update to the closure schedule and closure plan associated with the alternative closure demonstration for the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station located in Wheatfield, Indiana (Schahfer). As detailed in the alternative closure demonstration submitted to EPA on October 30, 2020, revised on November 30, 2020 (Addendum 1) and updated on August 16, 2022 (Addendum 2), NIPSCO requested an extension pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(f)(2) so that the Waste Disposal Area (WDA) may continue to receive CCR and non-CCR waste streams after April 11, 2021, and complete closure no later than October 17, 2028. Under 40 C.F.R. 257.103(f)(2)(iv)(B), “the coal-fired boiler(s) must cease operation, and the CCR surface impoundment must complete closure no later than October 17, 2028.”

As described in the August 2022 Addendum 2 to the alternative closure demonstration, based on available information at the time, NIPSCO projected that Units 17 and 18 at the Schahfer Station would cease operation by December 31, 2025. However, due to the Department of Energy’s Section 202(c) order issued on December 23, 2025 (Order No. 202-25-12), NIPSCO now expects that Units 17 and 18 will remain in operation for the duration of the 202(c) Order, including any renewal or reissuance of such order.

The revised boiler cessation date is expected to push back the start and completion dates of the pond closure schedule by approximately the length of the Section 202(c) Order (including any renewal or reissuance) and increase the volume of waste in the WDA. Updating the boiler cessation date will not impact the absence of alternative disposal capacity both on and off-site of the facility, the requirements for NIPSCO to meet its applicable CCR Rule compliance and reporting obligations, the risk mitigation plan, the groundwater monitoring system, requirements to conduct groundwater corrective action, if necessary, or the planned closure design.

This submission should be included by EPA as an update to the administrative record for the Schahfer alternative closure demonstration that is currently pending.

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This letter will be posted to NIPSCO CCR website.¹ If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at sholcomb@nisource.com or (219) 741-6742.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.nipSCO.com/our-company/about-us/our-environment/CCR-rule-compliance>