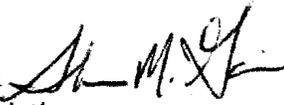


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**TO:** Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.  
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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations in the subject report. Attention to these issues should further strengthen the Agency's ability to implement its obligations under the Clean Air Act. The Region agrees with the revised recommendation #4 on page 17 of the final audit report and, therefore, proposes the attached Corrective Action Plan.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Corrective Action Plan, please contact Diana Esher, Director, Air Protection Division at (215) 814-2706.

Attachment



**EPA Region III Corrective Action Plan in Response to the Inspector General's Report:  
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Monitoring of Settlement Agreements," Report No. 15-P-0277, September 10, 2015**

Corrective Action Plan: Within 80 days of receiving the next AEP annual progress report required for compliance with the 2007 Consent Decree which is due March 31, 2016, Region III will confirm whether AEP submitted for the John Amos plant in West Virginia an application for a permit pursuant to West Virginia's 45 CSR 13 to include the Consent Decree requirement for continuous operation of flue gas desulfurization controls and will take appropriate follow-up action as needed.

Due Date: June 19, 2016.

