



TAMPA ELECTRIC

July 8, 2003

Ms. Diana Lee
Air Engineering Department
Environmental Protection Commission
of Hillsborough County
1410 North 21st Street
Tampa, Florida 33605

Via FedEx
Airbill No. 7916 2757 1297

**Re: Tampa Electric Company
Big Bend Station
Permit No. 0570039-010-AV
E.U. ID 011 - Truck/Railcar Limestone Unloading
Receiving Hopper with Baghouse**

Dear Ms. Lee:

As per our conversation on June 16, 2003, TEC is hereby providing notification that the Truck/Railcar Limestone Unloading Receiving Hopper with Baghouse, emission unit identification 011 (E.U. ID 011) will be unavailable due to an equipment outage. The equipment is being repaired to ensure the motor does not fail and preventative maintenance can be performed on this equipment. The bags in the baghouse are plugging more frequently due to the moisture content of the limestone and the recent rain events. The equipment outage is expected to occur from July 7, 2003 through August 31, 2003.

Limestone is delivered to the plant by truck or railcar and unloaded into E.U. ID 011. The particulate matter emissions from this activity are controlled by a baghouse. The moisture content of the limestone is approximately 15%. The limestone truck unloading occurs Monday through Friday from 4:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The frequency of limestone delivery is approximately 80 trucks per day.

Given the moisture content of the limestone and the unloading times, TEC is proposing to perform a visible emissions (VE) test once a week to ensure the 5% opacity requirements are met, during the equipment outage.

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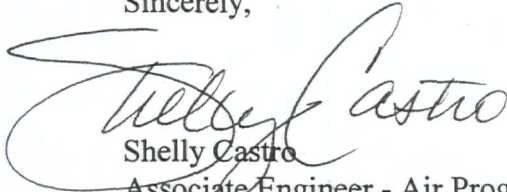
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TEC appreciates your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shelly Castro or me at (813) 641-5033.

Sincerely,



Shelly Castro
Associate Engineer - Air Programs
Environmental Affairs

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