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Mr. Charles S. Aiken  
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Dear Mr. Aiken:

Thank you for your May 13, 2008, letter to Secretary Michael W. Sole regarding Buckeye Technologies Inc.'s (Buckeye) Energy Independence Project. Secretary Sole has asked that I respond to your concerns with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) permitting process.

DEP is committed to providing a timely review of permit applications and facilitating open communication with applicants. I would like to assure you that DEP's Division of Air Resource Management (Division) is dedicated to working with Buckeye on the review of this permit application.

A request for additional information was sent to Buckeye on January 10, 2008. Buckeye responded to this request on April 1, 2008. The emission calculations submitted with the application were not clear, and these calculations are central to the review of the project. Because Buckeye's response did not sufficiently address this issue, the Division sent a follow-up request for information on May 1, 2008.

On May 8, 2008, a representative with Buckeye, Mr. Andreu, discussed the permit application with the Division. During this discussion, the request for additional information was reviewed to ensure both the Division and Buckeye had a mutual understanding as to the specific information requested and the importance of this information in reviewing the permit application.

We look forward to meeting with Buckeye on June 17, 2008, in Tallahassee. However, I would encourage you to meet with the Division's technical staff prior to that meeting to discuss the additional information requested by the Division. If you have any questions or concerns prior to that meeting, please contact me at (850) 245-2036.

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Sincerely,



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