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Mr. Christopher Scieszka  
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Dear Mr. Scieszka:

On November 30, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received an application from DTE Energy for a coal combustion residual (CCR) alternate liner demonstration for the Belle River Power Plant Diversion Basin and Bottom Ash Basins. EPA reviewed your application to determine whether it included the required information, analyses and documentation specified under 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(1), and we have determined that your application is complete.

This letter merely communicates EPA's determination that your submitted application for an alternate liner demonstration contains sufficient information for EPA to evaluate the merits of your application. EPA has not made any decision on whether to approve your request. The application will undergo further review to make such a determination. After this review, EPA will publish its proposed decision for public comment in a docket on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). After consideration of the comments, EPA will issue its final decision on the application.

As a consequence of your submission of a complete application, EPA will toll the facility's deadline to cease receipt of waste until issuance of a final decision under 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d)(2)(iii)(C).

EPA will notify you when a proposed decision on the demonstration is issued. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Lloyd at [lloyd.michelle@epa.gov](mailto:lloyd.michelle@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry N. Breen", written over a light blue rectangular background.

Barry N. Breen  
Acting Assistant Administrator