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Dear Champaign-Urbana resident:

I am writing to update you on the status of the environmental project at the site of a former manufactured gas plant at Fifth and Hill Streets. Illinois Power has been working with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to reduce potential risks to health and the environment from manufactured gas residues, primarily coal tar, which were found on the property.

As you may recall, last winter our contractors removed coal tar from underground structures on the property and shipped it to our Baldwin Station in southern Illinois where it was combined with coal and burned in the power plant's boilers. The excavated area was backfilled and the surface covered with top soil and grass.

We continue to monitor conditions at the site. The information will help us determine if additional work may be needed in the future. As before, any decisions will be made after consultation with the IEPA.

Keeping you informed is an important part of our project. If you have any questions, please call Gretchen Monti, a community relations specialist working for IP. Her toll free telephone number is 1-800-232-3108. Media inquiries should be directed to Shirley Swarthout at Illinois Power, 1-800-424-3938.

Sincerely,

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