



Pennsylvania
**Department of
Environmental Protection**

December 29, 2025

VIA E-MAIL TO: Gary.Cline@homercityredevelopment.com

Gary Cline
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Re: Stage 0 Removal Plan
Homer City Generating Station
ID: 300491
Auth. Id. 1549931, APS: 1150920
Center Township, Indiana County
Received: November 19, 2025

Dear Mr. Cline:

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the proposed Stage 0 Removal Plan. The plan involves the removal of the ash from Stage 0 and the placement of the ash in the on-site Coal Refuse Disposal Area in accordance with the existing operations approved by the Department's Bureau of Mining Program. The plan covers removal of the ash, replacement of the underdrain pipe, backfilling of the area, and the continuation of groundwater monitoring in accordance with the landfill permit.

The Department approves the Stage 0 Removal Plan activities as outlined in the plan dated November 19, 2025, with the following condition:

Homer City Generating Station shall record the removal of ash from Stage 0, within its Ash Disposal Site Annual Evaluation of Groundwater and Surface Water (Annual Evaluation) submitted to the Department per 25 Pa Code §§ 288.152(b)(4) and 288.255. Specifically, the Annual Evaluation, signed and stamped by a professional geologist, should indicate whether sampling results show adverse effects to groundwater/surface water, which could be attributed to the Stage 0 ash removal, in addition to indicating if the results show adverse effects from the Ash Disposal Site. Appropriate supportive information and narrative explanations should also be provided.

Compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the removal plan are mandatory. Please note that issuance of this plan does not eliminate the necessity to comply with all federal, state, or local requirements at the facility.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. § 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S.A. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717.787.3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800.654.5984. Appeals must


be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained from the Board. The appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure are also available in braille or on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board at 717.787.3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST REACH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD.

IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE, HOWEVER, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD 717.787.3483 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions about the approval or requirements of the Solid Waste Management Act, please contact Shawn Peters, P.E. at 814.332.6848. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Waste Management Program

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