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December 8, 2022

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Greg Johnstone
Plant General Manager
Continental Carbon Company
1500 East State Docks Rd.
Phenix City, AL 36869

RE: Facility Closure/Permit Voidance
Facility Name: Continental Carbon Company
Facility Number: 211-0003

Dear Mr. Johnstone:

Continental Carbon Company (CCC) currently operates its Phenix City Plant pursuant to the authority of Major Source Operating Permit No. 211-0003, issued February 14, 2019. Per the requirements of the Consent Decree (5:15-cv-0090-F) filed on March 23, 2015 and amended on December 22, 2017, CCC is required to install and operate multiple air pollution control systems on or before December 31, 2022 at the plant. Per previous correspondence between CCC, the Department, and the EPA, CCC indicated that it had not begun to install the required control systems and would not do so by the deadline. Therefore, the Department concludes that CCC must shut down the Phenix City Plant on or before December 31, 2022. The Department understands that CCC intends to do so, per information received during a recent inspection by ADEM Air Division personnel at the plant.

Because CCC has no legal authority to operate the Phenix City Plant after December 31, 2022, and because CCC has expressed it has plans to cease operations, Major Source Operating Permit No. 211-0003 is void as of January 1, 2023. Please return your copy of the permit to the Department no later than January 31, 2023.



Mr. Greg Johnstone

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If any discussion of these issues is necessary, please contact Doug Carr at (334) 271-7899 or by email at DKC@adem.alabama.gov no later than December 22, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald W. Gore".

Ronald W. Gore, Chief
Air Division

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