Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I'm sure everyone is settling in for the snow this weekend, but I wanted to provide a quick update on some operational, regulatory, planning and communication matters at the Bingham Facility.

**Wastewater system.** As we told you in an earlier email, one of the wastewater holding ponds has been leaking. In order to repair the leak, the pond had to be drained and the water transported to the Orange Water and Sewer Authority wastewater treatment plant. As of yesterday, the pond has been drained and the water transported. The next step will be to determine what caused the leak and the best course of action to put the pond back into operation. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) will be kept informed as we decide how best to proceed.

**Air permit.** The Bingham facility has an Air Permit from the state for operation of the incinerator and the emergency generators we have on site. Yesterday, January 28, we submitted our 2009 annual report for our Air Permit to the NC DENR Air Quality Office. This is a routine submittal that is a requirement of our air quality permit. The report states that during 2009, the incinerator operated for a total of 40 hours and 54 minutes, burning a total of 5,285 pounds of material. Looking towards the future, we expect to decommission use of the incinerator at Bingham and will keep you informed as those plans are finalized.

**Communications.** To follow-up our December 14 meeting, we plan to schedule meetings every other month, beginning in February, to identify issues of importance to you and to provide further updates. I will let you know as soon as we have confirmed dates.

Several of you requested a tour of the site. There are obviously security and safety issues to work around but we would like to make this available to a small number of neighbors. If you are interested, please let me know.

And finally, I want to reaffirm that I am the point-person on campus for all communications regarding Bingham. I can be most easily reached at Dpinkney@unc.edu. If you'd rather reach me by phone, please call 919-962-3795.

The University aims to be a good neighbor at the Bingham Facility and we hope you recognize that we take your concerns seriously.

I hope everyone weathers the winter storm safely.

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