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Dear Bloomington Residents and Officials,

I would like to update you on the progress Nicor Gas is making with the environmental project at a former manufactured gas plant (MGP) site in Bloomington. The site is located on and near the Nicor Gas property on West Washington Street. The project is being conducted in cooperation with and with the oversight of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) through its voluntary Site Remediation Program.

Manufactured gas residuals have been safely and successfully removed from the vacant Bloomington Housing Authority (BHA) property and a portion of McLean County Asphalt's property just north of the Nicor Gas property. The excavated areas were backfilled with clean material, including topsoil, and grass seed was planted. A driveway and water hydrant were installed on the BHA property for the Master Gardeners youth gardening program.

Six groundwater monitoring wells have been installed for sampling the groundwater in this area to confirm that the cleanup objectives were met, as detailed in the Illinois EPA approved work plan. Temporary fencing has been placed around the area to allow the grass to take root. We expect that the property will be returned to BHA for its use later this summer.

While this was the latest phase of the environmental project, planning is underway for the next phases of the project. More information will be provided to you as those plans are prepared.

We invite you to view the project website at www.bloomingtonsite.info. In addition, there is a collection of documents available for review at the Bloomington Public Library, located at 205 E. Olive Street.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 309.261.4155 or by email at bander3@southernco.com. For questions about the State's oversight of this project, you may contact Jay Timm at the Illinois EPA at 217.557.4972 (jay.timm@illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bernie Anderson".

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