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We're honored to host the EPA April 20 at Thomas Hill Energy Center. You'll find Associated Electric Cooperative and its member systems are proud of their environmental stewardship, which is balanced with our mission of providing an affordable, reliable power supply to rural electric cooperatives.

### **Invitation**

Attached you'll find the invitation we've developed to use after you have made an announcement of the upcoming visit. The second page contains a map to the plant and information regarding the tour.

### **Information about Associated**

Attached fact sheets provide information on what we do, why and how, and features our proactive and innovative record of environmental compliance.

*Why our mission is to keep electricity affordable and reliable:*

- [redacted] What we do
- [redacted] A recent survey shows that 41% of the members we serve make less than \$40,000 a year, and 16% of those make less than \$25,000 a year. You'll find these demographics in the fact sheet "Members score co-op system among best utilities."
- [redacted] Also included is a service map of the cooperatives and region we serve

*How we produce that electricity:*

- [redacted] Associated uses a mix of resources to keep electricity clean, affordable and reliable

*A number of fact sheets show how we balance mission with environmental stewardship:*

- Environmental commitment
- AECI reduces emissions and meets energy needs
- Carbon costs
- AECI moves head on CCR rule for coal ash
- Putting ash to good use
- AECI reduces mercury emissions years ahead of time
- Another piece of the past erased and replaced (tells of our award-winning mining land reclamation)
- Co-ops protect members and mammals (partnership helps ensure transmission reliability while meeting regulations)

You can find more about Associated on our website, [www.aeci.org](http://www.aeci.org), which also includes a “Clean” section about our stewardship and our 2016 annual report.

Finally, we’re preparing information specific to Thomas Hill Energy Center that we will send later today.

### **Security Requirements**

I would like to know if the EPA has a protocol for security that you’d like us to follow. Our plans are to use our internal security staff in addition to a contracted firm that provides security at the plant. We are also in contact with Missouri Highway Patrol and the Randolph County Sheriff. But we want to make sure that we follow any protocol you have.

### **Advance Meeting**

I also want to confirm an advance meeting at Thomas Hill Energy Center at 3:00 pm on April 19. We are assuming that this is 3:00 central, please let me know if that’s not the case. I’d also like to know who will be attending the walkthrough and if there are particular things you’d like

to discuss or see during the walkthrough. From Associated, I will be in attendance in addition to my Communications Manager, the plant manager at Thomas Hill and our head of security.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you. Please let me know what I can do to make this event a success.

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