

**Big Rivers Electric Corporation  
Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities Final Rule  
CCR Impoundment Annual Inspection Report**

**CCR Surface Impoundment Information**

Name: Green Station CCR Surface Impoundment  
Operator: Sebree Generating Station  
Address: 9000 Highway 2096  
Robards, Kentucky 42452

**Qualified Professional Engineer**

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Kentucky P.E. Number: 17822

**Regulatory Applicability**

Per 40 CFR §257.83(b), annual inspections by a qualified professional engineer must ensure that the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the CCR unit is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards.

Annual inspections of any CCR surface impoundment must include, at a minimum: (1) a review of all previously generated information regarding the status and condition of the CCR unit, including, but not limited to, all operating records and publicly accessible internet site entries, design and construction drawings and other documentation; (2) a thorough visual inspection to identify indications of distress, unusual or adverse behavior, or malfunction of the CCR unit and appurtenant structures; and (3) a thorough visual inspection of hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR unit and passing through the dike of the CCR unit for structural integrity and continued safe and reliable operation.

Additionally, following each annual inspection, the qualified professional engineer must prepare an inspection report which documents the following: (1) any changes in geometry of the impounding structure since the previous annual inspection; (2) the location and type of existing instrumentation and the maximum recorded readings of each instrument since the previous annual inspection; (3) the approximate maximum, minimum, and present depth and elevation of the impounded water and CCR since the previous annual inspection; (4) the storage capacity of the impounding structure at the time of inspection; (5) the approximate volume of the impounded water and CCR at the time of the inspection; (6) any appearances of an actual or potential structural weakness of the CCR unit, in addition to any existing

conditions that are disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation and safety of the CCR unit and appurtenant structures; and (7) any other change(s) which may have affected the stability or operation of the impounding structure since the previous annual inspection.

### **Inspection Description**

This is the first annual inspection report for the Green Station CCR surface impoundment pursuant to the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities Final Rule which became effective April 17, 2015.

An inspection was conducted on December 1, 2015; commencing in the morning when the piezometers were measured and continuing intermittently throughout the day, first with a drive-by inspection and followed by an on-ground inspection. The inspection was conducted by Tim Brown P.E. and Matthew Lile of Associated Engineers, Inc. of Madisonville, Kentucky.

The inspection consisted of a visual assessment of the surface impoundment, embankments and discharge (refer to Aerial Photo of the surface impoundment and the Annual Inspection Checklist included with this report); and began on the downstream side of the west embankment. The inspection noted that the embankment crest is comprised of a gravel access road and the slope is vegetated with a flat drainage way formed along the base. The drainage way contained slowly flowing water.

The inspection continued to the south embankment which contains the discharge pipes (two corrugated steel pipes, each 24 inches in diameter) with some debris build-up at the pipe outlets. The toe of the embankment was wet with water draining to the east. Standing water and heavy vegetation (phragmites) were present along the length of the embankment toe. The gravel access road continues along the crest of the south embankment. Erosion, bare areas and depressions evident on the downstream slope were minimal. The western portion of the upstream slope of the embankment is lined with rip-rap and the eastern portion is lined with rip-rap and supports woody vegetation (phragmites). Much of the upstream side of the south embankment has been rip-rapped. The pipe intakes are through a concrete common headwall collection structure with a variable height steel debris deflector on each pipe intake. The pipe conveyances were inspected by remote camera on January 8, 2016 and found to be in acceptable operating condition.

Associated Engineers, Inc. will be retained to assist in developing measures to address maintenance items (e.g. erosion, bare spots, drainage issues, invasive vegetation, etc.) identified in this inspection description.

## **Inspection Report Specifications**

### **(i) CCR Surface Impoundment Geometry**

This is the first annual inspection report for the Green Station CCR surface impoundment pursuant to the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities Final Rule which became effective April 17, 2015 and will serve as the baseline for any geometric changes that may occur in the future.

### **(ii) CCR Surface Impoundment Instrumentation**

This is the first annual inspection report for the Green Station CCR surface impoundment pursuant to the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities Final Rule which became effective April 17, 2015 and will serve as the baseline for Instrumentation Measurement changes that may occur in the future.

#### **(ii) a – Piezometers**

There are five piezometers associated with this surface impoundment.

ID	Northing	Easting	Top of Casing Elevation	Depth to Static Water Level	Static Water Elevation*
P-1A	480202.55	1492104.21	396.17	12.22 feet	383.95
P-2A	480186.48	1492464.48	395.98	13.95 feet	382.03
P-3A	480175.11	1492692.75	395.91	13.93 feet	381.98
P-6	480122.51	1492462.58	379.33	0.98 foot	378.35
P-7	480137.28	1492099.00	380.26	0.90 foot	379.36

\*Value listed is the maximum recorded reading (water elevation) since commencement of the Final Rule requirement to monitor CCR surface impoundment instrumentation.

#### **(ii) b – Water Level Indicator**

There is a water level indicator located on the pump intake structure at the north end of the impoundment. The water level elevation at the time of the annual inspection was 394.8 feet above mean sea level.

### **(iii) CCR Surface Impoundment Contents Elevations**

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Measurement changes that may occur in the future. As such, Minimum and Maximum depths and elevations of impounded water and CCR are not available.

Minimum depth of impounded water and CCR = Not Available

Minimum elevation of impounded water and CCR = Not Available

Maximum depth of impounded water and CCR = Not Available

Maximum elevation of impounded water and CCR = Not Available

Present depth of impounded water and CCR = 16 feet and 46 feet (at respective locations of maximum impounded water and CCR depths)

Present elevation of impounded water and CCR = 394 feet and 408 feet, respectively, above mean sea level

These approximate depths and respective elevations are based on the most recent (December 2015) flight derived topographic contours and bathymetric survey data.

#### **(iv) CCR Surface Impoundment Storage Capacity**

The remaining storage capacity is approximately 172,000 cubic yards (if CCR can be placed to the elevation of the current water surface). This volume was calculated based on the maximum allowable storage volume and the current volume of CCR stored in the facility based on the most recent bathymetric survey.

#### **(v) CCR Surface Impoundment Contents Volumes**

The approximate volume of impounded water and CCR is 981,000 cubic yards (approximate water volume = 172,000 cubic yards and approximate CCR volume = 809,000 cubic yards). This volume was calculated based on the maximum storage capacity, the current amount of CCR stored in the facility based on the most recent bathymetric survey, and the best available as-built data for the structure construction prior to placement of CCR.

#### **(vi) CCR Surface Impoundment Structural, Operational, and Safety Items**

##### **Noted Deficiencies**

No deficiencies were observed during the annual inspection.

**(vii) CCR Surface Impoundment Changes**

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Flight Date: December 6, 2015



## BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC

SEBREE GENERATING STATION: GREEN STATION  
CCR SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT

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Date:	1/15/2016
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### BREC Final Rule CCR Impoundment Annual Inspection Checklist

Generating Station:                      Sebree Impoundment:                              Green Station Date:    December 1, 2015					Weather:                                      Partly cloudy Temperature (Degrees F):              44 (average) Inspector/Qualified Person:            Tim Brown & Matthew Lile (AEI)	
ITEM		STATUS			OBSERVATIONS	
		YES	NO	N/A		
<b>1</b>	<b>TOP OF DAM</b>					
	Visual settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Misalignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Cracking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Access road deterioration (potholes, rutting, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Isolated potholes, animal burrows and ruts	
<b>2</b>	<b>UPSTREAM SLOPE</b>					
	Any erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Longitudinal cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Transverse cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Adequate vegetative cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sporadic bare areas & invasive species monocultures where not rip-rapped	
	Are trees growing on the slope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Adequate riprap/slope protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Visual depressions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Visual settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Any stone deterioration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Debris or trash present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>3</b>	<b>DOWNSTREAM SLOPE AND TOE</b>					
	Any erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Longitudinal cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Transverse cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Adequate vegetative cover	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Are trees growing on the slope	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Visual depressions or bulges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracking/rutting from tractor & mower tires	
	Visual settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Animal Burrows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sporadic animal borrows; primarily small rodent	
	Are boils present at the toe or slopes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Are drainage features obstructed or damaged	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drainage ditch along toe has heavy vegetation impeding higher flows	
	Are drainage features flowing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Is seepage present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

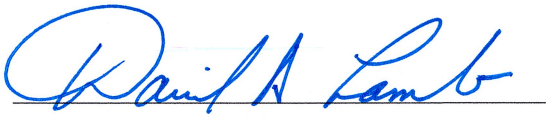
ITEM		STATUS			OBSERVATIONS
		YES	NO	N/A	
	Is seepage or discharge carrying sediment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Soft or spongy zones present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>4</b>	<b>ABUTMENTS</b>				
	Any erosion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Visual differential movement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Any cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Are drainage features flowing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Is seepage present	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Is seepage or discharge carrying sediment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>5</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY</b>				
	Any deterioration of the spillway structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Any deterioration of the spillway conduit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Spillway clear from obstructions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Is the spillway functioning and discharging correctly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Trash racks or skimmer operational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Any signs of leakage with the structure or conduit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Abnormally high or low pool elevation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>6</b>	<b>EMERGENCY SPILLWAY</b>				
	Any deterioration of the spillway structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Spillway clear from obstructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Signs of erosion or slope sloughing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Adequate vegetative cover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Signs of or currently discharging water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>VALVES/GATES</b>				
	Are the valves/gates operational	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Are the valves/gates broken or bent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Are the valves/gates corroded or rusted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Have the valves/gates been maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>8</b>	<b>HYDRAULIC STRUCTURES UNDER/THROUGH DAM</b>				
	Hydraulic structures under/through embankment are in safe and reliable operating condition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Abnormal flow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Abnormally colored discharge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Debris or sediment in discharge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>9</b>	<b>SEEPAGE</b>				
	Seepage from toe drain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



ITEM		STATUS			OBSERVATIONS
		YES	NO	N/A	
	Seepage from abutment drain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Seepage from blanket drain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Seepage from slope areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DEFICIENCIES AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS					
No deficiencies were observed during the annual inspection.					

**Professional Engineer Certification [Per 40 CFR §257.83(b)]  
Annual Inspections by a Qualified Professional Engineer**

I hereby certify that myself or an agent under my review has prepared this Annual Inspection Report (Report), and being familiar with the provisions of the final rule to regulate the disposal of coal combustion residuals (CCR) as solid waste under subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), attest that this Report has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices and meets the intent of 40 CFR Part 257.83(b). To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this Report is true, complete, and accurate.



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Date: 1-15-2016