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

CCR Landfill Information

Name: Green Station CCR Landfill

Operator: Sebree Generating Station

Address: 9000 Highway 2096

Robards, KY 42452

Qualified Professional Engineer

Name: David A. Lamb

Company: Associated Engineers, Inc.

Kentucky P.E. Number: 17822

Regulatory Applicability

Per 40 CFR §257.84(b), annual inspections by a qualified professional engineer must ensure that the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the CCR landfill is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards.

Annual inspections of any CCR landfill must include, at a minimum: (1) a review of available information regarding the status and condition of the CCR unit, including, but not limited to, files available in the operating record (e.g., the results of inspections by a qualified person, and results of previous annual inspections); and (2) a visual inspection of the CCR unit to identify signs of distress or malfunction of the CCR unit.

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 structure since the previous annual inspection, (2) the approximate volume of CCR at the time of the inspection, (3) 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 (4) any other change(s) which may have affected the stability or operation of the CCR unit since the previous annual inspection.

Inspection Description

This is the first annual inspection report for the Green Station CCR landfill 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 2, 2015; commencing in the morning and continuing 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 landfill and associated drainage control features (refer to Aerial Photo of the landfill and the Annual Inspection Checklist included with this report); and began on the south side of the landfill. The inspection noted that the slope and benches are fairly well vegetated with some erosion and bare areas with some benches retaining standing water. The slope toe was not well drained and also retained standing water particularly in longitudinal ruts from tractor/mower tires. Some storm drain inlets have settled and surface runoff collects in a depression before reaching the outlet pipe invert elevation for conveyance to the downstream retention pond.

The inspection continued to the east side where the ditch along the toe is poorly drained. The inspection noted that the slope and benches are fairly well vegetated with some erosion and bare areas and with some benches retaining standing water. Additionally, poor drainage on benches has allowed direct and indirect infiltration into/through soil cover. Animal burrows were noted at several locations and the facility has retained a varmint control contractor to eradicate burrowing rodents and other small mammals. Vegetation in some areas was restricted by thick thatch from mowing and stands of phragmites or canary reed grass. Soil around several storm water inlets was eroded or disturbed by burrowing animals and surface runoff bypassed the inlet contributing to erosion or areas of standing water and a contractor has been retained to make necessary storm water inlet repairs. Some erosion extended from the top of the slope to the toe and some grading was irregular and disrupted proper drainage. At some locations the crest of the pile is flat and does not promote positive drainage to storm water conveyances resulting in storm water being directed to the interior active landfill area.

Inspection of the west side began in the northwest corner and proceeded south. The condition of the slope and benches was similar to areas previously inspected with the slope and benches being fairly well vegetated with some erosion and bare areas, and some benches retaining standing water. The backfill material has settled and eroded at some of the storm drain inlets. All storm water catchment inlets should be inspected to ensure proper installation and maintenance; if damaged, necessary repairs should be made.

Except for the west and east corners, which were inspected respectively as part of the west and east sides, the north side of the landfill provides access to the center of the pile where the majority of active CCR material placement is ongoing. Surface runoff from the working area is directed to storm water sedimentation/retention ponds located at the base of the slope. Area along the northwest perimeter has been disturbed in preparation of retaining wall construction for future vertical expansion.

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

Inspection Report Specifications

(i) CCR Landfill Geometry

This is the first annual inspection report for the Green CCR landfill 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 Landfill Volume

The approximate total volume of CCR contained in the unit at the time of inspection is 20.3 million cubic yards. This volume was calculated from available flight derived baseline topography compared to December 2015 flight derived topographic contours.

(iii) CCR Landfill Structural, Operational, and Safety Items

Noted Deficiencies

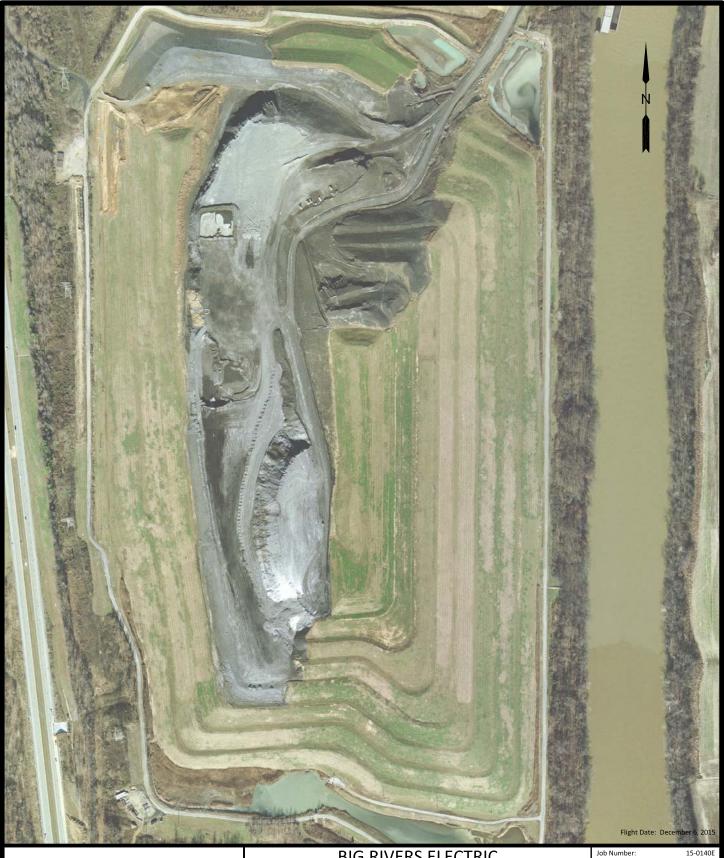
1. Storm water catch basin grades and/or soil settlement around catch basin inlets and flowline obstructions/uneven drainage grades on benches are allowing infiltration to occur instead of proper conveyance of storm water runoff from the pile.

Corrective Measures

- 1. A contractor has been retained to make necessary storm water catch basin inlet repairs.
- Associated Engineers, Inc. will be retained to assist in developing measures to address, as soon as practicable, storm water catch basin grades and flowline obstructions/uneven drainage grades on benches that are allowing infiltration to occur instead of proper conveyance of storm water runoff from the pile.

(iv) CCR Landfill Changes

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BIG RIVERS ELECTRIC SEBREE GENERATING STATION: GREEN STATION CCR LANDFILL

Job Number:	15-0140E
Date:	1/15/2016
Scale:	NOT TO SCALE
Drawn By:	E.J.A.

BREC Final Rule CCR Landfill Annual Inspection Checklist

(Generating Station: Sebree				Weather: Partly cloudy
]	Landfill: Green Station				Temperature (Degrees F): 40 (average)
Date: December 2, 2015					Inspector/Qualified Person: Tim Brown & Matthew Lile (AEI)
ITEM			STAT	US	
		YES			OBSERVATIONS
1	CONDITION OF INACTIVE AREA				
	Access road deterioration (potholes, rutting, etc.)				
	Any erosion	\boxtimes			Surficial erosion/rills in cover material
	Longitudinal cracks		\boxtimes		
	Transverse cracks				
	Visual depressions	\boxtimes	P		Minor ponding in bench flowlines; tracking/rutting from tractor & mower tires
	Visual settlement				
	Bulging or slumping				
	Any drainage features obstructed or damaged				Catch basin grades/soil settlement around basins & flowline obstructions
	Are drainage features flowing				
	Is seepage present		\boxtimes		
	Is seepage or discharge carrying sediment				
	Adequate vegetative cover				Isolated bare areas & invasive species monocultures
	Are trees growing on the slope				
	Are there any animal burrows				Sporadic animal borrows; primarily small to medium rodent/mammal
	Any stone deterioration			\boxtimes	
	Adequate riprap/slope protection			\boxtimes	
	Debris or trash present				
	Is there exposed CCR material				Isolated areas
2	CONDITION OF ACTIVE AREA				
	Access road deterioration (potholes, rutting, etc.)				
	Any erosion				
	Any cracks				
	Any slides		\boxtimes		
	Visual depressions				Minimal depressions due to incomplete grading
	Visual settlement				

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		YES	NO	N/A	OBSERVATIONS		
	Bulging or slumping		\boxtimes				
	Any drainage features obstructed or damaged	\boxtimes			Settlement around catch basins & incomplete grading		
	Is seepage present		\boxtimes				
	Is seepage or discharge carrying sediment	\boxtimes					
	Debris or trash present		\boxtimes				
3	LINER AND LEACHATE COLLECTION SYSTEM						
	Are liners intact and being installed correctly			\boxtimes			
	Is the leachate collection operating correctly			\boxtimes			
	Is the leachate collection pond/storage functioning correctly			\boxtimes			
	Is there any slope/bank erosion on pond			\boxtimes			
	Are there any animal burrows on pond			\boxtimes			
	Is the spillway functioning and discharging correctly			\boxtimes			
4	RUN-ON/RUNOFF-CONTROLS						
	Are run-on/runoff controls in place			\boxtimes			
	Are run-on/runoff controls functioning			\boxtimes			
	Are run-on/runoff controls effective			\boxtimes			
	Are run-on runoff controls being maintained			\boxtimes			
	Signs of seepage or wetness			\boxtimes			
	Sediment transport or deposition			\boxtimes			
DE	FICIENCIES AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS						
Storm water catch basin grades and/or soil settlement around catch basin inlets and flowline obstructions/uneven drainage grades on benches are allowing infiltration to occur instead of proper conveyance of storm water runoff from the pile.							

Professional Engineer Certification [Per 40 CFR §257.84(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 257.84(b). To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this Report is true, complete, and accurate.

David A. Lamb P.E.

State of Kentucky License No. 17822

Date: 1-15-2016