

**MEMORANDUM**

17 October 2018  
File No. 128064-005

**SUBJECT:** Location Restriction Demonstration – 40 CFR §257.63 Seismic Impact Zone  
Thomas Hill Energy Center  
Pond 1 - Cell 004  
Clifton Hill, MO


Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) owns and operates the coal-fired Thomas Hill Energy Center (THEC, Plant) located near Clifton Hill, Missouri. Pond 1 - Cell 004 (Unit) is an existing coal combustion residuals (CCR) surface impoundment at the Plant. This demonstration addresses the requirements of 40 CFR §257.63 *Seismic Impact Zones* of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities, 40 CFR Part 257 rule (CCR Rule), effective 19 October 2015, with Amendments effective 29 August 2018, for the Unit.

*§257.63(a): New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located in seismic impact zones unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that all structural components including liners, leachate collection and removal systems, and surface water control systems, are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site.*

A Seismic Impact Zone is defined in the CCR Rule (40 CFR §257.63) as “an area having a 2% or greater probability that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration, expressed as a percentage of the earth's gravitational pull (g), will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years.” The 2014 US Geological Survey Hazard Map raw data for the THEC Cell 004 indicates that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration for 2 percent probability of exceedance in 50 years is 0.06g. Accordingly, the Unit is not located in a seismic impact zone and a demonstration that the structural components have been designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site is not required.

*§257.63(b): The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer or approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority stating that the demonstration meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.*

I, Steven F. Putrich, being a Registered Professional Engineer in good standing in the State of Missouri, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, that the information contained in this certification has been prepared in accordance with the accepted practice of engineering. I certify, that the CCR Unit is not located in a seismic impact zone and satisfies the requirements of 40 CFR §257.63(a).

Signed:   
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