

MEMORANDUM

16 April 2020
File No. 129342-028

SUBJECT: Location Restriction Demonstration – 40 CFR §257.64 Unstable Areas
New Madrid Power Plant
Inactive Lined Pond
New Madrid, MO

Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. (AECI) owns and operates the coal-fired New Madrid Power Plant (NMPP, Plant) located near New Madrid, Missouri. The Lined Pond (Unit) is an inactive coal combustion residuals (CCR) surface impoundment at the Plant. This demonstration addresses the requirements of 40 CFR §257.64 *Unstable Areas* 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, including subsequent revisions, for the Unit.

§257.64(a): An existing or new CCR landfill, existing or new CCR surface impoundment, or any lateral expansion of a CCR unit must not be located in an unstable area unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (d) of this section that recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices have been incorporated into the design of the CCR unit to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the CCR unit will not be disrupted.

§257.64(b): The owner or operator must consider all of the following factors, at a minimum, when determining whether an area is unstable:

- (1) On-site or local soil conditions that may result in significant differential settling;*
- (2) On-site or local geologic or geomorphologic features; and*
- (3) On-site or local human-made features or events (both surface and subsurface).*

Determination of compliance with §257.64(b)(1) – Conditions associated with the potential for significant differential settlement due to liquefaction were identified in the area where the Plant is located. A review of subsurface conditions encountered at the Unit concluded that coarse-grained soils beneath the Unit are susceptible to liquefaction and soft clays beneath the Unit are susceptible to cyclic softening (strength loss). The post-earthquake stability analyses performed to model the stability of the impoundment slopes following an earthquake, liquefaction, and soil strength loss produced acceptable factors of safety.

Determination of compliance with §257.64(b)(2) – Based on available United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) information, karst topography or physiographic features such as sinkholes, vertical shafts, sinking streams, caves, large springs, or blind valleys do not exist at the Plant.

To evaluate the susceptibility of landslides, we reviewed readily available USGS and MDNR data. The USGS data indicates that the Plant is in an area of high landslide susceptibility and low landslide incidence, and MDNR data indicates that there has not been a documented landslide occurrence at the Unit. There are three landslides mapped approximately 8 to 13 miles from the Unit, however two of these landslide occurrences appear to be associated with roadway landslides along Interstate 55 and Missouri State Route P, and the third appears to be associated with a streambank landslide near Missouri State Route P. Accordingly, it is our opinion that the Unit is not located in an area that has high susceptibility to landslides.

Determination of compliance with §257.64(b)(3) – There are no documented surface or subsurface anthropogenic activities that would be indicative of creating unstable foundation conditions.

§257.64(c): The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer 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, for the above-referenced CCR Unit, that the CCR Unit is demonstrated as not being located in an unstable area per 40 CFR §257.64(a).

Signed: 
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