

2018 ANNUAL CCR INSPECTION

Facility Name: Lawrence Energy Center (LEC)
 Owner/Operator Name: Westar Energy
 CCR Unit: Inactive Units - Ash Pond Area 2, Ash Pond Area 3, and Ash Pond 4
 Inspection Date: May 15, 2018

USEPA CCR Rule Criteria 40 CFR §257.83	Inactive Units – Ash Pond Area 2, Ash Pond Area 3, and Ash Pond 4 Annual Inspection Results
<p>§257.83(b)(2)(i) stipulates: <i>“(2) Inspection report. The qualified professional engineer must prepare a report following each inspection that addresses the following: (i) Any changes in geometry of the impounding structure since the previous annual inspection;”</i></p>	<p>A visual inspection of the LEC inactive Ash Pond Area 2 (Area 2 Ponds), Ash Pond Area 3 (Area 3 Ponds), and the Scrubber Supply Pond (Area 4 Pond) and associated hydraulic structures was completed on May 15, 2018 by Mr. Richard Southorn, a qualified professional engineer (QPE). The Area 2, 3 and 4 Ponds are currently undergoing closure by removal.</p>
<p>§257.83(b)(2)(ii) stipulates: <i>“(ii) The location and type of existing instrumentation and the maximum recorded readings of each instrument since the previous annual inspection;”</i></p>	<p>No instrumentation devices associated with the hydraulic structures, impoundment embankments, perimeter dike, or slope performance are installed at or near the Area 2, 3, and 4 Ponds.</p>
<p>§257.83(b)(2)(iii) stipulates: <i>“(iii) The approximate minimum, maximum, and present depth and elevation of the impounded water and CCR since the previous annual inspection;”</i></p>	<p>The maximum and minimum depths of impounded water frequently change depending on plant needs and rainfall events. At the time of inspection there was no impounded water in the Storm Water Settling Pond (Area 2 Ponds), Ditch to Storm Water Settling Pond (Areas 2 Ponds), or the in Area 4 Pond. Based on the closure design, the minimum and maximum water depth in the Area 2, 3, and 4 Ponds is 0 ft (Area 4 Pond has been closed and removed from service) to approximately 19 ft (Pond 404 in the Area 3 Ponds). Currently there is no maximum or minimum CCR depths/elevations in the Area 2, 3, or 4 Ponds due to closure by removal.</p>
<p>§257.83(b)(2)(iv) stipulates: <i>“(iv) The storage capacity of the impounding structure at the time of the inspection;”</i></p>	<p>The Area 2, 3, and 4 Ponds were 273 acre-ft, 185 acre-ft, and 70.5 acre-ft, respectively based on 2009 survey data. The Area 2, 3, and 4 Ponds are currently undergoing closure by removal.</p>
<p>§257.83(b)(2)(v) stipulates: <i>“(v) The approximate volume of the impounded water and CCR at the time of the inspection;”</i></p>	<p>The Area 2, 3, and 4 Ponds are currently undergoing closure by removal. At the time of inspection, there was no impounded water in the Storm Water Settling Pond (Area 2 Ponds), Ditch to Storm Water Settling Pond (Area 2 Ponds), or in the Area 4 Pond due to the ponds being in the process of closure by removal. Water in the remaining Area 2 Ponds and in the Area 3 Ponds follows NPDES regulations and the volume varies greatly depending on plant operations, stormwater conditions and associated NPDES permitted discharges. Currently there is no CCR in the Area 2, 3, or 4 Ponds due to closure by removal.</p>

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§257.83(b)(2)(vi) stipulates: <i>“(vi) 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;”</i>	At the time of this inspection, there were no signs of distress or malfunction that would indicate actual or potential structural weakness of the perimeter impoundment dike. There was no indication that existing conditions or closure activities at the Area 2, 3, and 4 Ponds have disrupted or have the potential to disrupt safety or operations.
§257.83(b)(2)(vii) stipulates: <i>“(vii) Any other change(s) which may have affected the stability or operation of the impounding structure since the previous annual inspection.”</i>	There have been no changes to the perimeter dike since the previous annual inspection. Any changes to the Area 2, 3, and 4 Ponds from the previous site inspections will not pose a threat or concern to the stability of the perimeter dike or operations at LEC.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION

The undersigned registered professional engineer is familiar with the requirements of the CCR Rule and has visited and examined LEC or has supervised examination of LEC by appropriately qualified personnel. I hereby certify based on a review of available information within LEC’s operating records and observations from my personal on-site inspection, that the Area 2, 3, and 4 Ponds do not exhibit any appearances of actual/potential structural weakness that would be disruptive to the normal operations of the LEC CCR Units. The units are being operated and maintained consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards and practices. This certification was prepared as required by 40 CFR Part §257.83.

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