

**CCR POST-CLOSURE PLAN
MARTIN LAKE STEAM ELECTRIC STATION
BOTTOM ASH PONDS AND NEW SCRUBBER POND
RUSK COUNTY, TEXAS**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Luminant Generation Company, LLC (Luminant) owns and operates the Martin Lake Steam Electric Station (MLSES) located approximately five miles southwest of Tatum in Rusk County, Texas. The power plant and related support areas occupy approximately 700 acres on a peninsula on the southwest side of Martin Lake (Figure 1). The MLSES consists of three coal/lignite-fired units with a combined operating capacity of approximately 2,250 megawatts. Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) including fly ash, bottom ash, and gypsum are generated as part of MLSES unit operation. The CCRs are transported off-site for beneficial use by third-parties, are managed by Luminant on-site at Permanent Disposal Pond No. 5 (PDP-5) or are disposed at Luminant's A-1 Area Landfill.

The CCR Rule (40 CFR 257 Subpart D - *Standards for the Receipt of Coal Combustion Residuals in Landfills and Surface Impoundments*) has been promulgated by EPA to regulate the management and disposal of CCRs as solid waste under Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle D. The final CCR Rule was published in the Federal Register on April 17, 2015. The effective date of the CCR Rule was October 19, 2015.

The CCR Rule establishes national operating criteria for existing CCR surface impoundments and landfills, including development of post-closure plans (PCP) for all CCR impoundments and landfills. Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) was retained by Luminant to develop this PCP for the CCR Unit Closure Area at the MLSES.

1.1 CCR Impoundment Post-Closure Care Requirements

40 CFR 257.104 of the CCR Rule specifies the post-closure care requirements for existing CCR impoundments that have been closed in accordance with 40 CFR 257.102 of the Rule. Following closure of the impoundment, the owner/operator must conduct post-closure care for the unit, consisting of at least the following:

- Maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the final cover system, including making repairs to the final cover as necessary to correct the effects of settlement, subsidence, erosion, or other events, and preventing run-on and run-off from eroding or otherwise damaging the final cover; and
- Maintaining the groundwater monitoring system for the unit and monitoring the groundwater in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 257.90 through 257.98 of the CCR Rule.

Post-closure care must be conducted for 30 years after the CCR impoundment has been closed. If at the end of the 30-year post-closure care period, groundwater assessment monitoring is being performed at the

unit in accordance with 40 CFR 257.95 of the CCR Rule, post-closure care of the unit must continue until the unit has returned to groundwater detection monitoring under 40 CFR 257.95.

Once the post-closure care period has been completed, the owner/operator of the CCR impoundment must prepare a notification verifying that post-closure care has been completed. The notification must include certification by a qualified professional engineer verifying that post-closure care has been completed in accordance with the written closure plan for the unit. The notification must be placed in the facility operating record within 60 days of the completion of post-closure care.

40 CFR 257.104(d) of the CCR Rule specifies that a written PCP must be prepared for each existing CCR unit that describes the post-closure care activities for the unit. The PCP must include, at a minimum, the following information:

- A description of the required post-closure monitoring and maintenance activities and the frequency at which these activities will be performed;
- The name, address, telephone number, and email address of the person or office to contact about the facility during the post-closure care period; and
- A description of the planned uses of the closed unit property during the post-closure period. Post-closure use of the property must not disturb the integrity of the final cover, liner, or any other component of the unit containment system, or the function of the monitoring systems.

If the owner/operator of the unit desires to disturb any of the components of the closure during the post-closure care period, a qualified professional engineer must certify that the disturbance of the final cover, liner, or other component of the containment system, including any removal of CCR, will not increase the potential threat to human health or the environment. The certification must be placed in the facility operating record and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) must be notified.

The PCP must be certified by a qualified professional engineer and must document how the PCP has been designed and constructed to comply with the requirements of 40 CFR 257.104.

In accordance with 40 CFR 257.104(d)(2) of the CCR Rule, the initial PCP for an existing CCR unit must be completed and placed in the facility operating record no later than October 17, 2016. The PCP must be amended whenever:

- There is a change in the operation of the unit that would substantially affect the written PCP in effect; or

- After post-closure activities have commenced, unanticipated events necessitate a revision of the written PCP.

The PCP must be amended at least 60 days prior to a planned change in the operation of the facility or CCR unit, or no later than 60 days after an unanticipated event requires the need to revise an existing PCP. If the PCP is revised after post-closure activities have commenced for a CCR unit, the PCP must be amended no later than 30 days following the triggering event. The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a written certification from a qualified professional engineer that the initial and any amendment of the PCP meets the requirements of 40 CFR 257.104 of the CCR Rule.

1.2 MLSES Units Subject to PCP Requirements

The CCR Rule defines coal combustion residuals such as fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag, flue gas desulfurization (FGD) materials (gypsum), and related solids generated from burning coal for the purpose of generating electricity by electric utilities and independent power producers. The PCP requirements of the CCR Rule apply to existing and new CCR impoundments that dispose or otherwise engage in solid waste management of CCR. The surface impoundments at the MLSES that meet the definition of an existing CCR unit are the West Ash Pond (WAP), East Ash Pond (EAP), New Scrubber Pond (SP), and Permanent Disposal Pond-5 (PDP-5).

This PCP addresses the following CCR surface impoundments at the MLSES:

- West Ash Pond (WAP);
- East Ash Pond (EAP); and
- New Scrubber Pond (SP).

Due to their proximity to each other, the BAPs and SP will be considered one CCR surface impoundment (identified as the “CCR Unit Closure Area”) for the purposes of this PCP.

1.3 Description of the CCR Unit Closure Area

1.3.1 Description of BAPs

The WAP and EAP (collectively “Bottom Ash Ponds” or “BAPs”) are located approximately 2,000 feet east of the MLSES power plant (Figure 2). A site plan for the BAPs is shown on Figure 3.

The BAPs receive recovered overflow from bottom ash dewatering bins and other MLSES process wastewater sources that typically include bottom ash fines. The ponds also act as surge basins for various water streams in the ash-water system. Recovered sluice water, process waters and storm water runoff from the MLSES ash-water system are pumped to each pond through a series of above grade pipes. The BAPs are constructed partially above and partially below grade and all material that enters the ponds is pumped into the impoundments. There are no gravity discharges to the BAPs.

The BAPs share an interior embankment and cover areas of approximately 14.6 acres and 9.6 acres, respectively, and are surrounded by engineered earthen dikes that extend above grade, typically less than 20 feet. The BAPs are constructed partially above and partially below grade and are surrounded by earthen embankments that extend approximately 10 to 20 feet above grade depending on surrounding topography. The exterior slopes of the embankments are rolled soil cement.

The BAPs were originally constructed in 1977 with an in-situ compacted clay liner. The WAP was removed from service in March 1988 and re-lined with a double 60-mil high density polyethylene (HDPE) liner system overlain with a concrete revetment mat. The EAP was dredged and removed from service in 1989, and a new south embankment was constructed to allow for an increase in the size of the SP. The EAP remained inactive until the installation of a new double 60-mil HDPE liner system with concrete revetment mat was completed in February 2010. The crest elevation of the BAP embankment is 330 feet above MSL and the EAP borders Martin Lake. Based on available construction data, the BAPs were constructed to provide 232.6 and 125.8 acre-feet of storage capacity for the WAP and EAP, respectively. The total design capacity of the BAPs is approximately 116,764,000 gallons or approximately 358.4 acre-feet.

1.3.2 Description of SP

The SP is an approximately 12.5-acre surface impoundment located immediately south of the EAP and east of the WAP. A site plan for the SP is shown on Figure 3.

The SP is used to manage FGD wastes as well as discharge from the sludge thickener sumps, the plant yard sumps, and storm water management areas. Process wastewater can be transferred from the SP to the BAPs and PDP-5, or used as makeup water to the scrubber systems. The SP is located partially above and partially below grade and all material that enters the ponds is pumped into the impoundment. There are no gravity discharges to the SP.

The west embankment of the SP is an internal/shared embankment with the WAP and a portion of the northern embankment is an internal/shared embankment with the EAP. The SP is constructed partially below grade and is surrounded by engineered earthen embankments that extend above grade (typically less than 20 feet). The exterior slopes of the embankments are rolled soil cement.

The SP was originally constructed in the 1977 and was expanded to its current size in 1989. The SP was relined in 1989 with a double 60-mil HDPE liner system, overlain with a concrete revetment mat. The crest elevation of the SP embankments is 330 feet MSL and borders Martin Lake on portions of both the north and south embankments. Based on available construction data, the SP was constructed to provide 198.9 acre-feet or approximately 64,800,000 gallons of storage capacity.

Total design capacity of the CCR impoundments located within the CCR Unit Closure Area (WAP, EAP and SP) is 557.3 acre-feet or approximately 181,597,000 gallons. The CCR Unit Closure Area is classified as a low hazard potential impoundment in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 257.73(a)(2) of the CCR Rule (PBW, 2016A).

As described in the CCR Closure Plan prepared for the CCR Unit Closure Area, Luminant plans to close the CCR Unit Closure Area in accordance with 40 CFR 257.102(d) by leaving CCR in-place and constructing a final cover system over the CCR located within the combined footprint of the three surface impoundments (PBW, 2016B). The proposed final grading plan for the final cover system is illustrated in Figure 3. Additional details regarding the final cover system are described in the CCR Closure Plan (PBW, 2016B).

2.0 POST-CLOSURE INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

Monitoring and maintenance activities will be performed to maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the final cover system as specified in 40 CFR 257.104(b)(1). During the post-closure monitoring and maintenance period at the CCR Unit Closure Area, the final cover of the closed CCR unit will be inspected at the frequency indicated in Table 1 below:

Table 1 – Post-Closure Care Maintenance

Post-Closure Care Maintenance Item	Frequency of Inspections	Types of Deficiency Conditions to be looked for during inspections
Final Cover Condition	Annually	Inspection for vegetation, erosion, settlement, ponding water, and functionality and the surface water drainage system
Vegetation	Annually	Erosion rills and depressions, vegetative stress
Drainage structures	Annually	Sediment and debris build up, component damage, blockages, erosion, ponding of water in non-designated areas, excessive vegetative growth

Each monitoring and maintenance activity will be documented and include the date, components and items monitored, name of the individual performing the monitoring/maintenance, a description of the deficiencies observed (if any), maintenance/repairs performed (if any), and related information.

At a minimum, maintenance will be performed as needed prior to the next scheduled inspection.

3.0 GROUNDWATER MONITORING

As specified in 40 CFR 257.104(b)(3), groundwater monitoring activities will continue throughout the post-closure care period in accordance with 40 CFR 257.90 through 40 CFR 257.98. All groundwater monitoring wells that are part of the groundwater monitoring network will be monitored and maintained during the post-closure care period in accordance with the Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan, which will be finalized and placed in the Operating Record by October 17, 2017.

If at the end of the 30-year post-closure care period, groundwater assessment monitoring is being performed at the unit in accordance with 40 CFR 257.95, post-closure care of the unit must continue until the unit has returned to groundwater detection monitoring under 40 CFR 257.95.

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4.0 FACILITY CONTACT INFORMATION**Table 2: Contact Information**

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Address	1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201
Telephone Number	214-875-8654
Email	CCRPostClosurePlan@Luminant.com

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5.0 POST-CLOSURE LAND USE

Post-closure use of the property will not disturb the integrity of the final cover, liner system, or any other component of the containment system, or function of the monitoring system in accordance with §257.104(d)(1)(iii) unless necessary to comply with the maintenance requirements of this subpart or as otherwise provided as allowed under this subpart.

Post-closure land use is anticipated to be undeveloped/unchanged and the area will be deed recorded and deed restricted to prevent disturbance of the closed waste management unit.

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6.0 NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF POST-CLOSURE CARE PERIOD

No later than 60 days following completion of the post-closure care period, a certification will be prepared by a qualified professional engineer verifying that the post-closure care has been completed in accordance with this Post-Closure Plan.

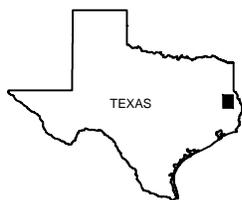
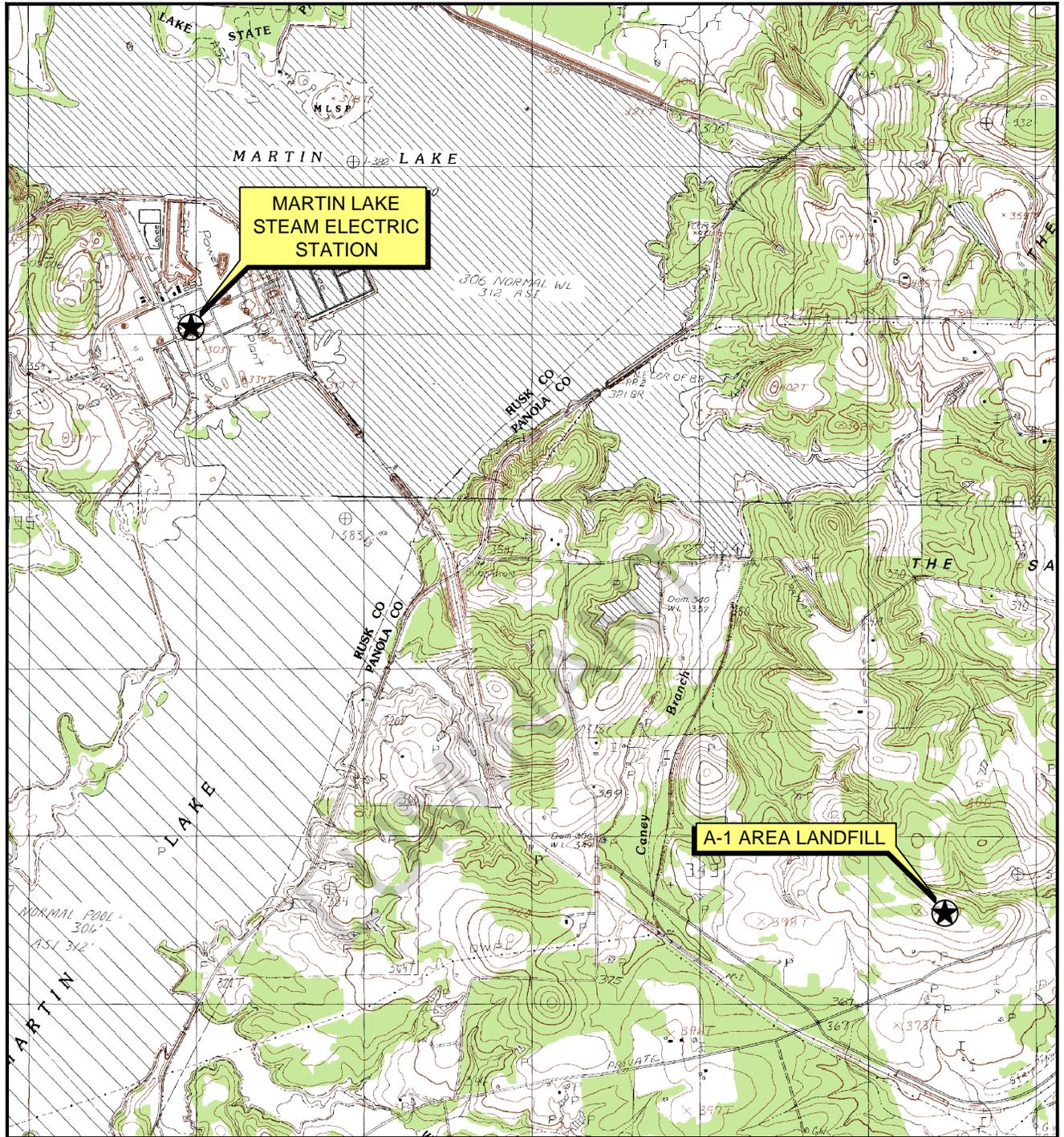
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FIGURES



QUADRANGLE LOCATION



Scale in Feet



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Figure 1

SITE LOCATION MAP

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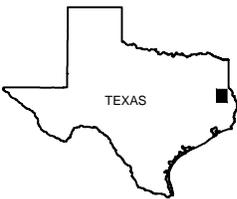
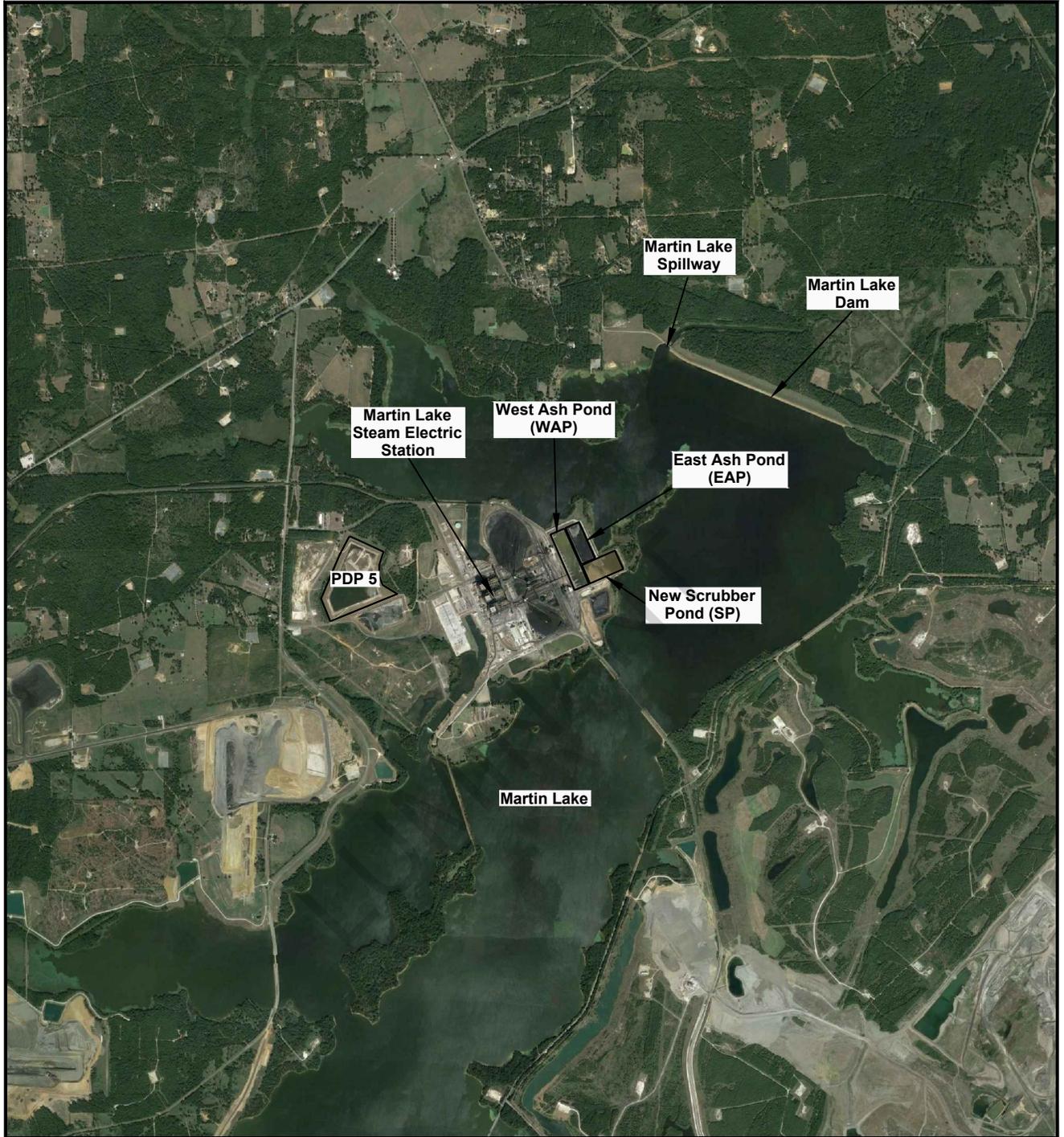
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 Base map from www.tnris.gov, Tatum, TX 7.5 min. USGS quadrangle dated 1983.



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Figure 2

SITE VICINITY MAP

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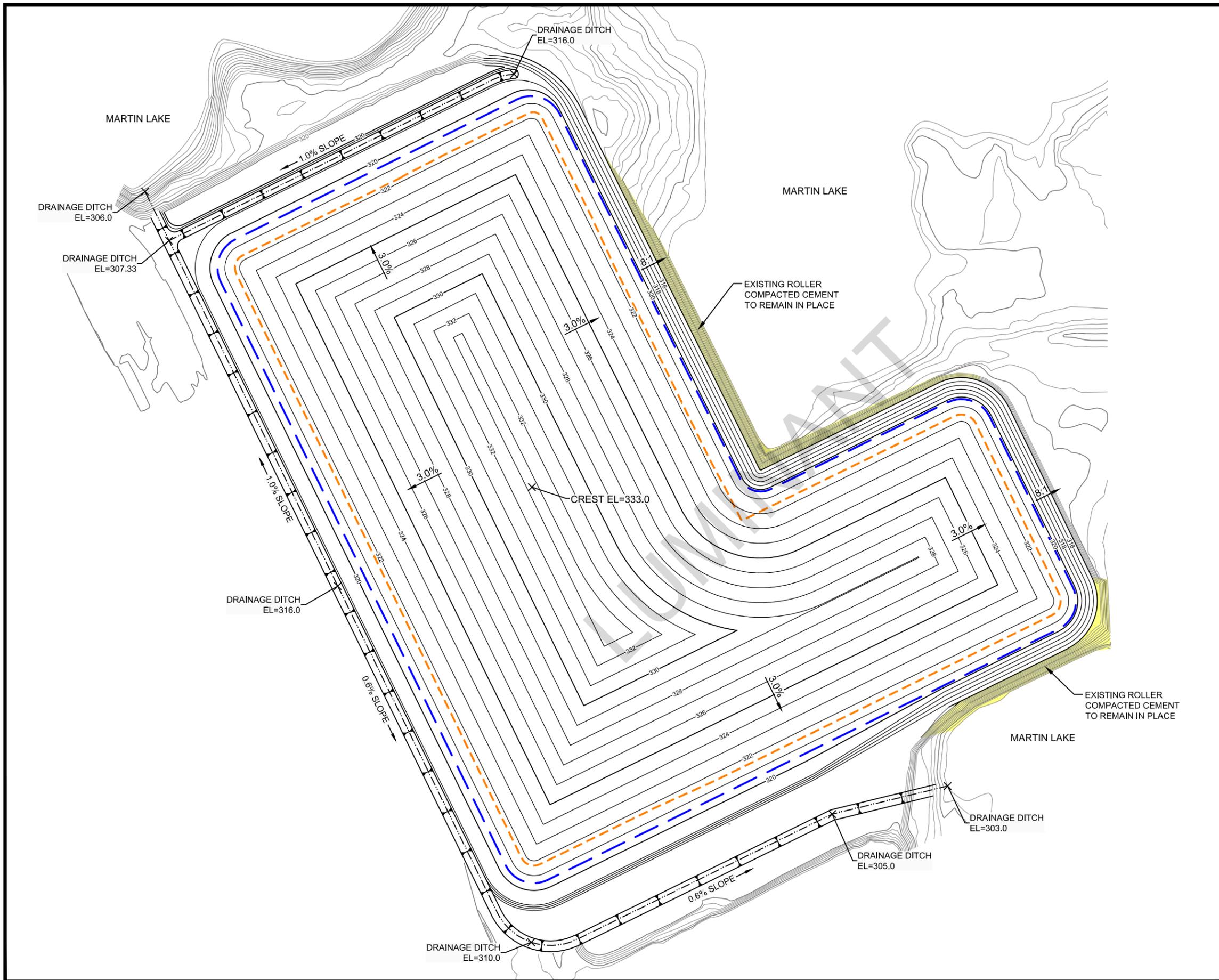
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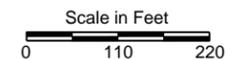
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 Imagery from Google Earth, photography dated October 1, 2015.



EXPLANATION

- Proposed Finished Grade Contour 1 ft Interval
- Proposed Finished Grade Contour 5 ft Interval
- - - Limits of CAP
- - - Estimated Limits of CCR (Elev. 320.5)
- - - Drainage Ditch Center Line
- Approx. Limits of Existing Roller Compacted Cement



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Figure 3

**PROPOSED
FINAL COVER GRADING PLAN**

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