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40 C.F.R. Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations

ASD Alternate Source Demonstration CCR Coal Combustion Residuals

CMA Corrective Measures Assessment
GWPS Groundwater Protection Standard

LF Landfill

SAP Sampling and Analysis Plan
SSI Statistically Significant Increase
SSL Statistically Significant Level

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report has been prepared to provide the information required by Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 C.F.R.) § 257.90(e) for the Duck Creek Landfill (LF) located at Duck Creek Power Station near Canton, Illinois.

Groundwater is being monitored at Duck Creek LF in accordance with the Detection Monitoring Program requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. § 257.94.

No changes were made to the monitoring system in 2020 (no wells were installed or decommissioned).

No Statistically Significant Increases (SSIs) of 40 C.F.R. Part 257 Appendix III parameter concentrations greater than background concentrations were determined and Duck Creek LF remains in the Detection Monitoring Program.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared by Ramboll on behalf of Illinois Power Resources Generating, LLC, to provide the information required by 40 C.F.R. § 257.90(e) for Duck Creek LF located at Duck Creek Power Station near Canton, Illinois.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.90(e), the owner or operator of a Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) unit must prepare an Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report for the preceding calendar year that documents the status of the Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Program for the CCR unit, summarizes key actions completed, describes any problems encountered, discusses actions to resolve the problems, and projects key activities for the upcoming year. At a minimum, the annual report must contain the following information, to the extent available:

- 1. A map, aerial image, or diagram showing the CCR unit and all background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells, to include the well identification numbers, that are part of the groundwater monitoring program for the CCR unit.
- 2. Identification of any monitoring wells that were installed or decommissioned during the preceding year, along with a narrative description of why those actions were taken.
- 3. In addition to all the monitoring data obtained under §§ 257.90 through 257.98, a summary including the number of groundwater samples that were collected for analysis for each background and downgradient well, the dates the samples were collected, and whether the sample was required by the Detection Monitoring or Assessment Monitoring Programs.
- 4. A narrative discussion of any transition between monitoring programs (e.g., the date and circumstances for transitioning from Detection Monitoring to Assessment Monitoring in addition to identifying the constituent(s) detected at a SSI relative to background levels).
- 5. Other information required to be included in the Annual Report as specified in §§ 257.90 through 257.98.
- 6. A section at the beginning of the annual report that provides an overview of the current status of groundwater monitoring and corrective action programs for the CCR unit. At a minimum, the summary must specify all of the following:
  - i. At the start of the current annual reporting period, whether the CCR unit was operating under the detection monitoring program in §257.94 or the assessment monitoring program in §257.95.
  - ii. At the end of the current annual reporting period, whether the CCR unit was operating under the detection monitoring program in §257.94 or the assessment monitoring program in §257.95.
  - iii. If it was determined that there was a SSI over background for one or more constituents listed in Appendix III of §257 pursuant to §257.94(e):
    - A. Identify those constituents listed in Appendix III of §257 and the names of the monitoring wells associated with the SSI(s).
    - B. Provide the date when the assessment monitoring program was initiated for the CCR unit.

- iv. If it was determined that there was a Statistically Significant Level (SSL) above the Groundwater Protection Standard (GWPS) for one or more constituents listed in Appendix IV of §257 pursuant to §257.95(g) include all of the following:
  - A. Identify those constituents listed in Appendix IV of §257 and the names of the monitoring wells associated with the SSL(s).
  - B. Provide the date when the Corrective Measures Assessment (CMA) was initiated for the CCR unit.
  - C. Provide the date when the public meeting was held for CMA for the CCR unit.
  - D. Provide the date when the CMA was completed for the CCR unit.
- v. Whether a remedy was selected pursuant to §257.97 during the current annual reporting period, and if so, the date of remedy selection.
- vi. Whether remedial activities were initiated or are ongoing pursuant to §257.98 during the current annual reporting period.

This report provides the required information for Duck Creek LF for calendar year 2020.

## 2. MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM STATUS

No changes have occurred to the monitoring program status in calendar year 2020, and Duck Creek LF remains in the Detection Monitoring Program in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 257.94.

#### 3. KEY ACTIONS COMPLETED IN 2020

The Detection Monitoring Program is summarized in Table A. The groundwater monitoring system, including the CCR unit and all background and downgradient monitoring wells, is presented in Figure 1. No changes were made to the monitoring system in 2020. In general, one groundwater sample was collected from each background and downgradient well during each monitoring event. All samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with the Sampling and Analysis Plan (NRT/OBG, 2017a). All monitoring data obtained under 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.90 through 257.98 (as applicable) in 2020, and analytical results for the July and November 2019 sampling events, are presented in Table 1. Analytical data were evaluated in accordance with the Statistical Analysis Plan (NRT/OBG, 2017b) to determine any SSIs of Appendix III parameters relative to background concentrations.

Statistical background values are provided in Table 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sampling was limited to G06S during the November 2019 sampling event, G06S, G09S, and G12S during the June 2020 sampling event, and G06S, G09S, and G012S during the November 2020 sampling event to confirm Appendix III parameters initially detected at concentrations greater than statistical background values in the preceding sampling event to confirm SSIs, as allowed by the Statistical Analysis Plan.

Table A - 2019-2020 Detection Monitoring Program Summary

Sampling Date	Analytical Data Receipt Date	Parameters Collected	SSI(s)	SSI(s) Determination Date		
July 8 - 16, 2019	October 28, 2019	Appendix III	none	January 27, 2020		
November 12, 2019 <sup>1</sup>	December 17, 2019	Appendix III Greater than Background <sup>2</sup>	4			
January 6 - 7, 2020	April 15, 2020	Appendix III	none	July 14, 2020		
June 9, 2020 <sup>3</sup>	June 22, 2020	Appendix III Greater than Background <sup>2</sup>				
August 11 - 12, 2020	October 15, 2020	Appendix III	TBD	TBD		
November 19, 2020 <sup>4</sup>	December 7, 2020	Appendix III Greater than Background <sup>2</sup>				

#### Notes:

NA: Not Applicable
TBD: To Be Determined

- 1. Sampling was limited to G06S during the November 2019 sampling event to confirm Appendix III parameters initially detected at concentrations greater than statistical background values in the preceding sampling event to confirm SSIs, as allowed by the Statistical Analysis Plan.
- 2. Groundwater sample analysis was limited to Appendix III parameters initially detected at concentrations greater than statistical background values in the preceding sampling event to confirm SSIs, as allowed by the Statistical Analysis Plan.
- 3. Sampling was limited to G06S, G09S, and G12S during the June 2020 sampling event to confirm Appendix III parameters initially detected at concentrations greater than statistical background values in the preceding sampling event to confirm SSIs, as allowed by the Statistical Analysis Plan.
- 4. Sampling was limited to G09S and G12S during the November 2020 sampling event to confirm Appendix III parameters initially detected at concentrations greater than statistical background values in the preceding sampling event to confirm SSIs, as allowed by the Statistical Analysis Plan.

# 4. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS

No problems were encountered with the Groundwater Monitoring Program during 2020. Groundwater samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with the Sampling and Analysis Plan (NRT/OBG, 2017a), and all data were accepted.

#### 5. KEY ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2021

The following key activities are planned for 2021:

- Continuation of the Detection Monitoring Program with semi-annual sampling scheduled for the first and third guarters of 2021.
- Complete evaluation of analytical data from the downgradient wells, using background data to determine whether an SSI of Appendix III parameters detected at concentrations greater than background concentrations has occurred.
- If an SSI is identified, potential alternate sources (*i.e.*, a source other than the CCR unit caused the SSI or that that SSI resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater quality) will be evaluated. If an alternate source is demonstrated to be the cause of the SSI, a written demonstration will be completed within 90 days of SSI determination and included in the 2021 Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report.
- If an alternate source(s) is not identified to be the cause of the SSI, the applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.94 through 257.98 as may apply in 2021 (e.g., Assessment Monitoring) will be met, including associated recordkeeping/notifications required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 257.105 through 257.108.

#### 6. REFERENCES

Natural Resource Technology, an OBG Company (NRT/OBG), 2017a. Sampling and Analysis Plan, Duck Creek Landfill, Duck Creek Power Station, Canton, Illinois, Project No. 2285, Revision 0, October 17, 2017.

Natural Resource Technology, an OBG Company (NRT/OBG), 2017b. Statistical Analysis Plan, Duck Creek Power Station, Edwards Power Station, Illinois Power Resources Generating, LLC, October 17, 2017.

#### **TABLES**

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### TABLE 1. ANALYTICAL RESULTS - GROUNDWATER ELEVATION AND APPENDIX III PARAMETERS 2020 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT DUCK CREEK POWER STATION 204 - LANDFILL

CANTON, IL

Well ID	Latitude (Decimal	Longitude (Decimal	Date	Depth to Groundwater (ft)	Groundwater Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Boron, total (mg/L)	Calcium, total (mg/L)	Chloride, total (mg/L)	Fluoride, total (mg/L)	pH (field) (STD)	Sulfate, total (mg/L)	Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)
<del>-</del>	Degrees)	Degrees)		6020A	6020A	6020A	6020A	9251	9214	SM4500 H+B	9036	SM 2540C
			7/1/2019	10.87	611.06							
			7/8/2019			0.05	96	<5	0.394	7.0	<1	420
G02S	40.51287877	80 0011051	1/3/2020	7.22	614.71							
Background	40.51287877	-89.9911051	1/6/2020			0.044	100	<5	0.476	6.6	<1	440
			8/6/2020	11.04	610.89							
			8/11/2020			0.049	97	<5	0.27	6.4	<1	420
			7/1/2019	16.43	612.44				1			
			7/8/2019			0.021	150	16	0.316	7.0	260	760
G04S	40 51016545	-89.99105741 -	1/3/2020	12.5	616.37							
Background	40.51916545		1/7/2020			0.012	150	18	<0.25	6.9	280	660
			8/6/2020	18.91	609.96			10				
			8/11/2020			0.018	140	18	<0.25	6.9	240	630
		-89.98879644	7/1/2019	19.37	608.32			)				
	40.521791		7/9/2019			0.062	190	12	0.389	6.8	48	760
			11/12/2019	22.1	605.59		140			6.8		
G06S			1/3/2020	19.47	608.22							
Downgradient			1/7/2020			0.041	170	14	0.257	6.9	47	600
			6/9/2020	20.08	607.61		130			6.9		
			8/6/2020	22.34	605.35							
			8/11/2020			0.024	120	13	0.342	6.8	51	470
	40.52251145	-89.98675454	7/1/2019	18.28	606.65	*						
G09S Downgradient			7/9/2019			0.03	120	20	0.415	7.1	57	670
			1/3/2020	18.98	605.95							
			1/6/2020			0.022	140	23	0.291	6.7	63	650
			6/9/2020	19.13	605.8			19		6.8		
-			8/6/2020	20.66	604.27							
			8/11/2020			0.02	110	25	0.321	6.7	60	560
			11/16/2020	21.51	603.42							
			11/19/2020					23		6.7		

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DUCK CREEK POWER STATION

204 - LANDFILL

CANTON, IL

Well ID	Latitude (Decimal Degrees)	Longitude (Decimal Degrees)	Date	Depth to Groundwater (ft)	Groundwater Elevation (ft NAVD88)	Boron, total (mg/L)	Calcium, total (mg/L)	Chloride, total (mg/L)	Fluoride, total (mg/L)	pH (field) (STD)	Sulfate, total (mg/L)	Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)
				6020A	6020A	6020A	6020A	9251	9214	SM4500 H+B	9036	SM 2540C
	40.52093474		7/1/2019	15.51	614.46							
			7/9/2019			0.02	100	16	0.371	7.1	78	480
			1/3/2020	21.64	608.33							
		-89.98641567	1/6/2020			0.013	89	21	0.377	7.3	90	520
G12S Downgradient			6/9/2020	16.63	613.34			17		7.4		
			8/6/2020	22.38	607.59							
			8/12/2020			0.013	85	18	0.335	7.3	86	390
			11/16/2020	25.14	604.83							
			11/19/2020							7.2		
	40.51854614	4 -89.98662727	7/1/2019	23.75	610.47							
			7/16/2019			0.025	90	17	0.328	7.1	45	480
G15S Downgradient			1/3/2020	25.14	609.08							
			1/7/2020			0.015	97	15	0.263	7.0	48	500
			8/6/2020	29.71	604.51							
			8/12/2020			0.013	89	16	0.301	7.0	40	390

#### Notes:

40 C.F.R. = Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations

ft = foot/feet

mg/L = milligrams per liter

NAVD88 = North American Vertical Datum of 1988

S.U. = Standard Units

4-digit numbers below parameter represent SW-846 analytical methods and alpha-numeric values that begin with SM represent Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.

<sup>&</sup>lt; = concentration is less than the concentration shown, which corresponds to the reporting limit for the method; estimated concentrations below the reporting limit and associated qualifiers are not provided since not utilized in statistics to determine Statistically Significant Increases (SSIs) over background.</p>

#### TABLE 2.

#### STATISTICAL BACKGROUND VALUES

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DUCK CREEK POWER STATION

204 - LANDFILL

CANTON, ILLINOIS

DETECTION MONITORING PROGRAM

Parameter	Statistical Background Value (UPL)							
40 C.F.R. Part 257 Appendix III								
Boron (mg/L)	0.13							
Calcium (mg/L)	165							
Chloride (mg/L)	20							
Fluoride (mg/L)	0.527							
pH (S.U.)	6.5 / 7.3							
Sulfate (mg/L)	330							
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)	835							

[O: RAB 12/20/19, C: KLT 12/23/19]

#### Notes:

40 C.F.R. = Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations

mg/L = milligrams per liter

S.U. = Standard Units

UPL = Upper Prediction Limit

#### **FIGURES**

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#### FIGURE 1

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MONITORING WELL LOCATION MAP **DUCK CREEK LANDFILL UNIT ID:204** 

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CCR MONITORED UNIT

₱ BACKGROUND MONITORING WELL LOCATION

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