CCR Rule Report: Initial Safety Factor Assessment

For

D Basin

At Zimmer Power Station
1 Introduction

This Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Rule Report documents that the D Basin at the Zimmer Power Station meets the safety factor assessment requirements specified in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §257.73(e). The D Basin is located near Moscow, Ohio in Clermont County, approximately 0.5 miles north of the Zimmer Power Station. The D Basin serves as a dewatering basin for CCR produced by the Zimmer Power Station.

The D Basin is an existing CCR surface impoundment as defined by 40 CFR §257.53. The CCR Rule requires that the initial safety factor assessment for an existing CCR surface impoundment be completed by October 17, 2016.

The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer stating that the initial safety factor assessment meets the requirements of 40 CFR § 257.73(e). The owner or operator must prepare a safety factor assessment every five years.
2 Initial Safety Factor Assessment

40 CFR §257.73(e)(1)
The owner or operator must conduct initial and periodic safety factor assessments for each CCR unit and document whether the calculated factors of safety for each CCR unit achieve the minimum safety factors specified in (e)(1)(i) through (iv) of this section for the critical cross section of the embankment. The critical cross section is the cross section anticipated to be the most susceptible of all cross sections to structural failure based on appropriate engineering considerations, including loading conditions. The safety factor assessments must be supported by appropriate engineering calculations.

(i) The calculated static factor of safety under the long-term, maximum storage pool loading condition must equal or exceed 1.50.
(ii) The calculated static factor of safety under the maximum surcharge pool loading condition must equal or exceed 1.40.
(iii) The calculated seismic factor of safety must equal or exceed 1.00.
(iv) For dikes constructed of soils that have susceptibility to liquefaction, the calculated liquefaction factor of safety must equal or exceed 1.20.

A geotechnical investigation program and stability analyses were performed to evaluate the design, performance, and condition of the earthen dikes of the D Basin. The exploration consisted of hollow-stem auger borings and laboratory program including strength, hydraulic conductivity, and index testing. Data collected from the geotechnical investigation, available design drawings, construction records, inspection reports, previous engineering investigations, and other pertinent historic documents were utilized to perform the safety factor assessment and geotechnical analyses.

In general, the subsurface conditions at the D Basin consist of medium dense to dense sand overlying soft to stiff alluvial clay, which in turn overlies medium dense to very dense sand and gravel. Phreatic water is within the foundation of the D Basin.

A critical cross section was analyzed using limit equilibrium slope stability analysis software to evaluate stability of the perimeter dike system and foundations. The cross section was located at the maximum embankment height for the D Basin. Due to the relatively short height of the D Basin embankments and uniform slope orientations, subsurface stratigraphy, and phreatic conditions, a cross section at the maximum embankment height is sufficient to represent the critical cross section. The cross section was evaluated for each of the loading conditions stipulated in §257.73(e)(1).

The Soils Susceptible to Liquefaction loading condition, §257.73(e)(1)(iv), was not evaluated because a liquefaction susceptibility evaluation did not find soils susceptible to liquefaction within the D Basin dikes. As a result, this loading condition is not applicable to the D Basin.

Results of the Initial Safety Factor Assessments are listed in Table 1.

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<th>Loading Conditions</th>
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<td>Maximum Storage Pool Loading</td>
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<td>Maximum Surcharge Pool Loading</td>
<td>(ii)</td>
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<td>2.63</td>
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<td>Seismic</td>
<td>(iii)</td>
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<td>(iv)</td>
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Based on this evaluation, the D Basin meets the requirements in §257.73(e)(1).
3 Certification Statement

CCR Unit: Zimmer Power Station: D Basin

I, Victor A. Modeer, being a Registered Professional Engineer in good standing in the State of Ohio, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that the information contained in this CCR Rule Report, and the underlying data in the operating record, has been prepared in accordance with the accepted practice of engineering. I certify, for the above-referenced CCR Unit, that the initial safety factor assessment dated October 13, 2016 meets the requirements of 40 CFR §257.73(e).

Victor A. Modeer Jr.
Printed Name

10/13/16
Date
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