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Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC 1500 Eastport Plaza Drive Collinsville, Illinois 62234

**Subject:** Applicability Report for New East Ash Pond (NEAP)

IEPA ID W1838000002-04

Vermilion Power Plant (VPP), Oakwood, Illinois

This Applicability Report ("Report") has been prepared on behalf of Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC (Dynegy) to meet the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.100(f)(1) which was promulgated in May 2024 as a revision to the federal CCR rule (40 C.F.R. Part 257, Subpart D). The purpose of this Report is to identify the legacy CCR surface impoundments owned and operated by Dynegy at the former Vermilion Power Plant. The Report is due no later than November 8, 2024.

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This Report includes the following as specified in  $\S 257.100(f)(1)$ :

- (A) The name and address of the person(s) owning and operating the legacy CCR surface impoundment with their business phone number and email address.
- (B) The name associated with the legacy CCR surface impoundment.
- (C) Information to identify the legacy CCR surface impoundment, including a figure of the facility and where the unit is located at the facility, facility address, and the latitude and longitude of the facility.
- (D) The identification number of the legacy CCR surface impoundment if one has been assigned by the state.
- (E) A description of the current site conditions, including the current use of the inactive facility.

This Report presents the required available information in accordance with (A) through (E), above. It also includes the certification by the owner required by 40 C.F.R. § 257.100(f)(1)(ii)(A).

#### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

(A) Owner's Contact Information

The name and address of the person(s) owning and operating the legacy CCR surface impoundment with their business phone number and email address, is as follows:

Name and address:

Dianna Tickner
Director, Decommissioning & Demolition
Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC
1500 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234

Phone Number: (618) 381-3124

Email address: dianna.tickner@vistracorp.com

(B) Name of the Legacy CCR Surface Impoundment

The name of the legacy CCR surface impoundment is New East Ash Pond (NEAP).

(C) Legacy CCR Surface Impoundment Location Information

A figure that illustrates where the unit is located at the facility, and the latitude and longitude of the facility is presented in **Attachment 1**.

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The address of the facility is:

10188 East 2150 North Road Vermilion County Oakwood, IL 61858

(D) Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Identification Number

The IEPA Identification number is: W1838000002-04.

(E) Current Site Conditions and Use

A description of the current site conditions, including a description of the current use of the inactive facility, is presented in **Attachment 2**.

### **CERTIFICATION**

40 CFR § 257.100(f)(1)(ii)(A) requires certification that the information reviewed was true, accurate and complete. This certification is provided in **Attachment 3**.

Please call Ms. Dianna Tickner (Dynegy) 618-381-3124 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ward, P.E.(IL)

Senior Engineer

John Seymour, P.E. (IL) Senior Principal

Attachments:

**Attachment 1: Location Information** 

Attachment 2: Description of Current Site Conditions and Use

Attachment 3: Certification by Owner

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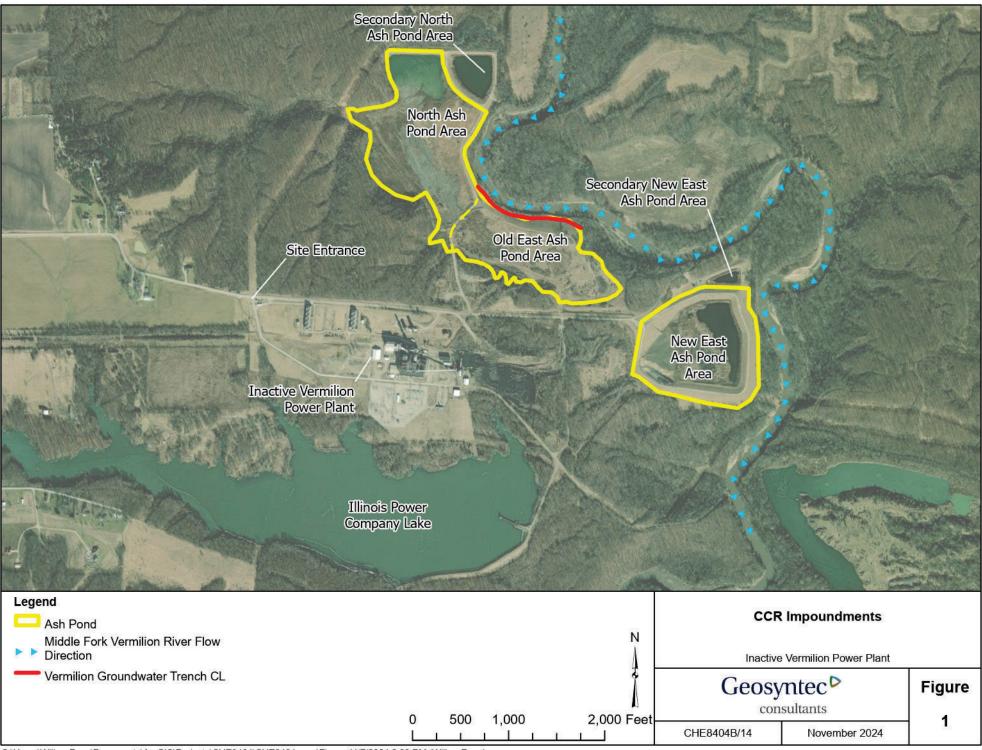
## **ATTACHMENT 1**

## **SITE FIGURE**

# **NEW EAST ASH POND**

# **VERMILION POWER PLANT**

## LEGACY SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT APPLICABILITY REPORT



#### **ATTACHMENT 2**

### **NEW EAST ASH POND**

### **VERMILION POWER PLANT**

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## **CURRENT CONDITIONS**

Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC (Dynegy) Company's Vermilion Power Plant (the Facility) is a retired (inactive) electric power generating facility with a coal fired unit located approximately five miles northeast of the Village of Oakwood, Vermilion County, Illinois. [1] The Facility is an approximately 982-acre property consisting of 19 parcels, including the retired coal-fired power plant and the surface impoundments.

The facility began operations in the mid-1950s and was retired in November 2011. The Facility produced and stored coal combustion residuals (CCRs) as a part of its historical operations. According to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), this power plant has three surface impoundments: North Ash Pond Area (NAP), Old East Ash Pond Area (OEAP), and New East Ash Pond (NEAP). The IEPA assigned identification numbers assigned to these impoundments are: W1838000002-01 for the NAP Area, W1838000002-03 for the OEAP Area, and W1838000002-04 for the NEAP.

The purpose of the units was to manage wastewaters using sedimentation to remove settleable matter and turbidity prior to discharging through an NPDES permitted outfall pursuant to an NPDES permit. Fly ash and bottom ash have been placed in the CCR surface impoundments.

The NEAP lies in the bottomlands of the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River and is bordered to the west by bluffs; to the south by unimproved Dynegy land; and to the north and east by the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River. [2]

Prior to construction of the surface impoundment, the existing surface topography within the bottomlands was relatively flat with elevations ranging from 580 to 600 feet msl at the NEAP and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The sources of information in this Report are from the "Initial Operating Permit Application, Vermilion Power Plant, New East Ash Pond Area (NEAP), Oakwood Illinois", Geosyntec Consultants, 2021.

600 to 650 feet msl along the natural earthen bluff forming the west side of the NEAP embankment with drainage toward the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River. [2]

The NEAP is open and collects rainfall runoff from within the NEAP Area and surrounding drainage area and discharges to the Secondary NEAP (not a CCR surface impoundment) that discharges through a permitted NPDES outfall (Outfall 003) to the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River.

### **CURRENT USE**

The Site is currently inactive and not being utilized for another purpose.

Dynegy has submitted Operating and Construction Permit Applications to IEPA in 2021 that include closure plans implementing closure by removal.

#### REFERENCES

- [1] Geosyntec Consultants, "Initial Operating Permit Application, Vermilon Power Plant New East Ash Pond," Geosyntec Consultants, Chicago, 2021.
- [2] Ramboll, "Hydrogeologic Site Characterizatoin Report, Vermilion Power Pant New East Ash Pond," Ramboll, Milwaukee, 2021.

## **ATTACHMENT 3**

### **NEW EAST ASH POND**

### **VERMILION POWER PLANT**

## LEGACY SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT APPLICABILITY REPORT

### **CERTIFICATION BY OWNER**

The owner or operator, or an authorized representative, of any legacy CCR surface impoundment must sign and certify the applicability report required by 40 CFR § 257.100(f)(1)(ii)(A) with the following statement:

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this demonstration and all attached documents, and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

I do so certify.

Dianna Tickner

1 November 2024

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