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January 28, 2023

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
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**Re: Vermilion New East Ash Pond (IEPA ID: W183800002-04) 2022 Annual Consolidated Report**

Dear Mr. LeCrone:

In accordance with 35 IAC § 845.550, Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC (DMG) is submitting the annual consolidated report for the Vermilion New East Ash Pond (IEPA ID: W183800002-04), as enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianna Tickner".

Dianna Tickner  
Sr. Director Decommissioning & Demolition

Enclosures

Annual Consolidated Report  
Dynergy Midwest Generation, LLC  
Vermilion Power Plant  
New East Ash Pond; W1838000002-04

In accordance with 35 IAC § 845.550, Dynergy Midwest Generation, LLC (DMG) has prepared the annual consolidated report. The report is provided in three sections as follows:

Section 1

1) Annual CCR fugitive dust control report (Section 845.500(c))

Section 2

2) Annual inspection report (Section 845.540(b)), including:

- A) Annual hazard potential classification certification
- B) Annual structural stability assessment certification
- C) Annual safety factor assessment certification
- D) Inflow design flood control system plan certification

Section 3

3) Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report (Section 845.610(e))

Section 1

Annual CCR Fugitive Dust Control Report

# **Annual CCR Fugitive Dust Control Report for Vermilion Power Plant**

*Prepared for:*

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**Facility Address:  
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IEPA ID # W183800002 - 01,03,04**

**Report  
Completed  
January 2023**

**Vermilion Power Plant  
ANNUAL CCR FUGITIVE DUST CONTROL REPORT**

**Reporting Year: 2022**

Completed by: *Dranino-Jukina*  
Name

Sr. Director, Decommissioning and Demolition  
Title

This Annual CCR Fugitive Dust Control Report has been prepared for the Vermilion Power Plant in accordance with 35 I.A.C. 845.500. Section 1 provides a description of the actions taken to control CCR fugitive dust at the facility during the reporting year, including a summary of any corrective measures taken. Section 2 provides a record of citizen complaints received concerning CCR fugitive dust at the facility during the reporting year, including a summary of any corrective measures taken.

**Section 1: Actions Taken to Control CCR Fugitive Dust**

In accordance with the Vermilion Power Plant CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Plan), the following control measures were used to manage the CCR fugitive dust from becoming airborne at the facility during the reporting year:

**Table: Control Measures for CCR Management in CCR Surface Impoundments**

CCR Activity	CCR Fugitive Dust Control Measures	Applicability and Appropriateness of Control Measures
Management of CCR in the facility's CCR unit	Water dry CCR material disturbed during routine maintenance, as necessary.	Wetting CCR reduces the potential for CCR fugitive dust generation during handling of CCR during routine maintenance if handling is required.
	Water areas of exposed CCR in CCR surface impoundments, as necessary.	Water will be applied to areas of exposed CCR to maintain moisture content to minimize the potential for CCR fugitive dust generation in excessively dry or windy conditions.
	Allow naturally occurring grass vegetation to develop in areas of exposed CCR in CCR surface impoundments, as necessary.	Vegetation provides a wind screen and/or cover to reduce wind entrainment of CCR.
	Apply chemical dust suppressant on areas of exposed CCR in CCR surface impoundments, as necessary.	Mixing an appropriate chemical dust suppressant with water and applying to areas of exposed CCR will minimize the potential for CCR fugitive dust generation in excessively dry or windy conditions.

Based on a review of the Plan and inspections associated with CCR fugitive dust control performed in the reporting year, the control measures identified in the Plan as implemented at the facility effectively minimized CCR from becoming airborne at the facility. The Vermilion Power Plant ceased to operate in 2011.

No material changes occurred in the reporting year in site conditions potentially resulting in CCR fugitive dust becoming airborne at the facility that warrant an amendment of the Plan.

## **Section 2: Record of Citizen Complaints**

In the event the owner or operator of the facility receives a citizen complaint involving a CCR fugitive dust event at the facility, relevant information about the complaint will be logged.

Information that will be recorded includes, as applicable:• Date/Time the complaint is received.

- Date/Time the complaint is received
- Date/Time and duration of the CCR fugitive dust event
- Description of the nature of the CCR fugitive dust event
- Name of the citizen entering the complaint (if provided)
- Address & phone number of citizen entering the complaint (if provided)
- Name of the personnel who took the complaint
- All actions taken to assess and resolve the complaint.

**No citizen complaints were received regarding CCR fugitive dust at Vermilion Power Plant in the reporting year.**

## **Section 2**

Annual inspection report (Section 845.540(b)), including:

A) Annual hazard potential classification certification, if applicable (Section 845.440)

B) Annual structural stability assessment certification, if applicable (Section 845.450)

C) Annual safety factor assessment certification, if applicable (Section 845.460)

D) Inflow design flood control system plan certification (Section 845.510(c))

**ANNUAL INSPECTION BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER**  
**35 IAC § 845.540**

(b)(1) The CCR surface impoundment must be inspected on an annual basis by a qualified professional engineer to ensure that the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the CCR surface impoundment is consistent with recognized and generally accepted engineering standards. The inspection must, at a minimum, include:

A) A review of available information regarding the status and condition of the CCR surface impoundment, including files available in the operating record (e.g., CCR surface impoundment design and construction information required by Sections 845.220(a)(1) and 845.230(d)(2)(A), previous structural stability assessments required under Section 845.450, the results of inspections by a qualified person, and results of previous annual inspections);

B) A visual inspection of the CCR surface impoundment to identify signs of distress or malfunction of the CCR surface impoundment and appurtenant structures;

C) A visual inspection of any hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR surface impoundment or passing through the dike of the CCR surface impoundment for structural integrity and continued safe and reliable operation;

D) The annual hazard potential classification certification, if applicable (see Section 845.440);

E) The annual structural stability assessment certification, if applicable (see Section 845.450);

F) The annual safety factor assessment certification, if applicable (see Section 845.460); and

G) The inflow design flood control system plan certification (see Section 845.510(c)).

**SITE INFORMATION**

Site Name / Address / Date of Inspection	Vermilion Power Station Vermilion County, Illinois 61858 9/26/2022
Operator Name / Address	Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC 1500 Eastport Plaza Drive, Collinsville, IL 62234
CCR unit	New East Ash Pond

**INSPECTION REPORT 35 IAC § 845.540**

(b)(1)(D) The annual hazard potential classification certification, if applicable (see Section 845.440).	Based on a review of the CCR unit's annual hazard potential classification, the unit is classified as a Class II CCR surface impoundment.
(b)(2)(A) Any changes in geometry of the structure since the previous annual inspection.	Based on a review of the CCR unit's records and visual observation during the on-site inspection, no changes in geometry of the structure have taken place since the previous annual inspection.
(b)(2)(B) The location and type of existing instrumentation and the maximum recorded readings of each instrument since the previous annual inspection	There is currently no active instrumentation at the site
b)(2)(C) The approximate minimum, maximum, and present depth and elevation of the impounded water and CCR since the previous annual inspection;	See the attached.
b)(2)(D) The storage capacity of the impounding structure at the time of the inspection	Approximately 375 acre-feet
(b)(2)(E) The approximate volume of the impounded water and CCR contained in the unit at the time of the inspection.	Approximately 213 acre-feet
(b)(2)(F) 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	Based on a review of the CCR unit's records and visual observation during the on-site inspection, there was no appearance of an actual or potential structural weakness of the CCR unit, nor an existing condition that is disrupting or would disrupt the operation and safety of the unit.



<p>(b)(2)(G) Any other changes that may have affected the stability or operation of the impounding structure since the previous annual inspection.</p>	<p>Based on a review of the CCR unit's records and visual observation during the on-site inspection, no other changes which may have affected the stability or operation of the CCR unit have taken place since the previous annual inspection.</p>
<p>(b)(1)(G) The inflow design flood control system plan certification (see Section 845.510(c))</p>	<p>Based on a review of the CCR unit's records, the CCR unit is designed, operated, and maintained to adequately manage the flow from the CCR impoundment and control the peak discharge from the inflow design flood.</p>

**35 IAC § 845.540 - Annual inspection by a qualified professional engineer.**

I, James Knutelski, P.E., certify under penalty of law that the information submitted in this report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Registered Professional Engineer under the laws of the state of Illinois. The information submitted, is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. Based on the annual inspection, the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the CCR Unit is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards. Based on a review of the records for the CCR unit and a visual inspection of the unit to document no material changes to the unit, the hazard potential classification was conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 845.440, the structural stability assessment was conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 845.450, the safety factor assessment was conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 845.460, and the inflow design flood control system plan assessment was conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 845.510.



James Knutelski, PE  
 Illinois PE No. 062-054206, Expires: 11/30/2023  
 Date: 12/20/2022

Site Name: Vermilion Power Station

CCR Unit: New East Ash Pond

35 IAC § 845.540 (b)(2)(B)		
Instrument ID #	Type	Maximum recorded reading since previous annual inspection (ft)
No active instrumentation		

35 IAC § 845.540 (b)(2)(C)						
Since previous inspection:	Approximate Depth / Elevation					
	Elevation (ft)			Depth (ft)		
	Minimum	Present	Maximum	Minimum	Present	Maximum
Impounded Water		594			9	
CCR	585		606			21

### **Section 3**

Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report (Section 845.610(e))

Prepared for  
**Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC**

Date  
**January 31, 2023**

Project No.  
**1940100722-002**

**2022 35 I.A.C. § 845 ANNUAL  
GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND  
CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT  
NEW EAST ASH POND  
VERMILION POWER PLANT  
OAKWOOD, ILLINOIS  
IEPA ID NO. W1838000002-04**

**2022 35 I.A.C. § 845 ANNUAL GROUNDWATER  
MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT**  
**VERMILION POWER PLANT NEW EAST ASH POND**

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Figure 1 Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Well Network

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

§	Section
35 I.A.C.	Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code
CCA	compliance commitment agreement
CCR	coal combustion residuals
DMG	Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC
GMP	Groundwater Monitoring Plan
GWPS	groundwater protection standard
ID	identification
IEPA	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
NEAP	New East Ash Pond
NID	National Inventory of Dams
No.	number
Ramboll	Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc.
SI	surface impoundment
SSI	statistically significant increase
VPP	Vermilion Power Plant

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report has been prepared to provide the information required by Title 35 of the Illinois Administrative Code (35 I.A.C.) Section (§) 845.610(e) (*Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report*) for the New East Ash Pond (NEAP) located at Vermilion Power Plant (VPP) near Oakwood, Illinois. The NEAP is recognized by coal combustion residuals (CCR) unit identification (ID) number (No.) 912, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) ID No. W183800002-04, and National Inventory of Dams (NID) No. IL50291.

As required by 35 I.A.C. § 845: Standards for the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals in Surface Impoundments, an operating permit application for the NEAP was submitted by Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC (DMG) to IEPA by October 31, 2021 in accordance with the requirements specified in 35 I.A.C. § 845.230(d), and is pending approval. Therefore, the 35 I.A.C. § 845 compliance groundwater monitoring program at the NEAP has not been initiated. Consistent with compliance commitment agreements (CCA) being entered into with other facility owners, groundwater monitoring in accordance with the proposed groundwater monitoring plan and sampling methodologies provided in the operating permit application for the EAP is scheduled to commence no later than the second quarter of 2023. Following initiation of quarterly groundwater monitoring and identification of exceedances of the groundwater protection standards (GWPS) established in accordance with 35 I.A.C § 845.600(a), DMG will conduct a confirmatory resample consistent with 35 I.A.C § 845.600(d). When the confirmatory resample suggests an exceedance of a GWPS, DMG will commence with the other steps required under 35 I.A.C § 845.650(d), 845.650(e), 845.660, 845.670, and 845.680(a)(3), as necessary.

After the NEAP has been issued an approved operating permit, groundwater monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with that operating permit. As specified in the CCA, groundwater sampling requirements that apply to the CCR surface impoundment (SI) under other existing permit programs will become void upon issuance of an approved operating permit pursuant to 35 I.A.C § 845.

This report summarizes the information collected in 2022 for the NEAP, and includes the following:

- A map showing the CCR SI and all proposed background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells, including their identification numbers, that are part of the proposed groundwater monitoring program for the NEAP (**Figure 1**).



## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared by Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. (Ramboll) on behalf of DMG, to provide the information required by 35 I.A.C. § 845.610(e) for the NEAP located at VPP near Oakwood, Illinois. The owner or operator of a CCR SI must prepare and submit to IEPA by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year an Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report for the preceding calendar year as part of the Annual Consolidated Report required by 35 I.A.C. § 845.550. The Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Report shall document the status of the groundwater monitoring and corrective action plan for the CCR SI, summarize key actions completed, including the status of permit applications and Agency approvals, describe any problems encountered and actions to resolve the problems, and project key activities for the upcoming year.

At a minimum, the annual report must contain the following information, to the extent available:

- A. A map, aerial image, or diagram showing the CCR SI and all background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells, including the well identification numbers, that are part of the groundwater monitoring program for the CCR SI, and a visual delineation of any exceedances of the GWPS.
- B. 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.
- C. A potentiometric surface map for each groundwater elevation sampling event required by 35 I.A.C. § 845.650(b)(2).
- D. In addition to all the monitoring data obtained under 35 I.A.C. §§ 845.600-680, a summary including the number of groundwater samples that were collected for analysis for each background and downgradient well, and the dates the samples were collected.
- E. A narrative discussion of any statistically significant increases (SSIs) over background levels for the constituents listed in 35 I.A.C. § 845.600.
- F. Other information required to be included in the annual report as specified in 35 I.A.C. §§ 845.600-680.

A section at the beginning of the annual report that provides an overview of the current status of the groundwater monitoring program and corrective action plan for the CCR SI. At a minimum, the summary must:

- A. Specify whether groundwater monitoring data shows an SSI over background concentrations for one or more constituents listed in 35 I.A.C. § 845.600.
- B. Identify those constituents having an SSI over background concentrations and the names of the monitoring wells associated with the SSI(s).
- C. Specify whether there have been any exceedances of the GWPS for one or more constituents listed in 35 I.A.C. § 845.600.
- D. Identify those constituents with exceedances of the GWPS in 35 I.A.C. § 845.600 and the names of the monitoring wells associated with the exceedance.
- E. Provide the date when the assessment of corrective measures was initiated for the CCR SI.

- F. Provide the date when the assessment of corrective measures was completed for the CCR SI.
- G. Specify whether a remedy was selected under 35 I.A.C. § 845.670 during the current annual reporting period, and if so, the date of remedy selection.
- H. Specify whether remedial activities were initiated or are ongoing under 35 I.A.C. § 845.780 during the current annual reporting period.

This report summarizes the information collected in 2022 for the NEAP, and includes the following:

- A map showing the CCR SI and all proposed background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells, including their identification numbers, that are part of the proposed groundwater monitoring program for the NEAP (**Figure 1**).

## **2. MONITORING AND CORRECTIVE ACTION PROGRAM STATUS**

An operating permit application for the NEAP was submitted by DMG to IEPA by October 31, 2021 in accordance with the requirements specified in 35 I.A.C. § 845.230(d), and is pending approval. Therefore, the 35 I.A.C. § 845 groundwater monitoring program at the NEAP has not been initiated. DMG will enter into a CCA with IEPA prior to initiating groundwater monitoring. Groundwater monitoring in accordance with the proposed groundwater monitoring plan and sampling methodologies provided in the operating permit application for the NEAP is scheduled to commence no later than the second quarter of 2023.

After the NEAP has been issued an approved operating permit, groundwater monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with that operating permit. As specified in the CCA, groundwater sampling requirements that apply to the CCR surface impoundment (SI) under other existing permit programs will become void upon issuance of an approved operating permit pursuant to 35 I.A.C § 845.

### 3. KEY ACTIONS COMPLETED IN 2022

The proposed 35 I.A.C. § 845 monitoring well network is presented in **Figure 1**. Groundwater monitoring activities as required by other State and Federal programs are summarized in the groundwater monitoring plan (GMP; Ramboll, 2021).

## **4. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS**

Groundwater monitoring in accordance with the proposed groundwater monitoring plan using sampling methodologies provided in the operating permit application for the NEAP is scheduled to commence no later than the second quarter of 2023. After the NEAP has been issued an approved operating permit, groundwater monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with that operating permit.

## 5. KEY ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2023

The following key activities are planned for 2023:

- Groundwater monitoring in accordance with the proposed groundwater monitoring plan and sampling methodologies provided in the operating permit application for the NEAP is scheduled to commence no later than the second quarter of 2023. After the NEAP has been issued an approved operating permit, groundwater monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with that operating permit. As specified in the CCA, groundwater sampling requirements that apply to the CCR surface impoundment (SI) under other existing permit programs will become void upon issuance of an approved operating permit pursuant to 35 I.A.C § 845. Groundwater monitoring will include:
  - Monthly groundwater elevations
  - Quarterly groundwater sampling
- Pressure transducers equipped with data loggers are being purchased for measurement of monthly water level elevations. Deployment of the transducers, monitoring well inspections, and redevelopment of the monitoring wells will be completed prior to initiating groundwater monitoring in the second quarter of 2023.

## 6. REFERENCES

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), 2021. *In the Matter of: Standards for the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals in Surface Impoundments: Title 35 Illinois Administration Code 845, Addendum*. April 15, 2021.

Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc. (Ramboll), 2021. *Groundwater Monitoring Plan*. Vermilion Power Plant, New East Ash Pond, Oakwood, Illinois. Dynegy Midwest Generation, LLC. October 25, 2021.

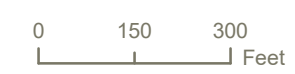
## FIGURES



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- COMPLIANCE WELL
- BACKGROUND WELL
- SOURCE SAMPLE LOCATION
- MONITORING WELL TO BE ABANDONED
- PART 845 REGULATED UNIT (SUBJECT UNIT)
- SITE FEATURE
- PROPERTY BOUNDARY



### PROPOSED PART 845 GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL NETWORK

ANNUAL GROUNDWATER MONITORING  
AND CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT  
NEW EAST ASH POND  
VERMILION POWER PLANT  
OAKWOOD, ILLINOIS

FIGURE 1

RAMBOLL AMERICAS  
ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, INC.



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