

**MEMORANDUM**

17 October 2018  
File No. 129342-012

**SUBJECT:** Location Restriction Demonstration – 40 CFR §257.64 Unstable Areas  
New Madrid Power Plant  
Pond 003  
New Madrid, MO

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI) owns and operates the coal-fired New Madrid Power Plant (NMPP, Plant) located near New Madrid, Missouri. Pond 003 (Unit) is an existing coal combustion residuals (CCR) surface impoundment at the Plant. This demonstration addresses the requirements of 40 CFR §257.64 *Unstable Areas* of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities, 40 CFR Part 257 rule (CCR Rule), effective 19 October 2015, with Amendments effective 29 August 2018, for the Unit.

*§257.64(a): An existing or new CCR landfill, existing or new CCR surface impoundment, or any lateral expansion of a CCR unit must not be located in an unstable area unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (d) of this section that recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices have been incorporated into the design of the CCR unit to ensure that the integrity of the structural components of the CCR unit will not be disrupted.*

*§257.64(b): The owner or operator must consider all of the following factors, at a minimum, when determining whether an area is unstable:*

- (1) On-site or local soil conditions that may result in significant differential settling;*
- (2) On-site or local geologic or geomorphologic features; and*
- (3) On-site or local human-made features or events (both surface and subsurface).*

*Determination of compliance with §257.64(b)(1) -* Conditions associated with the potential for significant differential settlement were not identified in the area where the Unit is located. A separate memorandum prepared by Haley & Aldrich entitled "Liquefaction Evaluation of Pond 003 and Pond 004" dated October 2018 concluded that coarse-grained soils beneath the Unit are susceptible to liquefaction and soft clays beneath the Unit are susceptible to cyclic softening (strength loss). The post-liquefied stability analyses performed to model the stability of the foundation soils following liquefaction and soil strength loss produced acceptable factors of safety and do not exhibit significant differential settlement. Accordingly, it is Haley & Aldrich's opinion that the Unit is not located in an area that has on-site or local soil conditions that may result in significant differential settling.

*Determination of compliance with §257.64(b)(2) -* Based on available United States Geological Survey (USGS) and Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) information, karst topography or


physiographic features such as sinkholes, vertical shafts, sinking streams, caves, large springs, or blind valleys do not exist at the Plant.

To evaluate the susceptibility of landslides, Haley & Aldrich reviewed readily available USGS and MDNR data. The USGS data indicates that the Plant is in an area of high landslide susceptibility and low landslide incidence, and MDNR data indicates that there has not been a documented landslide occurrence at the Unit. There are three landslides mapped approximately 8 to 13 miles from the Unit, however two of these landslide occurrences appear to be associated with roadway landslides along Interstate 55 and Missouri State Route P, and the third appears to be associated with a streambank landslide near Missouri State Route P. Accordingly, it is Haley & Aldrich's opinion that the Unit is not located in an area that has high susceptibility to landslides or having features that may result in the mass movement of the foundation soils.

*Determination of compliance with §257.64(b)(3)* - There are no documented surface or subsurface anthropogenic activities that would be indicative of creating unstable foundation conditions. There are no surface or subsurface mining activities within the area of the Unit. There are also no oil or gas wells adjacent to the Unit.

*§257.64(c): The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer or approval from the Participating State Director or approval from EPA where EPA is the permitting authority stating that the demonstration meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section.*

I, Steven F. Putrich, being a Registered Professional Engineer in good standing in the State of Missouri, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, that the information contained in this certification has been prepared in accordance with the accepted practice of engineering. I certify, for the above-referenced CCR Unit, that the CCR Unit is demonstrated as not being located in an unstable area per 40 CFR §257.64(a).

Signed:   
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