

# GENON BRANDYWINE ASH STORAGE SITE BRANDYWINE, MARYLAND 2020 ANNUAL CCR FUGITIVE DUST CONTROL REPORT

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RE: Annual CCR Fugitive Dust Control Report

Brandywine Ash Storage Site Operating Cell Phase 2

# 1.0 <u>Introduction</u>

As of April 17, 2015, the Brandywine Ash Storage Site (Brandywine Site) has been regulated by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 40 CFR §257 Subpart D – Standards for Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) in Landfills and Surface Impoundments. Section §257.80 required GenOn to prepare a CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan and place it into GenOn's operating record by October 19, 2015. Section §257.80(c) requires GenOn to prepare an annual CCR Fugitive Dust Control Report that includes a description of the actions taken by the owner or operator to control CCR fugitive dust, a record of all citizen complaints, and a summary of any corrective measures taken. The first annual report was completed and placed in GenOn's operating record by December 19, 2016 – as required under the regulations – 14 months after placing the Initial CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan in the facility's operating record. Subsequent Annual Reports are required to be completed and placed in GenOn's operating record one year after the date of completing the previous report. This 2020 Annual Report will be completed and placed in the GenOn operating record by December 19, 2020.

## 2.0 Summary of Current CCR Fugitive Dust Control Measures

The Brandywine Site has historically received and stored CCRs produced at GenOn's Morgantown and Chalk Point Generating Stations. CCR transferred to the Brandywine Site has been offloaded and stored in the currently operational Phase 2 area (Phase 2A). During this reporting period from December 1, 2019 to December 1, 2020, GenOn has fully implemented the measures described in the Initial CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan to control all sources of CCR fugitive dust resulting from GenOn operations at the Morgantown plant and the Brandywine site.

During this 2020 reporting period, the Brandywine site received additional CCR material from the Morgantown Generating Station and a small amount of CCR from the PEPCO capping project that is located in the PEPCO Right of Way that transects the Phase 1 area. Trucks transporting that CCR from the PEPCO project travel on internal roads within the Brandywine site. Consequently, GenOn has implemented all necessary CCR fugitive dust control measures to control fugitive dust from the existing Phase 2A site and internal roadways.

GenOn has not received any citizen input or complaints during this reporting period, and thus no corrective measures have been required to be implemented.

#### **GenOn Morgantown Generating Station**

All CCR that is shipped to the Brandywine Ash Site from the Morgantown Generating Station is conditioned with water before loading and leaving the station.

- Fly ash generated at the generating station is stored in large diameter concrete silos, and then is released through closed systems into a conditioning mixer system located on a superstructure above the haul truck loading area.
- Fly ash is mixed with water until the GenOn operator determines that the ash has
  the appropriate moisture content to be transported to the Brandywine site. The ash
  is then loaded in the semi-trucks or dump trucks for hauling to the Brandywine Ash
  Site.
- Bottom ash generated at the plant is also conditioned with water to an acceptable consistency, as determined by the GenOn operator, with a moisture content to load into trucks for hauling to the Brandywine Ash Site.

## Transportation of CCRs to the Brandywine Ash Site

CCRs are transported from GenOn's Morgantown Generating Station by means of semitrucks and dump trucks that are fully enclosed on all four sides and have been completely covered with a firmly secured tarp system to prevent loss of CCR and to minimize dust emissions during transportation.

- Before leaving the generating station, vehicles transporting CCRs are inspected by the transporter and cleaned of any excess material or debris that could blow off, fall off, or spill during transportation. The transporter maintains an inspection log in the truck for 30 days for each of these inspections.
- Trucks are washed at the plant's truck washing station to control tracking of CCRs onto plant roads and onto public roads.
- Truck speeds are limited to 15 mph on site haul roads.

#### Offloading and Emplacement of CCRs

- When the CCR haul trucks arrive at the Brandywine Site, they are routed to the active fill area in Phase 2A. Haul roads are posted with a maximum speed limit of 15 mph as a safety measure and to minimize the generation of dust.
- CCRs are deposited at the working face under the direction of a site operator also serving as a spotter. CCRs are spread over the current working face with a bulldozer in uniform lifts and compacted with a smooth-drum roller.
- The active CCR working areas are routinely watered by the facility's dedicated mobile water truck to maximize ash compaction and for dust suppression. The water truck is permanently on site and refills from the onsite ponds and other resources.
- Trucks and equipment are cleaned inside Phase 2A and all trucks are cleaned and/or washed at the facility's truck wash station prior to leaving the Brandywine Site.

#### **Fugitive Dust Control Measures**

During the 2020 reporting period, fugitive dust control by GenOn has consisted of implementing dust control measures on the existing CCR surface of Phase 2A and Brandywine's internal roadways. GenOn personnel inspect the CCR surface of Phase 2A daily to determine if the CCR surface has dried to a point where fugitive dust could be an issue in the near future. GenOn personnel utilize one of two methods to control fugitive dust at such time when it is deemed necessary to control CCR dust from Phase 2A.

• <u>Short Term</u>: GenOn utilizes a dedicated mobile water truck onsite that it fills from an onsite groundwater well. GenOn uses this dedicated water truck to spray water and thoroughly wet the existing CCR surface of Phase 2A.

Longer Term: For longer term control of fugitive dust, GenOn uses a proprietary product "DustCap" manufactured by Terra Novo, which is a specifically formulated liquid product for dust control. It is a high concentration liquid (2.5 gallons) that is mixed with 4,000 gallons of water in the site's water truck and sprayed onto the CCR surface of Phase 2A. Once sprayed on the surface, DustCap forms a crusty surface on top of the CCR that maintains moisture in the CCR and inhibits the formation of dust. The crusty surface can last for many weeks if the crust is not broken by equipment or machinery riding on top of it.

## **Road Watering**

During routine operations at the site, transport of CCR from the PEPCO project, and within Phase 2, paved areas and access roads are visually inspected on a daily basis to determine the presence of CCRs, sediment, and dust. All CCRs and sediment material are routinely removed and disposed of back into Phase 2A, and roads receive water applied from the site's dedicated mobile water truck to minimize dust generation. Unpaved areas that might carry vehicle traffic are visually inspected and receive water to reduce dust.

# 3.0 <u>Citizen Input</u>

The Site Supervisor maintains a formal log dedicated to citizen input and complaints regarding fugitive dust emissions from the Brandywine Site and public roads leading to the site. This form was included as part of the Initial CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan. During the reporting period from December 1, 2019 to December 1, 2020, there were no citizen complaints or input provided by citizens received by the Site Supervisor. As a result, no corrective measures were required to be implemented.

# 4.0 **Summary**

During the reporting period from December 1, 2019 to December 1, 2020, GenOn implemented the measures presented in the Initial CCR Fugitive Dust control Plan to control fugitive CCR dust from the active Phase 2A cell at the Brandywine Site and from the generation and transport of CCRs from the Morgantown Generating Station to the Brandywine site. During the reporting period, there were no citizen complaints or input received by the Site Supervisor and no corrective measures were required.

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