CLOSURE & POST-CLOSURE PLANS

CHESWICK ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY INDIANA TOWNSHIP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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1.0 PURPOSE

On behalf of Genon Power Midwest LP (GenOn), Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) has prepared this revised Closure & Post-Closure Plan for the Cheswick Ash Disposal Facility (Site) in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule in 40 CFR 257.102 (§257.102), §257.103, and §257.104 dated April 17, 2015. This Closure & Post-Closure Plan has been prepared to describe the steps necessary to close the landfill at any point during the active life consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices. Current revisions reflect the change in name of the facility owner.

For existing CCR landfills, the plans must be prepared no later than October 17, 2016 and placed in the facility's operating record. The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a written certification from a qualified professional engineer that the design meets the requirements of this section. The professional engineer certification is provided in Appendix A.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Cheswick Ash Disposal Facility (Site) is a Class II residual waste landfill located at 384 Lefever Hill Road, Cheswick, Pennsylvania as shown on the 2020 Annual Topographic Survey Plan provided in Appendix B. The Site operates under Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Solid Waste Permit No. 300720 issued March 24, 1982. The Site accepts CCR and other residual wastes from the Cheswick Generating Station.

The Site has been constructed to meet the requirements of PADEP Solid Waste Permit No. 300720. The active disposal area is managed to either promote infiltration into the CCR or direct run-off towards the underdrain system. Run-off from active areas does not enter the perimeter run-off control system. CCR is placed and compacted above a 3-feet thick bottom ash drainage layer which functions as a leachate collection zone. The permitted final grading plan is based on 2H:1V slopes with 15-feet wide benches constructed every 15 feet vertically. The

Proposed Final Cover Grading Plan is provided in Appendix B. Closure of the Site is completed in stages as described in Section 3.0.

Only the southern disposal area shown on Permit Drawing No. 12079-B10 provided in Appendix B has been constructed for the disposal of CCRs generated at the Cheswick Generating Station. The northern disposal area that has not been utilized is not addressed in this Plan.

3.0 COMPLIANCE WITH 40 CFR 257.102(b) – CRITERIA FOR CONDUCTING THE CLOSURE OF CCR UNITS

The Site will be closed in accordance with §257.102 and the PADEP approved Form 18R: Closure/Post-Closure Land Use Plan dated November 1996. Select Permit Drawings are provided in Appendix B. The PADEP approved Form 16R: Liner System provides the design of the final cover system and meets the requirements under §257.102. The following sections address the information required by §257.102(b).

3.1 NARRATIVE OF CLOSURE – §257.102(b)(1)(i)

The Site will be closed by leaving CCR in-place and placing a minimum 2 feet of final cover soil above in-place CCR. Final cover grades are 2H:1V on the side slopes and 3 percent on the top of the landfill. Benches designed into the final cover grades provide stormwater management to reduce the potential for erosion of the final cover system. Final cover soils will be vegetated to minimize the potential for erosion and infiltration into the CCR. The final cover system is further explained in Section 3.3.

CCR placement and final cover soil placement are completed in stages. As the height of the landfill increases in elevation, an earthen berm is constructed so that the exterior slopes of the landfill are higher than the active CCR disposal area and run-off from the active disposal area is directed away from the exterior slopes. Final cover is placed as CCR grades reach final elevations. The final cover soil is then seeded and mulched.

3.2 CCR REMOVAL AND DECONTAMINATION – §257.102(b)(1)(ii)

This Site will be closed by leaving CCR in-place so this section is not applicable.

3.3 FINAL COVER REQUIREMENTS – §257.102(b)(1)(iii) and §257.102(d)

\$257.102 (b)(1)(iii) requires a description of the final cover system if closure will be accomplished by leaving CCR in place, and refers to \$257.102(d) for final cover system requirements. The final cover system specified in PADEP Solid Waste Permit No. 300720 issued March 24, 1982 is 2-feet thick soil layer that must meet specific gradation and soil texture requirements. The final cover system meets the requirements of \$257.102(d)(3)(i) as noted below.

- §257.102(d)(3)(i)(A), the permeability of the final cover system must be less than or equal to the permeability of any bottom liner system or natural subsoils present, or a permeability no greater than 1 x 10⁻⁵ cm/sec whichever is less. The Site does not have a bottom liner system but has a 3-feet thick bottom ash layer which functions as a leachate collection zone. Laboratory test results of the final cover soil borrow source indicate that the permeability of the soil is approximately 1.4 x 10⁻⁶ cm/sec, which is less than the required maximum permeability of 1 x 10⁻⁵ cm/sec. The 2-feet thick final cover soil layer will minimize post-closure infiltration into the underlying residual wastes, and releases of CCRs, leachate and contaminated run-off to ground or surface waters.
- §257.102(d)(3)(i)(B), infiltration of liquids through the closed landfill will be minimized by the installation of an 18-inch thick soil infiltration layer.
- §257.102(d)(3)(i)(C), erosion of the final cover system will be minimized by the installation of a 6-inch thick soil erosion layer that is capable of sustaining native plant growth.
- §257.102(d)(3)(i)(D), localized settling and subsidence is not anticipated as residual wastes are placed and compacted in accordance with the approved Permit. If localized

settling or subsidence occurs, the slopes of the final grades will still provide positive drainage during final conditions.

The final cover soil will be compacted sufficiently to allow loaded vehicles to successfully maneuver without excessive rutting; however, the cover soils are not compacted excessively to preclude the establishment of vegetation.

Additionally, the final cover system must meet the performance requirements of §257.102(d)(1), which are addressed below:

- §257.102(d)(1)(i), the final cover system will minimize the potential for infiltration of liquids into the waste and releases of CCR, leachate, or contaminated run-off to the ground or surface waters or to the atmosphere.
- §257.102(d)(1)(ii), the final cover system must preclude the probability of future impoundment of water, sediment, or slurry. The permitted final grades have maximum slopes of 2H:1V and minimum slopes of 3 percent which promotes surface water runoff. The installation of the final cover system will reduce the probability of future impoundment of water on the disposal area.
- §257.102(d)(1)(iii), the final cover system must include measures that provide for major slope stability to prevent the sloughing or movement of the final cover system during the closure and post-closure care period. The cap system consists of compacted soil components and is stable on the 2H:1V slopes. The stability of the final cover system was evaluated in the Solid Waste Permit Application, dated November 1996.
- §257.102(d)(1)(iv), the final cover system must minimize the need for further maintenance of the CCR unit. The design of the final cover minimizes the need for further maintenance of the CCR unit. The post-closure land use is grassland, open pasture which requires minimal maintenance activities.
- §257.102(d)(1)(v), the final cover system must be completed in the shortest amount of time consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices. The final cover system is installed as waste is placed. The final cover system installation will be completed when the site is filled to permitted grades as discussed in Section 3.6.

3.4 MAXIMUM CCR INVENTORY – §257.102(b)(1)(iv)

The 2020 Annual Landfill Operations Report indicates that the total permitted capacity of the landfill is approximately 7,200,000 tons.

3.5 MAXIMUM AREA REQUIRING FINAL COVER – §257.102(b)(1)(v)

As indicated in the 2020 Annual Landfill Operations Report, the maximum area of the southern disposal area is approximately 39.5 acres. As of January 2020, the active waste placement footprint is approximately 17.6 acres.

3.6 CLOSURE SCHEDULE – §257.102(b)(1)(vi)

The 2020 Annual Landfill Operations Report, prepared by GAI Consultants, dated June 2021, calculates the estimated remaining life of the facility as approximately 90 months from the end of 2020. Based on the current CCR disposal rate, the landfill will provide disposal capacity until 2028. The CCR disposal rate is variable and may impact the beginning of closure activities.

The initiation of closure activities will begin no later than 30 days after the final receipt of waste in accordance with \$257.102(e)(1). The landfill final cover system is installed in stages as described in Section 3.1. The closure process is initiated by the state closure permit process and posting of a notification of intent to close the CCR facility. The notification must include a certification by a qualified professional engineer that the design of the final closure system meets the requirements of \$257.102(d)(3)(iii) [\$257.102(g)]. In accordance with \$257.102(f)(1), GenOn must complete closure within six months of commencing closure activities. If the proposed closure construction schedule cannot be met, GenOn will submit a demonstration in accordance with paragraph \$257.102(f)(2)(i) providing the basis for the additional time to complete closure. CCR landfills may extend the timeframe to complete closure of the CCR unit two times in one-year increments. Once closure is complete, a professional engineer will verify and certify that closure has been completed in accordance with the \$257.102(f)(3). Within 30 days of completing closure, a notification of closure will be prepared including the professional engineer's certification of completion [\$257.102(h)]. A notation must also be recorded on the deed to the property, or some other instrument that is normally examined during title search [\$257.102(i)], to notify potential buyers that the land has been used as a CCR unit and its use is restricted under the post-closure care requirements as provided by \$257.104(d)(1)(iii).

4.0 COMPLIANCE WITH §257.103 – ALTERNATE CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

GenOn is not currently proposing alternative closure requirements for the landfill. If an alternate closure is proposed in the future, GenOn will document that the conditions required in this section are met.

5.0 COMPLIANCE WITH §257.104 – POST-CLOSURE CARE REQUIREMENTS

The post-closure care for the Site will be performed in accordance with §257.104 and the PADEP approved Form 18R: Closure/Post-Closure Land Use Plan, dated November 1996. The following sections address the information required by §257.104.

5.1 POST CLOSURE CARE MAINTENANCE – §257.104(b)(1)

The final cover system will be repaired during the post-closure care period to address settlement, subsidence, erosion and other events and prevent run-on and run-off from eroding or otherwise damaging the final cover during the post-closure care period.

5.2 POST CLOSURE CARE MAINTENANCE FOR LEACHATE COLLECTION SYSTEM – §257.104(b)(2)

A bottom ash blanket drain and underdrain system function as the leachate collection zone which conveys leachate to the Monarch Mine Dewatering Plant for treatment and discharge as authorized by PADEP under NPDES Permit No. PA0001627. The integrity and effectiveness of the leachate collection and removal system and operations of the leachate collection and removal system will be maintained in accordance with §257.70.

5.3 GROUNDWATER MONITORING – §257.104(b)(3)

The groundwater monitoring system will be maintained and monitored in accordance with §257.90 through §257.98.

5.4 **POST-CLOSURE CARE PERIOD – §257.104(c)**

Post-closure care will be conducted for 30 years. If at the end of the post-closure care period the CCR unit is operating under assessment monitoring in accordance with §257.95, GenOn will continue to conduct post-closure care until returning to detection monitoring in accordance with §257.95.

5.5 WRITTEN POST-CLOSURE PLAN – §257.104(d)

As required by §257.104(b), the final cover system and groundwater monitoring system will be maintained during the post-closure care period. During the post-closure care period, the following measures will be implemented.

- Water Quality Monitoring Groundwater and surface water monitoring will be performed in accordance with the groundwater monitoring plan.
- Leachate Management The leachate collection and treatment system will be periodically inspected and properly maintained during the post-closure period to ensure efficient operation.
- Erosion and Sedimentation Control Temporary erosion and sedimentation control devices will be placed and maintained as necessary until all areas of the site have been vegetated and stabilized. The surface water management system will be inspected

periodically. Sediment accumulation, erosion or other conditions that could affect the operational efficiency of the storm water management system will be remediated.

- Maintenance of Final Cover Periodic inspection of the final cover will be performed and impacted areas will be remediated.
- Access Control Access will be primarily controlled with the use of the existing security fence and swing gate at the site entrance. The gate shall remain locked at all times when the site is unattended. Additional existing measures will also be in-place.
- Other Maintenance Activities The site will be inspected on a monthly basis for the first year following closure. Every year thereafter, the facility will be inspected quarterly or after major storm events. Any corrective measures with respect to roads, ponds, channels or final cover will be performed as required.

The initial Closure Plan and Post-Closure Plan can be amended [§257.102(b)(3) and §257.104(d)(3), respectively] at any time, and must be amended whenever a change in operations substantially affects the written plan in effect. The Closure Plan must be amended at least 60 days prior to a planned change in operation, or no later than 60 days after an unanticipated event. In addition, if closure activities have commenced for the Cheswick Station Disposal Site, then the initial written Closure Plan must be revised within 30 days of the event.

5.6 FACILITY CONTACT – §257.104(d)(1)(ii)

The GenOn contact for the Site during the post-closure period is

Environmental Specialist Cheswick Generating Station P.O. Box 65 Cheswick, Pennsylvania 15024 Phone: 724-275-1400

The contact information that is being provided is for an office and a position; therefore, an e-mail address has not been provided.

6.0 CONCLUSION

The Closure/Post Closure Plan demonstrates compliance with §257.102, §257.103, and §257.104 of the CCR Rule. The certification statement by a qualified professional engineer is provided in Appendix A. Supporting drawings are provided in Appendix B.

The original demonstration was placed in the operating record by October 17, 2016. The Closure and Post-Closure Plans may be amended at any time.

7.0 **REFERENCES**

 Solid Waste Permit Application dated November 1996. Lefever Ash Disposal Site. Permit I.D. No. 300720.

APPENDIX A

ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION

This Closure Plan and Post-Closure Plan fulfills the CCR Rule Closure and Post-Closure requirements for a Written Closure Plan (§257.102(b)), Final Cover System (§257.102(d)(3)), and Written Post-Closure Plan (§257.104(d)). The original Closure Plan and Post-Closure Plan will was placed in the operating record by October 17, 2016. This Closure Plan was revised to reflect the change in ownership of the facility.

I, Duane R. Lanoue, P.E., a registered professional engineer in the state of Pennsylvania certify that the Closure Plan and Post-Closure Plan for the Cheswick Ash Disposal Facility fulfills the requirements of §257.102(b) and §257.104(d), respectively, and that the final cover system design fulfills the requirements for §257.102(d)(3). This certification is based on my review of the Cheswick Ash Disposal Facility Closure Plan and Post-Closure Plan.

Duane R. Lanoue, P.E.

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APPENDIX B

DRAWINGS

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