



**Notification of Intent to Close
Bottom Ash Pond
Sherburne County Generating Plant**

April 27, 2021

On behalf of Xcel Energy, this notification of intent to close for Bottom Ash Pond No. 1 (BAP) has been prepared as required by §257.102(g). BAP ceased operation on October 31, 2020 and will be closed on or before October 31, 2025 in accordance with §257.102(f)(1)(ii).

The BAP will be closed in-place. Closure activities will include removal of free water, grading and compacting CCR solids to promote run-off and maintain stabilization, construction of an engineered final cover system, vegetation of the cover system, and continued groundwater monitoring.

The final cover system has been designed in accordance with §257.102(d)(3)(i).

Details of BAP closure and groundwater monitoring can be found in the Bottom Ash Pond Closure Plan, and Bottom Ash Pond Post-Closure Plan, respectively.

Certification

I hereby certify under penalty of law that this report was prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based upon my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

A blue ink signature of Daniel J. Riggs, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel J. Riggs, PE
License No. 49559

April 27, 2021
Date