

Post-closure Plan
Bottom Ash Pond
Sherburne County Generating Plant

Introduction

This plan describes the post-closure care maintenance requirements for the Bottom Ash Pond (BAP) at the Sherburne County Generating Plant (Sherco) in Becker, Minnesota. BAP is an existing coal combustion residual (CCR) surface impoundment permitted under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number 0002186. This document complies with the requirements of 40 CFR §257.104.

Closure of BAP will occur in one phase. Once final closure of BAP occurs the post-closure care period will commence. Details of post-closure inspections, maintenance, and groundwater monitoring are provided below.

§257.104 (b) Inspections and Maintenance

Following final closure, a routine inspection of the BAP final cover will be conducted during the spring and fall of each year. The inspection will include an evaluation of the final cover for settlement, erosion and quality of vegetation, and inspection of stormwater control systems.

If needed, post-closure maintenance of the Pond will consist of the following:

1. Maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the final cover system, including making repairs to the final cover as necessary to correct the effects of settlement, subsidence, erosion, or other events, and preventing run-on and run-off from eroding or otherwise damaging the final cover.
2. Mowing vegetative cover as necessary to prevent growth of woody and deep-rooted vegetation.

Groundwater monitoring will be conducted in accordance with §§257.90 through 257.98. During groundwater sampling events, the groundwater monitoring system will be inspected to verify it is properly functioning.

§257.104 (c) Post-closure Care Period

Post-closure inspections, maintenance and groundwater monitoring will be conducted in accordance with §§257.90 through 257.98, and §257.104 for 30 years after final closure of BAP unless the monitoring program is operating under assessment monitoring at that time. If BAP is in assessment monitoring, groundwater monitoring will continue until BAP has returned to detection monitoring. At the conclusion of either the 30-year time period, or a return to detection monitoring from assessment monitoring after the 30-year period since final closure has concluded, the post-closure care period will end.

§257.104 (d)(ii) Contact Information

The contact during the Post-closure period is:

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§257.104 (d)(iii) Planned Uses of Property

The present site owner and operator, Xcel Energy, will not allow use of the site for activities that would be detrimental to the maintenance of adequate final earth and vegetative cover, surface water drainage systems, and groundwater monitoring wells.

§257.104 (d)(3) Amendment of Post-closure plan

At least 60 days prior to any planned change and no later than 60 days after an unanticipated event that substantially affects the plan, a modified Post-Closure Plan will be prepared will be included in the facility's operating record and posted on the CCR website. If an event warrants a change to the plan after post-closure activities have commenced, the plan will be amended no later than 30 days after the event. Amendments to the Post-Closure Care Plan will be certified by a qualified professional engineer.

§257.104 (e) Notification of completion of post-closure plan

No later than 60 days following the completion of the post-closure care period in accordance with §257.104 (c), a notification of completion of post-closure care will be prepared and certified by a qualified professional engineer. Post-closure care will be considered complete when this notification is made.

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.



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Date