

Pawnee Station Former Inactive CCR Impoundments
Notification of Initiation of Assessment of Corrective Measures

Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), an Xcel Energy Company, owns and operates Pawnee Station, a coal-fired, steam turbine electric generating station. Two CCR impoundments, the Ash Water Recovery Pond (AWRP) and the Bottom Ash Storage Pond (BASP), were previously used for temporary storage of ash transport water and bottom ash prior to dewatering of the ash and disposal at the onsite CCR landfill. The AWRP and BASP ceased receiving CCR prior to October 19, 2015 and therefore met the definition of Inactive CCR Surface Impoundments that first became subject to the groundwater monitoring requirements under the Direct Final Rule effective October 4, 2016 (Extension Rule). The two impoundments were physically clean closed in 2017 by removal of all CCR.

Protecting the environment is a priority for Xcel Energy

Xcel Energy conducts all of our business in an environmentally responsible manner and that includes regularly monitoring operations and taking steps to protect air, water and other natural resources. Pursuant to 257.95(g), Xcel Energy previously made a determination that one or more constituents listed in Appendix IV have been detected at Statistically Significant Levels (SSLs) above the Groundwater Protection Standards (GPS) established for the site pursuant to 257.95(h). These results do not indicate there is any impact on local drinking water. The monitoring wells evaluate groundwater immediately adjacent to the CCR units, and measure groundwater conditions within the Pawnee Station property boundary. However, pursuant to 257.95(g)(3)(i) Xcel Energy has initiated assessment of corrective measures and will continue to monitor groundwater at the site in accordance with the assessment monitoring program as specified in 257.95.