Emergency Action Plan

Annual Face-to-Face Meeting 2020

On March 30, 2020, NSPM reached out to the local emergency responders (Becker Fire Department, Sherburne County Sheriff, and the City of Becker) making provisions for an annual meeting if they wished to meet. As a result of the Corona COVID-19 the Governor of the State of Minnesota issued two Stay at Home Orders. The first was issued on March 25, 2020 and lasted two weeks. The Governor extended the Stay at Home Order on April 8th to last till May 4, 2020. NSPM staff is of the opinion that these orders had an impact on the proposed annual meeting with first responders.

All local emergency responders replied that they were OK with not meeting in 2020 as evidenced by the e-mail string below. This document demonstrates that NSPM made provisions for an annual EAP meeting and that local emergency responders agreed that no annual meeting needed to occur in 2020. This document will be posted to the operating record (40 CFR 257.105(f)(7)), a notification made to the MPCA (40 CFR 257.106(f)(6)) and posted to the website (40 CFR 257.107(f)(6)).
Good Day,

It is time again for me to contact you for the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) required Emergency Action Plan annual review. You may recall that on April 2, 2018 we had our first meeting with representatives from Becker Fire, Becker Police, Sherburne County, and Xcel Energy. We discussed information on the risk of our pond dike failure, and we informed you that a dike failure would most likely be contained on site, primarily within the excavated borrow pits to the North and East sides of the Ponds. There were no significant concerns raised. For the 2019 meeting, we informed you that nothing had changed in our operations/risk and we agreed that a meeting was not needed.

Again, for 2020, there have not yet been any significant changes. I recommend that we agree that a meeting is not needed at this time.

Construction of a new Bottom Ash Pond will continue in 2020, with an in-service date planned for later in 2020. Once this new Pond is completed, a dike failure would still be contained on site, but would involve a slightly different containment area. We can send out revised information as we get closer to the in-service date and meet at that time if we desire.

Please let me know if you agree with this approach, or if you would like to meet.

Thank you,

Mike

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Mike,

Sherburne County agrees (no need to meet) however if anyone else on the email chain would like to meet we are willing to. Thanks for checking in and keeping us updated each year.

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From: Mitchell, Michael A (Sherco) <Michael.A.Mitchell@mslenergycorp.com>
I have no problem with your recommended direction. If no changes, no real need to meet. Thanks Mike!!

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I agree that no meeting is necessary if nothing has changed. We can re-evaluate if a meeting is needed when the new ash pond is complete

Thanks

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