

VALMONT GENERATING STATION

Ash Recycling/Beneficiation Process – Charah Solutions and Geocycle

May 23, 2023 Public Meeting/Open House

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ASH RECYCLING/BENEFICIATION OVERVIEW

- Excavate historic ash from landfill in stages, screen and blend
- Dispose of screened reject materials in landfill Cell D and cap
- Reclaim areas after ash is removed to state-approved specifications
- Transport ash to recycling equipment for processing
- ASTM specification product is produced for concrete applications
 - American Society for Testing and Materials, quality control standards
- All processing, storage, and offsite transport in enclosed equipment
- Contract signed with Charah Solutions and Geocycle



Ash Removal, Recycling, and Material Flow

Charah to operate landfill and Geocycle to operate recycling equipment

- Remove 1.8 million tons of ash from landfill
 - Combined with 200,000 tons from Cherokee
 - Storm water, erosion, and dust control plans
 - Reclaim and revegetate areas after ash is removed
- Process 2 million tons over 10-12 years
 - Operate 5-7 days per week, 50 weeks per year
 - Fully-enclosed process equipment
 - Process air emission controls and permit
 - Reservoirs used for equipment cooling water
- Traffic Controls
 - Trucks from landfill wetted for fugitive dust
 - Trucks offsite are fully-enclosed trailers



Landfill Removal, Reject Disposal, and Reclamation

Engineering Design and Operations Plan (EDOP) for excavation

- Fugitive Dust, Stormwater, Safety
- West and east cells are blended to meet initial specification for processing
 - Prioritizes areas of greatest groundwater impact (see Station 3, groundwater info)
- Reject materials are landfilled in Cell D for final closure at end of project
- Removed areas are reclaimed per EDOP approved by State and Local agencies





East Landfill Cells

Ash Recycling/Beneficiation Equipment Location at Valmont

Adjacent to existing plant buildings and equipment

- Former coal pile area
 - Process equipment and truck queuing area to be loaded
- Utilize existing baghouse
 - Integrated for process cooling
 - Process air emissions controls
 - Finished product storage
- Utilize existing storage silo
 - Finished product storage/loadout
- No more intensive use of site and equipment than historically at coal plant



Note: Equipment enlarged to show detail, not to scale (conceptual layout).

Ash Beneficiation Equipment Location at Valmont

Street view from 63rd Street showing maximum heights of equipment



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Ash Recycling/Beneficiation Equipment – Concrete Uses

Meeting ASTM specs for cement – DOT specs for transportation infrastructure

- Rotary Drum Drying
 - Removes excess water and mixes
- Thermal Carbon Removal
 - Removes unburnt carbon and organics
- Size Reduction
 - To meet ASTM/quality control specifications





Dryer





Raw Ponded Ash

Size Reduction

Classification Final Product





Beneficiated Ash Sold in Local Concrete Market

Finished product shipped directly to users as Portland cement substitute



ECOPact – Low Carbon Concrete











Ash Beneficiation - Community Interests and Benefits

Traffic

- Similar to when Valmont was operating on coal
 - 24 round trips per day, mostly off-peak commuting hours
 - On-site temporary parking before loading
 - Fully-enclosed pneumatic (air enclosed) trailers
 - Movement-controlled intersection at Arapahoe and 63rd

Noise

- Aeroacoustic mill is enclosed in noise suppressing container
- Other equipment has even lower noise levels



~60 ACRES OF LAND RECLAIMED Majority of Valmont Landfill Closed by Removal2.0 MILLION TONS OF CCRs* BENEFICIATED1.8 Millions Tons removed from the Valmont Landfill with 200,000 Tons removed from the Cherokee Station.	1.63 MILLION TONS OF CO ₂ SAVED Through CCR Use in Concrete Production	30-35 JOBS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
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*CCR – Coal Combustion Residuals or coal ash

Environmental, Social and Governance - ESG

2022 ESG AT A GLANCE FOR CHARAH

ESG AT A GLANCE FOR GEOCYCLE

15 UIFE ON LAND **459K METRIC TONS** 0.55 TOTAL **\$**~~ CO₂ SAVED RECORDABLE WITH LOW CARBON PRODUCTS IN **12.96 MILLION INCIDENT RATE** 2022 (INDUSTRY AVERAGE IS 3.1) **TONS OF CCRs HANDLED 2.79 MILLION 1 MILLION TONS** A THREE-YEAR AVERAGE TONS OF MATERIALS DIVERTED FROM OF CCR BENEFICIAL REUSE **1.86 MILLION** EXPERIENCE MODIFICATION RATE LANDFILL DISPOSAL in 2022 ANNUALLY (EMR) OF TONS OF CCRs BENEFICIATED LESS THAN 0.62 AND RECYCLED **14 PONDS CLEANED ZERO LOST TIME \$1 BILLION AND CLOSED AND 1 INVESTED IN PLANT 2.4 MILLION** MINE RECLAIMED **12.507 SAFETY** MODERNIZATION PROJECTS IN PAST SINCE EPA 2015 CCR RULE TOOK DECADE TONS OF CO2 REDUCED PER YEAR **INSPECTIONS** EFFECT WITH THE SHUTDOWN OF THE AVON **50 MILLION TONS** PERFORMED; 795,723 SAFETY **APPROXIMATELY** LAKE AND CHESWICK POWER **OBSERVATIONS PERFORMED: 250** STATIONS OF WASTE RECYCLED ANNUALLY **4.368 ACRES COMPLIANCE AUDITS: 478 FINDINGS** TO RECOVER ENERGY AND OF LAND RECLAIMED SINCE **DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS EPA 2015 CCR RULE TOOK EFFECT 1.65 MILLION** ZERO INCIDENTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATED TONS OF CO2SAVED FROM WITH AIR EMISSIONS AND OF NON-**243 MILLION** ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER **HOLCIM** BY RECYCLING CCRS GALLONS OF WASTEWATER ENVIRONMENTAL DISCIPLINES geocycle **TREATED in 2022** Charah Service Above All. Solutions

> *CO₂ savings are generated for lifecycle GHG calculations using the EPA WARM Model: MTCO₂ = Metric Tonnes of CO₂ e Greenhouse Gas (GHG); EPA WARM Model evaluates total lifecycle of GHG rather than site-specific GHG calculations. Lifecycle GHG values are typically greater than those of site-specific activities; The EPA WARM model was run using default settings.