

**Valmont Station CCR Landfill and Surface Impoundments**  
**Notification of Initiation of Assessment of Corrective Measures**

Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), an Xcel Energy Company, is the owner of Valmont Station which historically was a coal-fired, steam turbine electric generating station and is subject to requirements of the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electrical Utilities Rule (Federal CCR Rule), finalized on April 17, 2015. The station was retired from operations on September 30, 2017. During the active coal operations, two incised CCR impoundments (3A and 3B) were used for temporary storage of bottom ash prior to disposal at the onsite CCR landfill. Both CCR impoundments ceased receiving CCR in 2017, and were closed in 2018 by removal of all CCR pursuant to 40 CFR Part 257.102(c) of the CCR Rule. The CCR landfill will continue to be used for disposal of non-CCR waste, and is scheduled to be closed in 2021. A Written Closure Plan has been prepared for the CCR landfill which includes installation of a CCR compliant final cover (HDR, 2017).

***Protecting the environment is a core value for Xcel Energy***

PSCo conducts all of its business in an environmentally responsible manner which includes regularly monitoring operations and taking steps to protect air, water and other natural resources. Pursuant to 257.95(g), PSCo 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 Valmont Station property boundary. However, pursuant to 257.95(g)(3)(i) PSCo has initiated assessment of corrective measures. PSCo will continue to monitor groundwater at the site in accordance with the assessment monitoring program as specified in 257.95.