

#### D.B. Wilson Phase II CCR Landfill

Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities Final Rule CCR Landfill 2024 Annual Inspection Report

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#### **CCR Landfill Information**

Name: D.B. Wilson CCR Landfill

Operator: D.B. Wilson Generating Station

Address: 5663 State Route 85 West

Centertown, KY 42328

#### **Qualified Professional Engineer**

Name: David A. Lamb

Company: Associated Engineers, Inc.

Kentucky P.E. Number: 17822

#### **Regulatory Applicability**

Per 40 CFR §257.84(b), annual inspections by a qualified professional engineer must ensure that the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the CCR landfill is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards.

Annual inspections of any CCR landfill must include, at a minimum: (1) a review of available information regarding the status and condition of the CCR unit, including, but not limited to, files available in the operating record (e.g., the results of inspections by a qualified person, and results of previous annual inspections); and (2) a visual inspection of the CCR unit to identify signs of distress or malfunction of the CCR unit.

Additionally, following each annual inspection, the qualified professional engineer must prepare an inspection report which documents the following: (1) any changes in geometry of the structure since the previous annual inspection, (2) the approximate volume of CCR at the time of the inspection, (3) any appearances of an actual or potential structural weakness of the CCR unit, in addition to any existing conditions that are disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation and safety of the CCR unit; and (4) any other change(s) which may have affected the stability or operation of the CCR unit since the previous annual inspection.

#### **Inspection Description**

This is the tenth annual inspection report for the D.B. Wilson CCR Landfill pursuant to the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities Final Rule which became effective April 17, 2015. The inspection was conducted on December 16, 2024 by David Lamb P.E. of Associated Engineers, Inc. of Madisonville, Kentucky. Weekly (7-day) inspections conducted by Big Rivers Electric Corporation are kept in the facility operating record.

The inspection consisted of a visual assessment of the landfill and associated drainage control features; and began at the southeast end of the landfill along the lower slope, toe and runoff control ditch. At the time of the inspection the south end of the landfill and top are working faces. The runoff ditch slopes had areas of minor erosion and poor vegetation. The inspection continued along the lower slope which transitioned into the first bench which was vegetated and in generally good condition. Limited areas of the slope were sparsely vegetated, and minor erosion rills were present along with mower tracks. The inspection continued north. The second down drain from the northeast corner has an area of ponded water at the outlet. There is a depression that ponds water at this location. There is a slightly depressed area which ponds water on the third bench of the east side above the northern most down drain. This has resulted in an area of sparce vegetation. Vegetation on the east slope was generally good with limited areas of sparse vegetation.

Vegetation on the north slope and associated drainage controls was observed to be in generally good condition.

Vegetation on the northern 1100 +/- feet of the west slope was observed to be in generally good condition with minimal areas of sparce vegetation. The remaining west slope is currently active or dormant disposal area.

The interior of the active landfill was inspected and appeared in good operating condition. An approximate three-acre area at the north end of the landfill top had been revegetated to control drainage; vegetation was poorly developed in places and minor depressions result in shallow areas of ponding during and immediately following precipitation events.

#### **Inspection Report Specifications**

#### (i) CCR Landfill Geometry

The D.B. Wilson CCR Landfill is used for the placement of coal combustion residual material; currently fly ash, bottom ash and related material. The landfill is raised above adjacent ground to a maximum elevation of approximately 546.5 feet above mean sea level. The original ground surface within the landfill footprint was irregular and the predominant

features were the headwaters of Elk Creek and small stream valleys draining south. Other small tributaries drained west towards the Green River and north towards the Rough River.

Changes to the landfill geometry since the previous (2023) annual inspection include the placement of additional CCR on the landfill. No changes were made to the footprint of the unit.

#### (ii) CCR Landfill Volume

The total volume of CCR material contained in the D.B. Wilson CCR Landfill was estimated to be 4.368 million cubic yards. This volume was calculated from available baseline topography compared to June 06, 2024, aerial surveyed topographic contours. It was discovered that there was a typographical error in the 2023 report. The total volume of CCR material contained in the D.B. Wilson CCR Landfill in the 2023 report should have been reported to be 4.213 million cubic yards.

#### (iii) CCR Landfill Structural, Operational, and Safety Items

No deficiencies or disrupting conditions that would require immediate measures to remedy were identified in the inspection. The inspection findings consisted of maintenance items that were not observed to be signs or potential signs of significant structural weakness. These items will be addressed as a part of ongoing maintenance.

#### (iv) CCR Landfill Changes

There have been no changes to the D.B. Wilson CCR Landfill since the previous (2023) annual inspection that may have the potential to affect the stability or operation of the CCR unit. Additional CCR material has been placed since the 2023 CCR Rule Annual Landfill Inspection Report.



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DB Wilson CCR Landfill 2024 Annual Inspection Aerial Photo

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### **BREC Final Rule CCR Landfill 2024 Annual Inspection Checklist**

Operator: D.B. Wilson Generating Station					Weather: Cloudy Light Rain
CCR Landfill: D.B. Wilson					Temperature (Degrees F): 62 (high)
Date: December 16, 2024					Inspector/Qualified Person: David Lamb P.E. (AEI)
ITEM		STATUS			
		YES NO N/A			OBSERVATIONS
1	CONDITION OF INACTIVE AREA	122	11.0	1 " " 1 "	
	Access road deterioration (potholes, rutting, etc.)				
	Any erosion				Some surficial erosion/rills in cover material and perimeter ditch
	Longitudinal cracks		$\boxtimes$		
	Transverse cracks				
	Visual depressions				Some minor low areas in bench flowlines and longitudinal tracking from tractor/mower tires
	Visual settlement				
	Bulging or slumping		$\boxtimes$		
	Any drainage features obstructed or damaged				Basins and runoff ditches have eroded areas and contain sediment in areas
	Are drainage features flowing	$\boxtimes$			
	Is seepage present	$\boxtimes$			Minor seepage present on east side toe and lower slope
	Is seepage or discharge carrying sediment		$\boxtimes$		
	Adequate vegetative cover	$\boxtimes$			There are limited areas of sparce vegetation and invasive species
	Are trees growing on the slope		$\boxtimes$		
	Are there any animal burrows		$\boxtimes$		
	Any stone deterioration			$\boxtimes$	
	Adequate riprap/slope protection			$\boxtimes$	
	Debris or trash present		$\boxtimes$		
	Is there exposed CCR material		$\boxtimes$		
2	CONDITION OF ACTIVE AREA				
	Access road deterioration (potholes, rutting, etc.)				
	Any erosion	$\boxtimes$			Minor to moderate erosion on active disposal areas and haul roads
	Any cracks				
	Any slides				
	Visual depressions		$\overline{\square}$		

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		YES NO		N/A		OBSERVATIONS
	Visual settlement	П				
	Bulging or slumping					
	Any drainage features obstructed or damaged					
	Is seepage present	$\boxtimes$				Along toe of east slope
	Is seepage or discharge carrying sediment					
	Debris or trash present					
3	LINER AND LEACHATE COLLECTION SYSTEM					
	Are liners intact and being installed correctly				$\overline{\Box}$	
	Is the leachate collection operating correctly				3	
	Is the leachate collection pond/storage functioning correctly					
	Is there any slope/bank erosion on pond				3	
	Are there any animal burrows on pond				<u> </u>	
	Is the spillway functioning and discharging correctly				<	
4	RUN-ON/RUNOFF-CONTROLS					
	Are run-on/runoff controls in place	$\boxtimes$				
	Are run-on/runoff controls functioning	$\boxtimes$				
	Are run-on/runoff controls effective	$\boxtimes$				
	Are run-on runoff controls being maintained	$\boxtimes$				
	Signs of seepage or wetness	$\boxtimes$				
	Sediment transport or deposition	$\boxtimes$				Sediment in ditches between active area and sediment ponds
DE	DEFICIENCIES AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS					
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## Professional Engineer Certification [Per 40 CFR §257.84(b)] D.B. Wilson CCR Landfill Annual Inspections by a Qualified Professional Engineer

I hereby certify that myself or an agent under my review has prepared this Annual Inspection Report (Report), and being familiar with the provisions of the final rule to regulate the disposal of coal combustion residuals (CCR) as solid waste under subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), attest that this Report has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices and meets the intent of 40 CFR Part 257.84(b). To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this Report is true, complete, and accurate.

David A. Lamb P.E.

State of Kentucky License No. 17822

Date: January 13,2025