

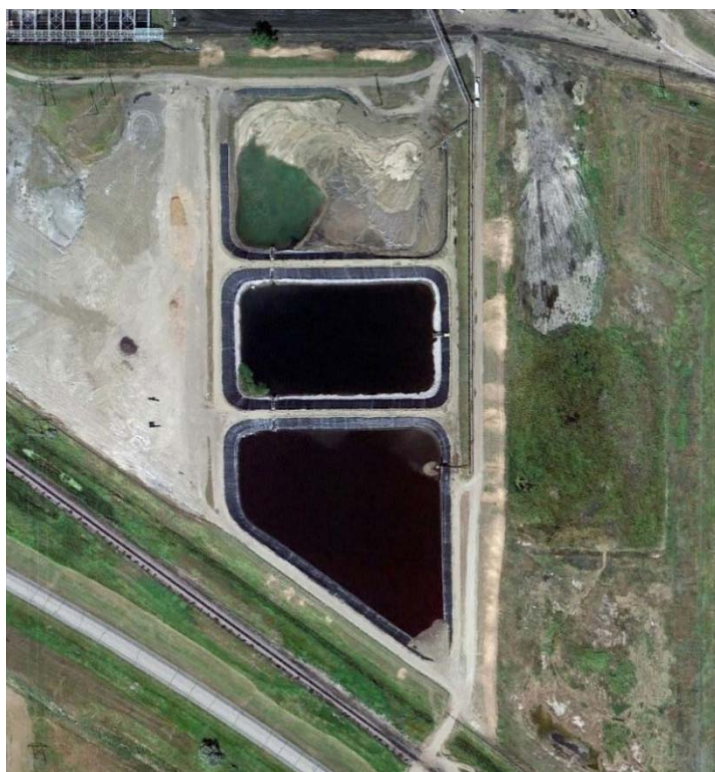


# ANNUAL REPORT

## ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

### GREAT RIVER ENERGY – STANTON STATION

#### Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment



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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

As part of 40 CFR Part 257 of the Subtitle D solid waste provisions under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), utilities are required to complete annual inspections for surface impoundments and landfills containing Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR). This report has been prepared by Golder Associates Inc. (Golder) for Great River Energy (GRE) to satisfy the annual inspection requirements for CCR surface impoundments under Part 257.83.

Stanton Station is located in Mercer County, approximately three miles south of Stanton, North Dakota (Figure 1). There are two facilities located at Stanton Station that fall under the CCR rule requirements. These facilities include the Bottom Ash Landfill and the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment which is currently used to dewater bottom ash. This report presents a review of available facility information and findings of the inspection of the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment performed April 13, 2015.



## 2.0 REVIEW OF EXISTING INFORMATION

### 2.1 Geological Conditions

Stanton Station is located in the Missouri Slope district of the glaciated Missouri Plateau of the Great Plains physiographic province (NDDH 2005). The Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment is constructed in Missouri River alluvial deposits. The alluvial deposits have two distinct subunits: upper and lower. The upper subunit consists of a silty sand and clay and the lower subunit is an outwash sand and gravel (Barr 2010).

### 2.2 Site History and Liner Systems

Stanton Station is located in Section 16 and 21, Township 144N and Range 84W of Mercer County, three miles south of Stanton, North Dakota (see Figure 1). The Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment is divided into three cells, named the north, center, and south cells (see Figure 2). The north and south cells are active cells used for dewatering bottom ash and the center cell functions as a retention cell. Bottom ash is placed into one of the active cells until the cell reaches capacity. Once capacity is reached bottom ash deposition is directed to the other active cell and the filled cell is dewatered. Bottom ash remaining in the dewatered active cell is excavated and hauled to the adjacent Bottom Ash Landfill for containment. Each active cell is sized to hold at least two years of plant bottom ash production (Stone & Webster 1994c).

Stanton Station originally burned North Dakota lignite before being converted in November 2004 to use fuel from the Powder River Basin in Wyoming. All ash was originally wet sluiced into a series of ash ponds (Ponds A, B, and C) (Stone & Webster 1994b). In the mid-1990s, Stanton Station converted to a dry fly ash handling system, and the historic CCR management units were reconfigured.

CCRs from the 1970s ash disposal area and Pond A were excavated and hauled to Pond B and C for disposal. Ponds B and C were further consolidated and closed. Pond A was reconfigured to include a composite-lined surface impoundment with three cells and the Bottom Ash Landfill. The Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment cells have floor liners consisting of two feet of protective cover, a 60-mil high density polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane, and two feet of compacted clay fill (top to bottom). The liner along the side slopes consists of a 60-mil high density polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane and approximately 3.2 feet of compacted clay (10-foot horizontal width). Selected construction drawings are included in Appendix A.

### 2.3 Site Geometry

The berm surrounding the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment and two interior berms have a top elevation of 1720 feet. The bottom elevation of the cells varies between 1700 and 1704 feet according to original construction drawings. The perimeter berm along the north, east, and south sides of the impoundment complex consists of a historic embankment to elevation 1715 with a berm extension to 1720 feet. The west perimeter berm and two interior berms were completely new construction. The berm extension and





new berms were constructed in 1994 and 1995. The interior and exterior slopes of the berm are 3:1. The crest is a gravel paved roadway supporting both light passenger vehicles and some heavy construction equipment, such as 30-ton haul trucks.

## 2.4 Changes in Geometry

No significant recent changes to geometry were noted.

## 2.5 Storage Capacity and Volumes

Stanton Station produces approximately 10,600 cubic yards (CY) of bottom ash and economizer ash (herein referred to as bottom ash) per year that is sluiced to the surface impoundment with water pumped from the Missouri River, demineralizer reject water, boiler blowdown water, and water from the plant stormwater retention pond, the coal unloading pit sump, and from miscellaneous plant drains. The capacity of the Bottom Ash Impoundment cells to elevation 1720 feet are:

- North Cell – 67,400 CY
- Center Cell – 59,400 CY
- South Cell – 75,600 CY

The north and center cells did not contain significant amounts of CCR at the time of the inspection. The north cell was recently cleaned out in 2014. Bottom ash was actively being placed in the south cell in 2015. The south cell contained approximately 2.5 years (26,500 CY) of bottom ash at the time of the inspection. Approximately 67,400 CY of bottom ash capacity remains in the north cell and 49,100 CY of capacity remains in the south cell. As previously discussed, the center cell does not typically receive CCR and is not considered in the capacity calculations at this time.

## 2.6 Impounded Water

Water levels in the bottom ash surface impoundment cells are controlled by stop logs at the inlet and outlet structures between the cells and at the discharge location. The water level in the north cell was at an elevation of approximately 1710 feet, the water level in the center cell was at an elevation of approximately 1715 feet, and the water level in the south cell was at an elevation of approximately 1716 feet. The depths and volumes of impounded water for each cell during 2015 are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Depth and Volume of Impounded Water at the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment.**

Cell Description	Minimum Depth of Water in 2015	Maximum Depth of Water in 2015	Depth of Water at Time of Inspection	Volume of Water at Time of Inspection	
	feet	feet	feet	gallons	Acre-feet
North Cell	1	4	4	3,200,000	9.8
Center Cell	1	11	11	7,000,000	21.5
South Cell	5	11	11	4,800,000	14.7

## 2.7 Permits

The Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment is currently permitted with the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDH) under Permit Number 0043. The most recent permit renewal was submitted in February 2015 (GRE 2015).

## 2.8 Summary of 2015 Weekly Inspections

Historically, GRE has performed monthly inspections of the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment. Routine weekly inspections of the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment began in the middle of October, 2015 as a part of the final CCR Rule. Based on a review of the available inspection forms, the following items were noted:

- Generally good site maintenance.
- No signs of significant seepage, settlement, or cracking of the exterior slopes.
- Gravel surfacing material added to the tops of embankments would improve access and help limit fugitive dust.
- The ash conveyance line had a minor leak during the evaluation on December 2, 2015, but the leak was repaired prior to the following week's inspection.

## 2.9 Summary of Previous Inspections

A previous inspection of the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment was performed by Golder in May of 2011 (Golder 2011) and a summary of the observations of that inspection are as follows:

- Generally fair to poor vegetation and site maintenance of downstream slopes:
  - Erosion rills
  - Surficial slope failures
  - Rodent burrows
- Generally fair to poor site maintenance of upstream slopes:
  - Damage to the geomembrane liners
- No signs of significant seepage, settlement, or cracking of the exterior slopes.
- Stability analyses indicated the facility was stable for the conditions evaluated.



After the evaluation in 2011, GRE performed corrective actions, including re-grading exterior slopes to limit erosion and remove steep areas, re-seeding exterior slopes, and repairing rodent burrows. Between 2012 and 2015, GRE also performed repairs to the geomembrane and clay liner systems on the upstream slopes and the Bottom Ash Impoundment cells are back operating as designed at the end of 2015.

A previous “Coal Ash Impoundment Site Assessment Report” performed by Kleinfelder in 2011 (Kleinfelder 2012) under contract with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) assigned the facility a “Less than Low” hazard rating and had similar observations with respect to facility stability.



### 3.0 2015 ANNUAL INSPECTION

On April 13, 2015, Craig Schuettepelz and Todd Stong of Golder performed an inspection of the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment per USEPA Regulation 40 CFR Part 257.83(b) requirements. The inspection consisted of visual observations while walking around the crest of the facility combined with traversing up and down exterior slopes. An annual inspection checklist used during the inspection is presented in Appendix B. Photographs were taken and are presented in Appendix C. The following presents a summary of the observations made during the 2015 annual inspection.

#### 3.1 Hydraulic Structures

##### North Cell

Inflow to the North Cell includes the bottom ash discharge pipes, the retention pond inlet pipe, and the coal pit sump inlet pipe. The bottom ash pipes discharge into the impoundment over previously deposited bottom ash and were in fair condition with minor corrosion and erosion of the pipe. The bottom ash pipes, retention pond inlet, and coal pit sump inlet pipes discharge into the impoundment onto a sacrificial HDPE wear-liner and were in good condition with no indications of wear or penetration of the liner or cracking of the inlet pipes.

Outflow from the North Cell is through the concrete outflow structure located on the south upstream slope. The structure was in good condition with no signs of blockage, corrosion, erosion or cracking and the geomembrane connection to the structure was recently repaired in 2014. Stop logs were placed in the outfall structure to control the cell water elevation.

##### Center Cell

Inflow to the Center Cell is through the outflow structures from the North Cell and The South Cell located on the north and south upstream slopes respectively. These structures were in good condition with no signs of blockage, corrosion, erosion or cracking and the geomembrane connections to the structures was repaired in 2015.

Outflow from the Center Cell is through the outflow structure located on the east upstream slope. The structure was in good condition with no signs of blockage, corrosion, erosion or cracking and the geomembrane connection to the structure was repaired in 2015. Stop logs in the outfall structure were situated to maintain the cell water surface at approximately elevation 1715 feet during the inspection.

##### South Cell

Inflow to the South Cell includes the bottom ash discharge pipes, the retention pond inlet pipe, and the coal pit sump inlet pipe. The bottom ash pipes discharge into the impoundment over previously deposited bottom ash and were in fair condition with minor corrosion and erosion of the pipe. The bottom ash pipes,



retention pond inlet, and coal pit sump inlet pipes discharge into the impoundment onto a sacrificial HDPE wear-liner. The retention pond inlet and coal pit sump inlet pipes appeared to be in good condition.

Outflow from the South Cell is through the concrete outflow structure located on the north upstream slope. The structure was in good condition with no signs of blockage, corrosion, erosion or cracking and the geomembrane connection to the structure was recently repaired in 2013. Stop logs were placed in the outfall structure to control the cell water elevation.

## 3.2 Upstream Slope

### North Cell

The upstream slopes appeared to match the design slopes of 3:1 with no observed sections of significant slope difference. The geomembrane liner is exposed on the slopes with no protective cover. Significant geomembrane repairs were performed in 2014. There were no signs of vegetation or rodent burrows on the upstream slopes. The North Cell upstream slopes appear to be in fair condition.

### Center Cell

The upstream slopes above the water level were evaluated. The slopes appeared to match the design slopes of 3:1 to about 4 feet down (approximate elevation 1716 feet) at which point the slopes curved inward to a steeper concave shape. This displacement of the lower slope is likely due to “pumping” of saturated soils beneath the geomembrane due to wave action and the lack of confining pressure from overlying protective cover. Some small punctures were identified on the slopes, but geomembrane repairs were performed in the fall of 2015 to patch these locations. The Center Cell upstream slopes appear to be in fair condition.

### South Cell

The upstream slopes above the water level and not covered with bottom ash were evaluated. The slopes appeared to match the design slopes of 3:1 with minor sections of slope difference where the slopes curved inward to a steeper concave shape. This displacement of the lower slope is likely due to “pumping” of saturated soils beneath the geomembrane due to wave action and the lack of confining pressure from overlying protective cover layer. Significant geomembrane repairs were performed in 2013. The South Cell upstream slopes appear to be in fair condition.

## 3.3 Crest

The berm crest around the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment is surfaced with gravel at a constant elevation of 1720 feet. The crest roadway is primarily used for light vehicle traffic, but is exposed to heavy construction equipment when the North and South Cells are cleaned out. The crest appears to be in good condition with no vegetation, rodent burrows, or settlement, and appears to be well maintained. There



was one minor crack along the crest road near the North Cell, but no movement of upstream or downstream slopes was noted. The crack is small and may be limited to the gravel roadway.

### **3.4 Downstream Slope**

#### North Cell

The downstream slopes on the north and east sides are approximately 20 feet high and the downstream slope on the west side is approximately 5 feet high. The slopes are graded at approximately 3H:1V and are mostly well vegetated with grass, with a few small areas of bare ground along the north side of the North Cell. Small rodent burrows were observed on the downstream slopes. The downstream slopes are generally in good condition.

#### Center Cell

The downstream slope on the east side is approximately 20 feet high and the downstream slope on the west side is approximately 5 feet high. The slopes are graded at approximately 3H:1V and are well vegetated with grass. Small rodent burrows were observed on the downstream slopes. The downstream slopes are generally in good condition.

#### South Cell

The downstream slope on the east and south side is approximately 20 feet high and the downstream slope on the west side is approximately 5 feet high. The slopes are graded at approximately 3H:1V and are well vegetated with grass, with a few small areas of bare ground along the south side of the South Cell. Small rodent burrows were observed on the east and south downstream slopes. The downstream slopes are generally in fair condition due to the large number of animal burrows noted during the inspection.

### **3.5 Toe**

#### North Cell

The toe of the west berm is in the bottom ash deposition area and has no observed seepage, standing water, rodent burrows, settlement or excessive vegetation. The toes of the north and east berms have no observed seepage, standing water, rodent burrows, settlement or excessive vegetation. The toe of the berms around the North Cell is in good condition.

#### Center Cell

The toe of the west berm is in the bottom ash deposition area and has no observed seepage, standing water, rodent burrows, settlement or excessive vegetation. The toe of the east berm is in a low area that has some marshy vegetation, but no standing water. There were no observed indications of seepage, rodent burrows, settlement or excessive vegetation. The toe of the berms around the Center Cell is in good condition.



### South Cell

The toe of the west berm is in the bottom ash deposition area and has no observed seepage, standing water, rodent burrows, settlement or excessive vegetation. The toe of the east berm is in a low area that has some marshy vegetation, but no standing water. There were no observed indications of seepage, rodent burrows, settlement or excessive vegetation. The toe of the south berm is in a surface water drainage ditch that has some marshy vegetation and minor amounts of standing water. There were no observed indications of seepage, rodent burrows, settlement or excessive vegetation.

## **3.6 Instrumentation**

The Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment currently has two piezometers (P-1 and P-2) on the downstream slope on the east side of the Center Cell (Figure 2). Water elevations observed in piezometers P-1 and P-2 after well construction in 2012 were 1698.3 feet and 1695.9 feet, respectively.

## **3.7 Signs of Structural Weakness or Other Observations that Could Affect Stability**

No signs of structural weakness or other observations that could affect the stability of the Bottom Ash Impoundment were observed during the site inspection in April 2015.





#### 4.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

An annual inspection was performed for the Bottom Ash Surface Impoundment at Stanton Station on April 13, 2015. The inspection met the requirements for CCR surface impoundments under 40 CFR Part 257.83. Golder observed good vegetation and site maintenance and did not identify significant deficiencies such as seepage, excessive erosion or settlement, or cracking during visual observations.

In addition to annual inspections by the Professional Engineer, trained and qualified site personnel will perform the required weekly facility inspections to look for signs of potential structural weaknesses.

Minor maintenance items that may need to be continually addressed include repairing large animal burrows as they appear, monitoring vegetative success of downstream slopes, and removal of any woody vegetation growing on the exterior slopes. In addition, the inflow and outflow piping and hydraulic structures should be monitored regularly to ensure proper conveyance of water through the impoundment system.

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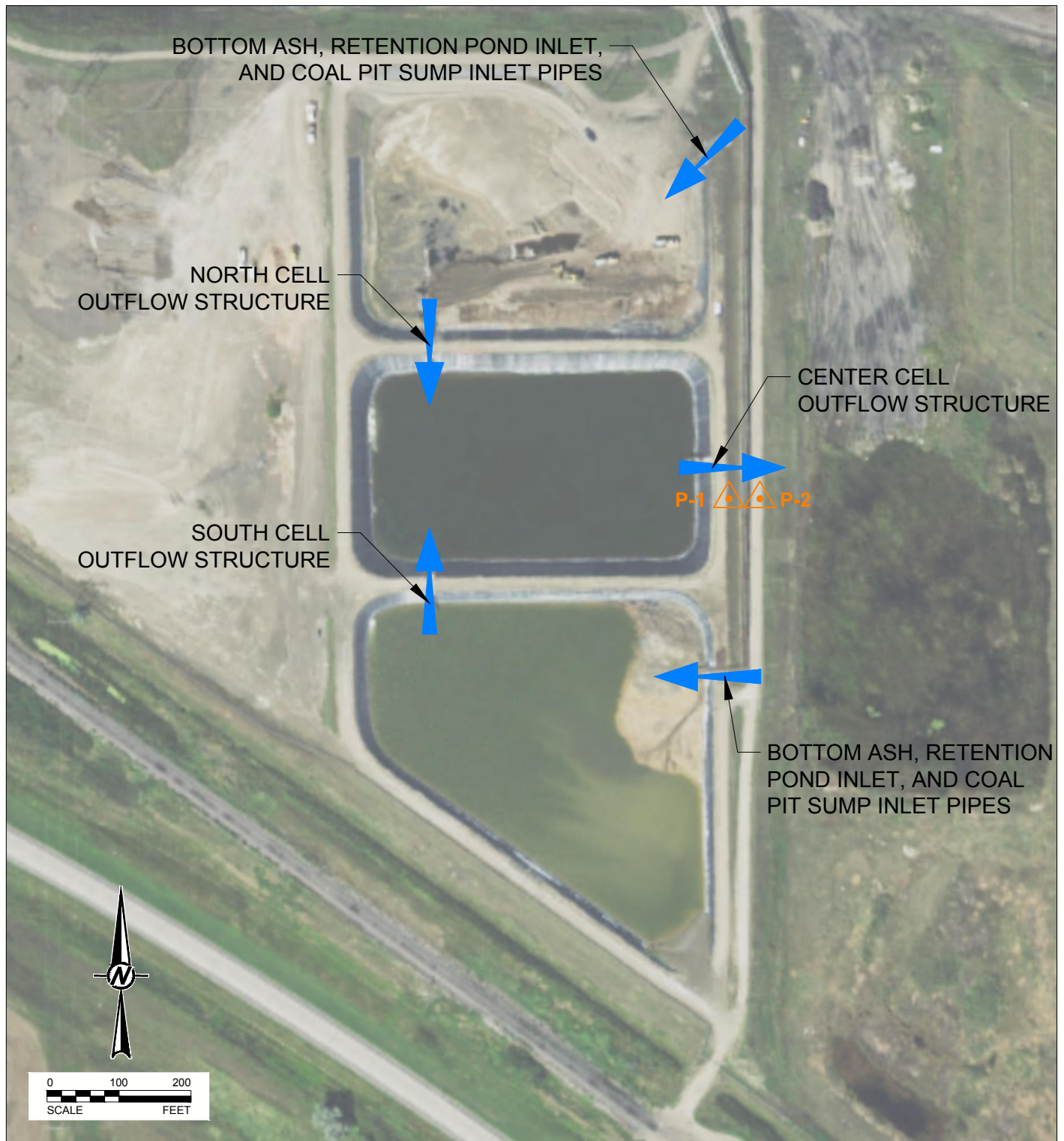
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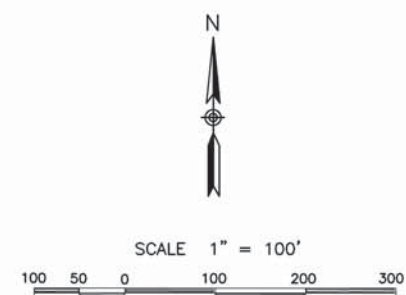
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**APPENDIX A**  
**SELECTED CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS AND**  
**PERMIT DRAWINGS**





— EXISTING GROUND ELEVATION CONTOUR  
— NEW GROUND ELEVATION CONTOUR

1. SEE GENERAL NOTES, DRAWING S1002.
2. ELEVATIONS SHOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF IMPOUNDMENT CELLS ARE OF THE TOP OF THE CLAY FILL.

S1002	FACILITIES SITE PLAN
S1006	POND A SECTIONS & DETAILS – SH. 1
S1007	POND A SECTIONS & DETAILS – SH. 2
S1008	POND A SECTIONS & DETAILS – SH. 3
S1009	OUTFALL STRUCTURES OUTLINE – PLAN & SECTIONS
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S1011	OUTFALL STRUCTURES – REINFORCEMENT SH. 2

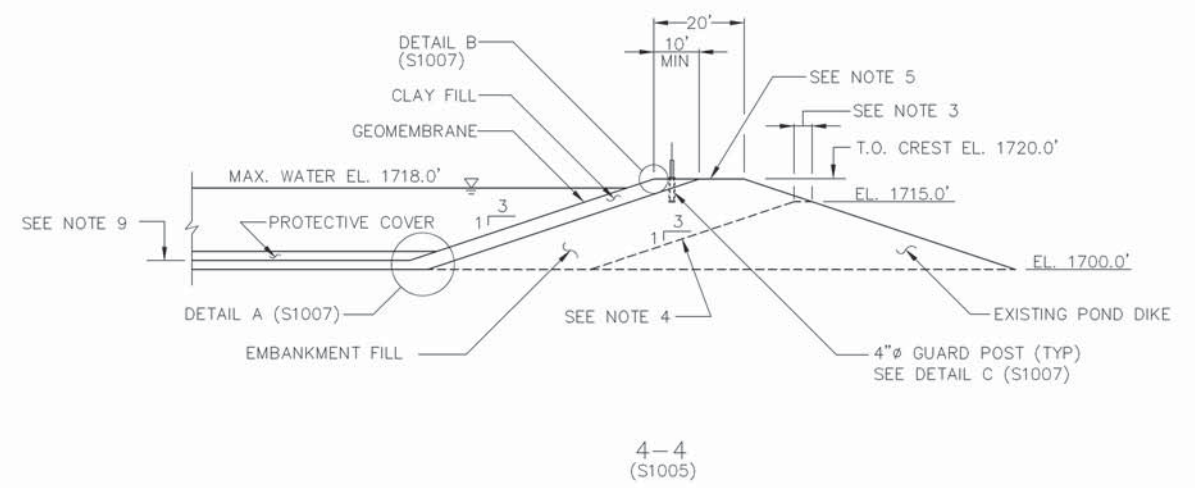
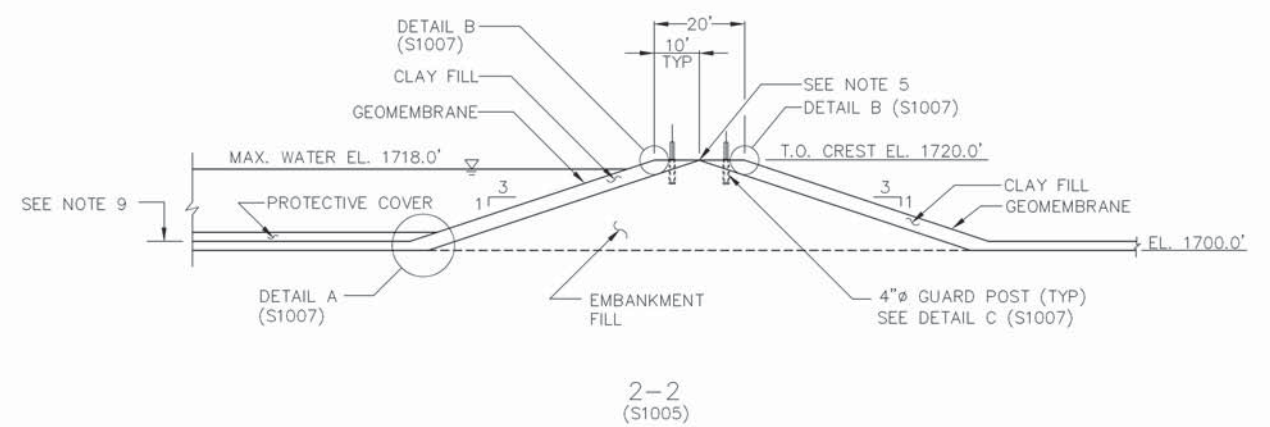
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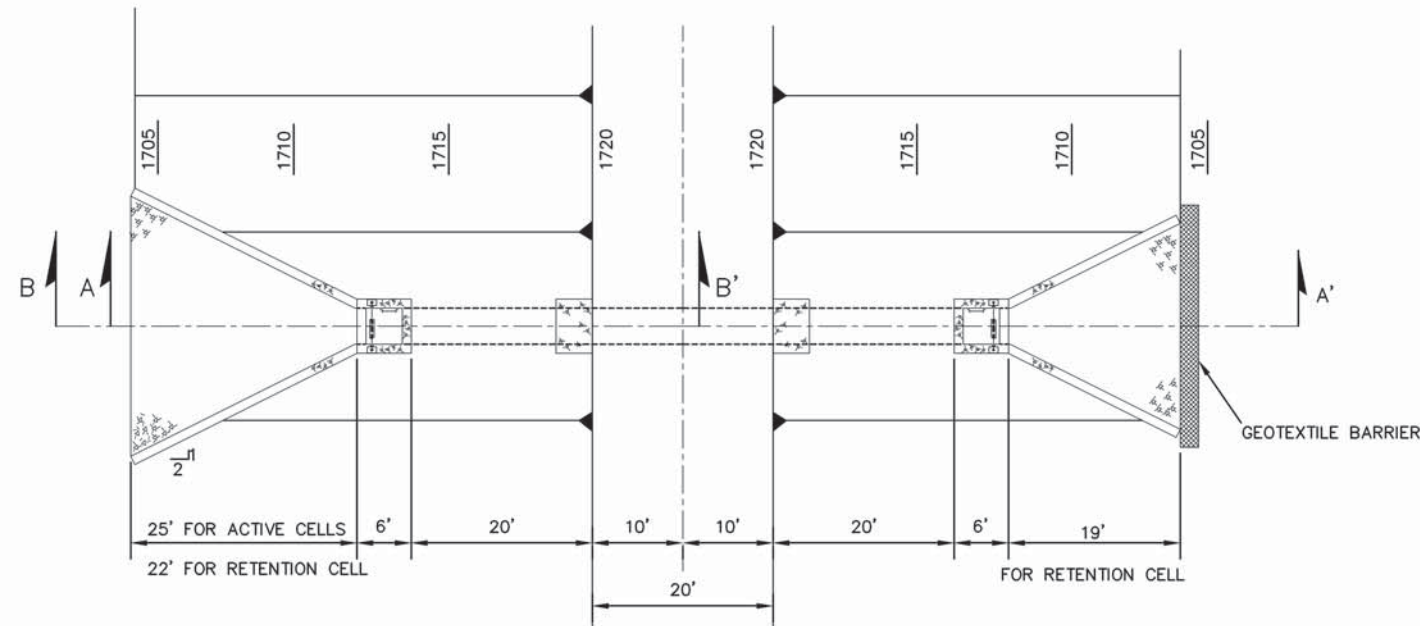
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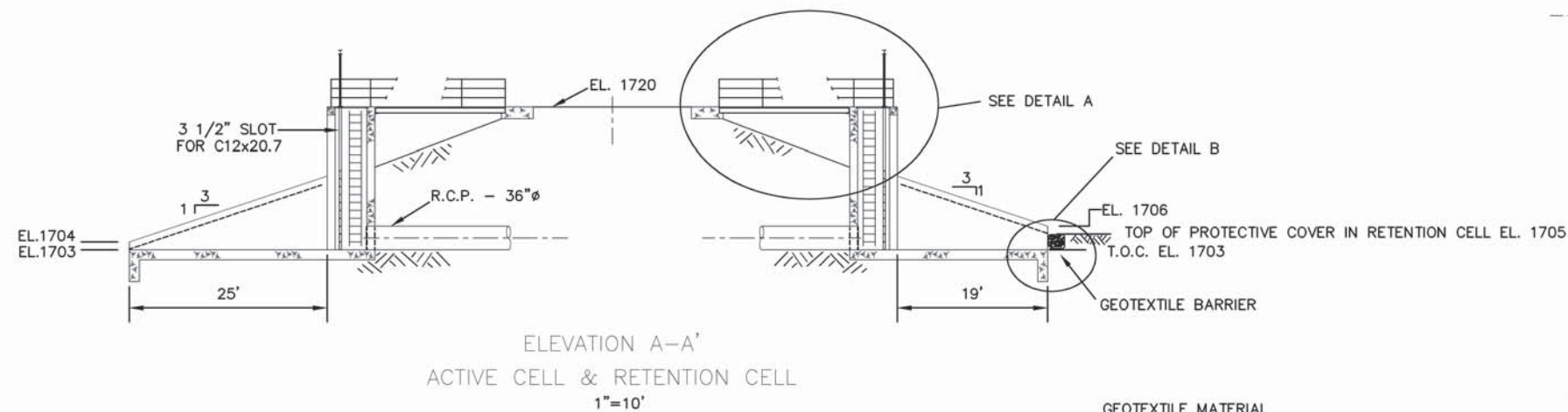


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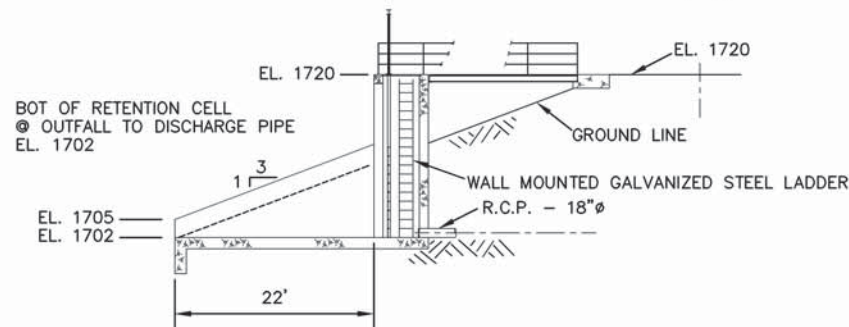
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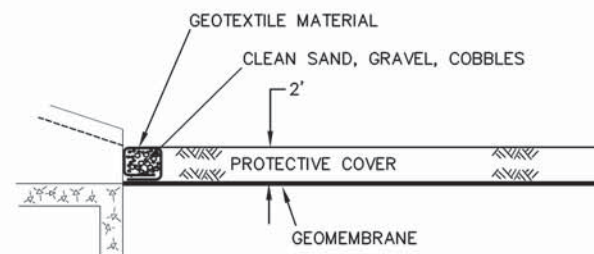
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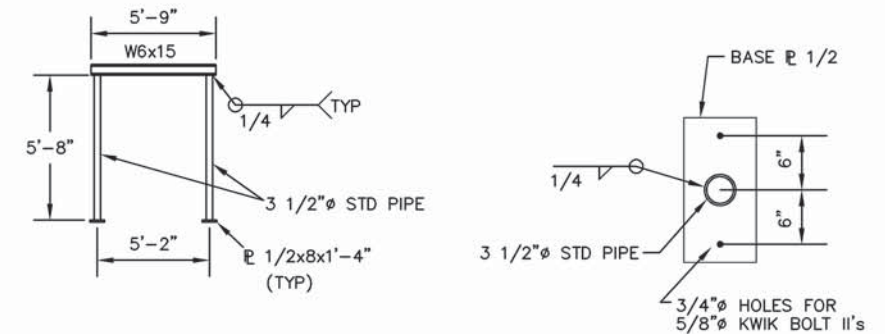


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OUTFALL OF RETENTION CELL  
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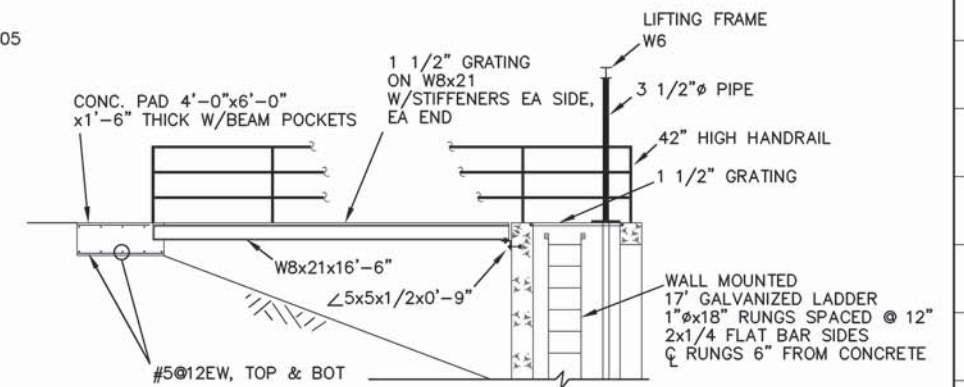
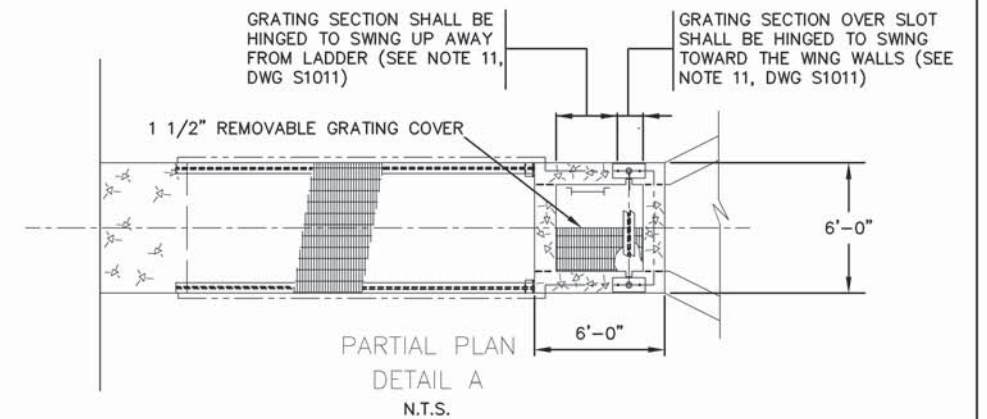


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(5 - REQ'D)  
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2. FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES, SEE DRAWING S1011

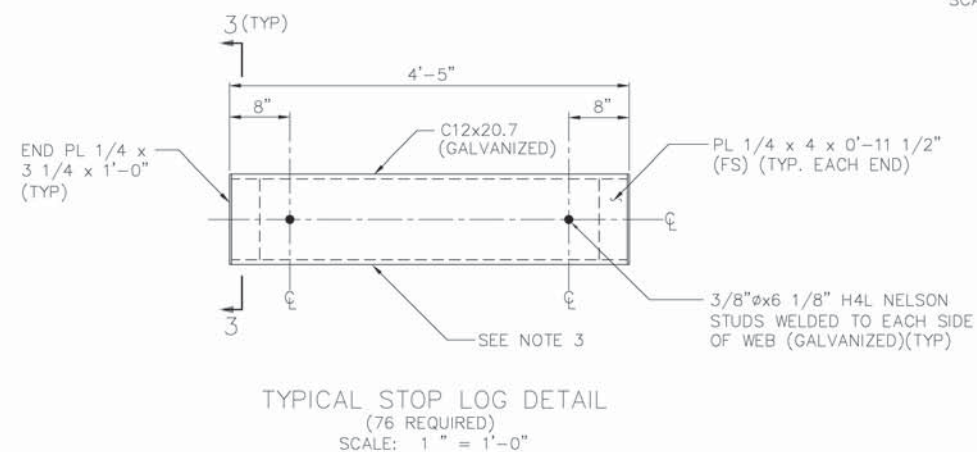
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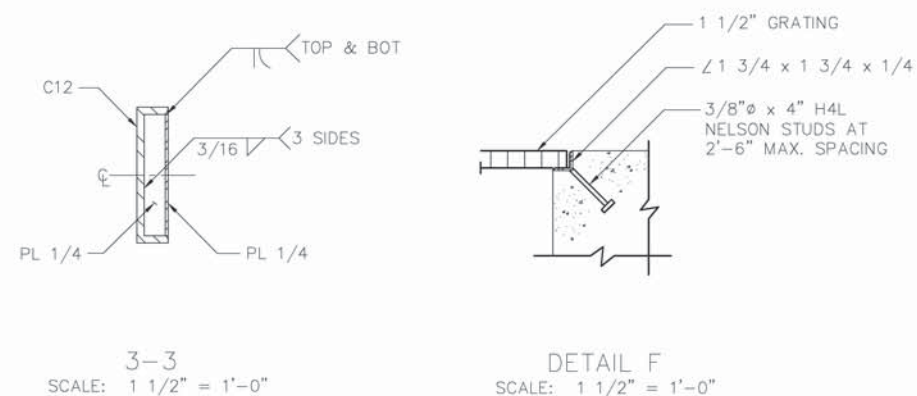
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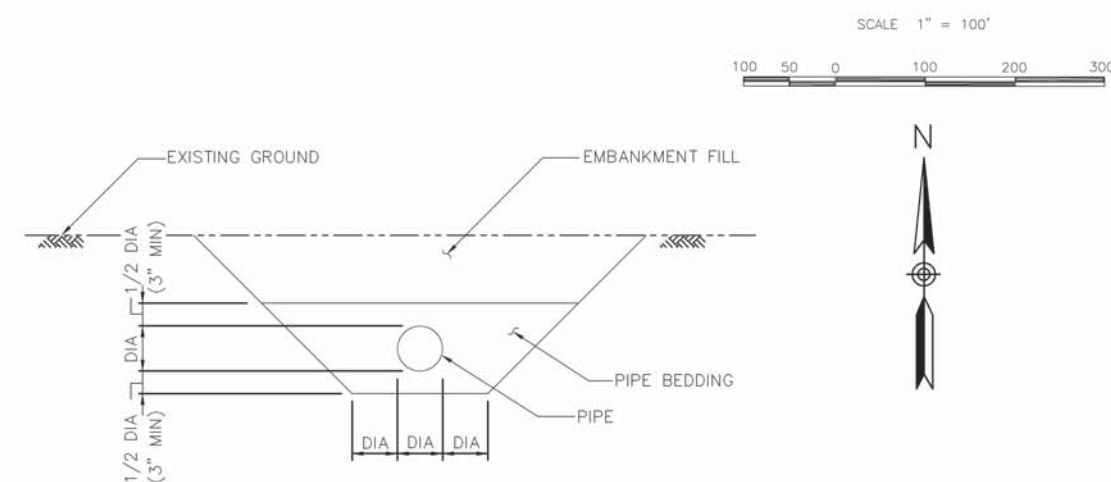


- NOTES:
1. SCALE: AS NOTED
  2. FOR ADDITIONAL NOTES, SEE DRAWING S1011.
  3. PLACE 40 MIL x 2 1/2" STRIP PVC ON TOP AND BOTTOM OF C12 WITH WATER RESISTANT ADHESIVE.
  4. THE FABRICATOR SHALL VERIFY AND CONNECT, AS REQUIRED, THE SWEEP OF THE CHANNEL STOP LOGS TO WITHIN 3/16", AND THE CAMBER TO WITHIN 1/16". THE VARIATION OF OUT OF SQUARE OF THE FLANGES SHALL BE VERIFIED TO BE LESS THAN THE 1/32" THAT IS PERMISSIBLE BY STANDARD MILL PRACTICE.
  5. THE GRATING SECTION OVER THE SLOT SHALL BE HINGED TO SWING TOWARD THE WING WALLS.
  6. THE GRATING SECTION SHALL BE HINGED TO SWING UP AWAY FROM THE LADDER.



SCALE: 1 1/2" = 1'-0"

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NOTE: PIPES AND/OR CULVERTS IN A SINGLE TRENCH SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM SPACING OF 12 INCHES (WALL-TO-WALL) BETWEEN ADJACENT PIPES.

REFERENCE DRAWINGS:  
S1002 FACILITIES SITE PLAN  
S1013 PIPING DETAILS  
S1027 BOTTOM ASH SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT  
OUTFALL PIPING PLAN

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**STONE & WEBSTER ENGINEERING CORPORATION**  
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**APPENDIX B**  
**VISUAL OBSERVATIONS CHECKLIST**



# IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION CHECKLIST

**Facility Name:** Bottom Ash Impoundment

**Owner and Address:** Great River Energy – Stanton Station

**Purpose of Facility:** CCR Dewatering and process water storage/clarification

**Legal:** Section: 21

**Township:** 144N

**Range:** 84W

**County:** McLean

**Inspected By:** Craig Schuettpelz

**Inspection Date:** 4/13/15

**Weather:** 60°F, Sun

ITEM	Y	N	N/A	REMARKS
1. General Conditions				
a. Alterations		X		
b. Development of downstream plain		X		
c. Grass cover	X			
d. Settlement/misalignment/cracks		X		
e. High water mark			X	Elevation: —
f. Current water level	X			Elevation: North: 1709', Center: 1715', South: 1716'
g. Sudden drops in water level?		X		
2. Inflow Structure				
a. Settlement		X		
b. Cracking		X		
c. Corrosion	X			
d. Obstacles in inlet		X		
e. Riprap/erosion control			X	geomembrane rub sheet under inlet pipe locations
3. Outflow Structure				
a. Settlement		X		
b. Cracking		X		
c. Corrosion		X		
d. Obstacles in outlet		X		
e. Riprap/erosion control			X	
4. Upstream slope				
a. Erosion – liner exposed?	X			Liner IS exposed on side slopes
b. Rodent burrows		X		
c. Vegetation		X		
d. Cracks/settlement	X			Lower parts of slopes displaced
e. Riprap/other erosion protection			X	in some locations
5. Crest				
a. Soil condition	X			Gravel road, no significant
b. Comparable to design width	X			settlement/cracking
c. Vegetation		X		
d. Rodent burrows		X		
e. Exposed to heavy traffic	X			Large equipment during cleanout
f. Damage from vehicles/machinery				
6. Downstream slope				
a. Erosion	X			Minor rills
b. Vegetation	X			Grass, few bare spots
c. Rodent burrows	X			
d. Cracks/settlement/scarps		X		Minor erosion rills
e. Drain conditions			X	
f. Seepage		X		
7. Toe				
a. Vegetation	X			Grass
b. Rodent burrows	X			
c. Settlement		X		
d. Drainage conditions	X			Surface water drainages/ponding areas
e. Seepage		X		

**General Remarks:**

- Lower half upstream slopes displaced (likely some "pumping" of clay, but no signs of displacement causing stability issues)
- Rodent burrows and minor erosion/bare spots on downstream slopes

**Name of Engineer:** Craig Schuettpelz

**Date:** 4/13/15

**Engineering Firm:** Golder Associates Inc.

**Signature:**

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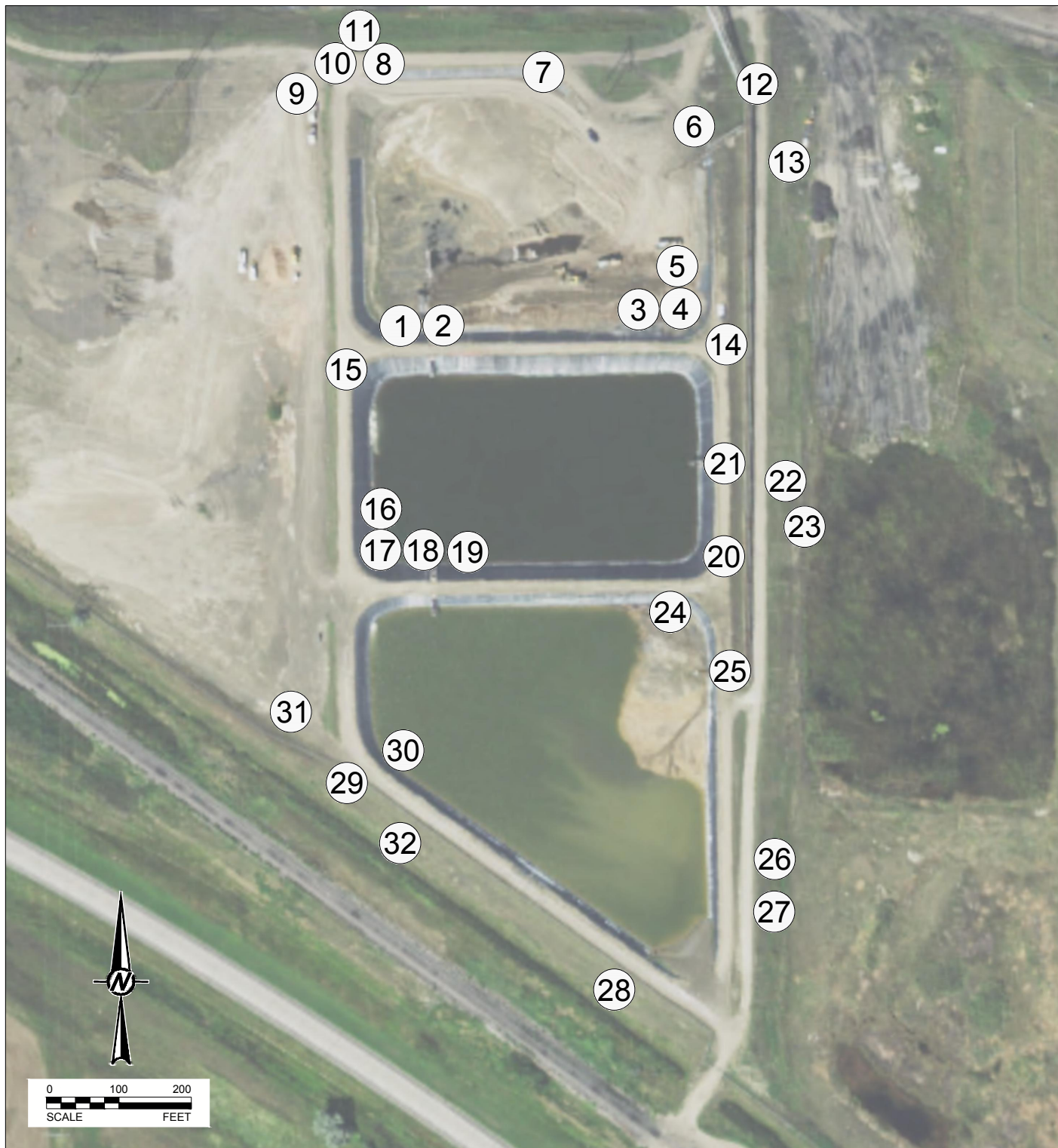


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**APPENDIX C**  
**PHOTOGRAPHS**



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#### REFERENCES

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#### CLIENT

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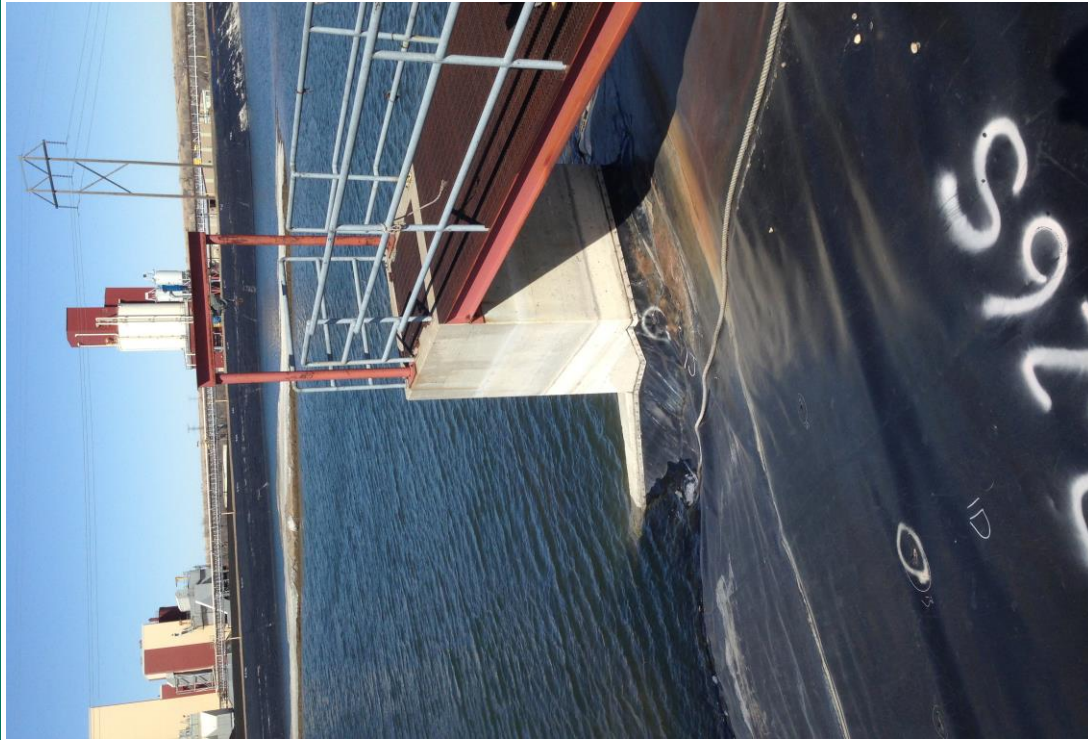
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**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 1 - North Cell  
Outlet structure on south side (IMG\_3621.JPG)**



**Photograph 2 - North Cell  
Outlet structure on south side (IMG\_3624.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 3 - North Cell**  
**Panoramic from southeast corner (1 of 3) (IMG\_3626.JPG)**



**Photograph 4 - North Cell**  
**Panoramic from southeast corner (2 of 3) (IMG\_3627.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 5 - North Cell**  
**Panoramic from southeast corner (3 of 3) (IMG\_3628.JPG)**



**Photograph 6 - North Cell**  
**Bottom ash inlet piping and trestle (IMG\_3633.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 7 - North Cell**  
**Small crack along crest (center of north side) (IMG\_3635.JPG)**



**Photograph 8 - North Cell**  
**Small crack along crest (west end of north side) (IMG\_3637.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 9 - North Cell  
West downstream slope (IMG\_3642.JPG)**



**Photograph 10 - North Cell  
North crest (IMG\_3644.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 11 - North Cell**  
North downstream slope (area to be reseeded) (IMG\_3646.JPG)



**Photograph 12 - North Cell**  
East ash line road (IMG\_3651.JPG)



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 13 - North Cell**  
**East downstream slope (lower portion) (IMG\_3652.JPG)**



**Photograph 14 - North Cell**  
**South crest (IMG\_3654.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 15 - Center Cell  
West crest (IMG\_3656.JPG)**



**Photograph 16 - Center Cell  
Panoramic from southwest corner (1 of 3) (IMG\_3660.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 17 - Center Cell**  
**Panoramic from southwest corner (2 of 3) (IMG\_3661.JPG)**



**Photograph 18 - Center Cell**  
**Panoramic from southwest corner (3 of 3) (IMG\_3662.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 19 - Center Cell  
Inlet structure from South Cell (IMG\_3664.JPG)**



**Photograph 20 - Center Cell  
East crest (IMG\_3665.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 21 - Center Cell  
Manhole for center cell outflow (IMG\_3669.JPG)**



**Photograph 22 - Center Cell  
East downstream slope (lower portion) (IMG\_3672.JPG)**



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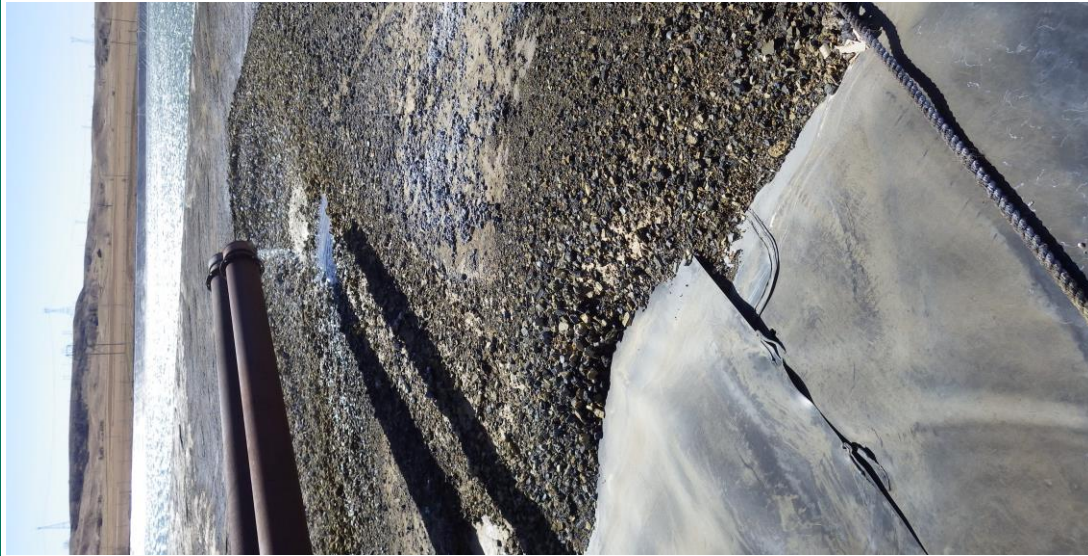
**Photograph 23 - Center Cell**  
**Small animal burrow at the toe of the east downstream slope (IMG\_3675.JPG)**



**Photograph 24 - South Cell**  
**North upstream slope (IMGP2174.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 25 - South Cell  
Bottom ash deposition pipes (IMG2177.JPG)**



**Photograph 26 - South Cell  
Erosion rills on the east downstream slope (IMG2183.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 27 - South Cell**  
**Mossy vegetation on the east downstream slope (no seepage observed) (IMGP2184.JPG)**



**Photograph 28 - South Cell**  
**Bare spot on south downstream slope (IMGP2191.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 29 - South Cell**  
**South downstream slope (looking southeast) (IMG2198.JPG)**



**Photograph 30 - South Cell**  
**Upstream south side (looking southeast) (IMG2201.JPG)**



**Bottom Ash Impoundment**



**Photograph 31 - South Cell**  
**West downstream slope (at southwest corner) (IMGP2202.JPG)**



**Photograph 32 - South Cell**  
**Small animal burrow (IMGP2203.JPG)**