



October 23, 2023

Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy
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Attn: Mr. Daniel LeMaistre

RE: Whelan Energy Center Fossil Fuel Combustion Ash Disposal Area
NDEE Facility ID No. 58048, NDEE Permit No. NE0204129
Notification of CCR Removal & Verification Completed – WEC2 Ash Pond Liner Project

Dear Mr. LeMaistre,

On behalf of the Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA) and City of Hastings, Hastings Utilities (Hastings), we are informing the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) that CCR and CCR impacted soils have been removed from the retrofit area in the Whelan Energy Center (WEC) Temporary Ash Disposal Area as of September 29, 2023. CCR removal was necessary prior to construction of the composite liner. Visual observation and soils testing verification have been completed in accordance with the CCR Removal Work Plan submitted to NDEE June 28, 2023 and contract specifications, except in the 100-foot wide corridor along the underground cooling water lines and modified sampling procedure. As previously discussed with NDEE, the cooling lines corridor excavation stopped at approximate elevation 1886 feet mean sea level, at least one foot above the underground pipes as a precaution to protect them. All final tests have passed the original constituents' thresholds identified in the Work Plan, except the supplemental tests specifically taken within the corridor. These supplemental tests further document remaining constituent levels in the corridor. Documentation of CCR removal construction quality assurance activities will be included in the final CQA construction documentation report for the WEC2 Ash Pond Liner Project.

Please contact Marty Stange at (402) 462-3651 or me at (402) 399-4904 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
HDR Engineering, Inc.

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Associate, Project Manager

Enclosures

Cc: Marty Stange, City of Hastings/Hastings Utilities
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