

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF CCR UNIT RETROFIT ACTIVITIES
WHELAN ENERGY CENTER**

The Whelan Energy Center (WEC), located in Hasting, Nebraska, has two coal fired electric generating units. WEC Units 1 and 2 have capacity ratings of 77 MW and 220 MW, respectively. City of Hastings/Hastings Utilities (Hastings) is the owner and operator of WEC Unit 1 (WEC1) and the operating agent of WEC Unit 2 (WEC2) for Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA). The WEC Temporary Ash Disposal Area is permitted under the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE, formerly NDEQ) Title 132 – Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations. The WEC Temporary Ash Disposal Area is considered an existing unlined CCR surface impoundment with previous approximate 23.2 acres.

Approximately 6 acres of the northeast quadrant of the WEC Temporary Ash Disposal Area was retrofitted with a composite liner, complying with the federal CCR rule and NDEE Title 132 regulations, for a landfill cell and leachate pond. Retrofit activities included CCR removal and liner construction (August 9, 2023 to December 21, 2023), CQA documentation report submittal to NDEE (January 24, 2024), NDEE reviews, and NDEE approval letter of the CQA documentation report (June 18, 2024).

Certification by qualified professional engineer required by 40 CFR §257.102(k)(4) is included with this notification. Certification of the CQA Report for the WEC2 Ash Pond Liner Project is within the report.

This notification of completion of retrofit activities at the CCR unit known as the WEC Temporary Ash Disposal Area is hereby provided in accordance with 40 CFR §257.102(k)(6).

Date: June 21, 2024

FOR THE PUBLIC POWER GENERATION AGENCY

Micah McCaffery, 06/24/2024

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PPGA Project Operating Agent
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FOR CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

Marty Stange, 6/20/2024

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Environmental Director
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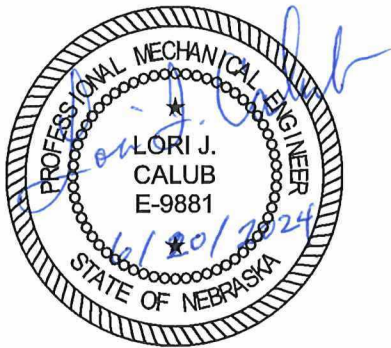
Completion of CCR Unit Retrofit Activities Whelan Energy Center WEC Temporary Ash Disposal Area

Certification

I hereby certify that the retrofit activities for the existing WEC Temporary Ash Disposal Area at the Whelan Energy Center, operated by the City of Hastings/Hastings Utilities, have been completed in accordance with the Retrofit Plan amended June 28, 2023, and meets the requirements of the Coal Combustion Residual Rule 40 CFR Section 257.102(k). I am duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Nebraska.

Print Name: Lori J. Calub
Signature: *Lori J. Calub*
Date: June 20, 2024
License #: E-9881

My license renewal date is December 31, 2025.



Discussion

Based on observation and testing as documented in the Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Report, it is our opinion that the WEC2 Ash Pond Liner Project at the Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA) Whelan Energy Center (WEC) within the permitted Temporary Ash Disposal Area has been constructed in substantial conformance with the Plans and Specifications. The CQA Report was submitted to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) for review on January 24, 2024, and NDEE completed review and provided the approval letter for the CQA Report and constructed liner project on June 18, 2024.