



CCR Landfill 2016 Annual Inspection Report North Omaha Ash Landfill



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Professional Engineer Certification

"I hereby certify that operations and maintenance of the CCR landfill known as the North Omaha Ash Landfill at the North Omaha Generating Station, owned and operated by the Omaha Public Power District, was inspected and this report prepared in accordance with the Coal Combustion Residual Rule 40 CFR 257.84(b). I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Nebraska."

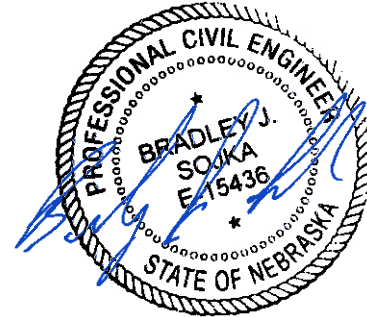
Print Name: *Bradley J. Sojka*

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date: *1/19/17*

License #: *E-15436*

My license renewal date is December 31, 2018.



1 Introduction

On April 17, 2015 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the final rule for the regulation and management of coal combustion residuals (CCR) under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The CCR rule defines a set of requirements for the disposal and handling of CCR within CCR units (defined as either landfills or surface impoundments). The Omaha Public Power District (OPPD), North Omaha Generating Station (Station) currently has one (1) active CCR landfill. Section 40 CFR 257.84(b) specifies that an owner or operator of a CCR landfill or any lateral expansion of a CCR landfill must have the landfill inspected on a periodic basis by a qualified professional engineer to ensure that the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the CCR unit is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards.

1.1 Purpose

The CCR rule requires the initial inspection report for existing CCR landfills to be completed and placed in the operating record no later than January 19, 2016. Subsequent inspections and reports must be completed and filed on an annual basis. The requirements of the annual inspection include:

- A review of available information regarding the status and condition of the CCR unit - 257.84 (B)(1)(i),
- A visual inspection of the CCR unit to identify signs of distress or malfunction - 257.84 (B)(1)(ii),
- An inspection report that includes the following:
 - Changes in geometry since the last inspection - 257.84 (B)(2)(i)
 - Approximate volume of CCR in unit at time of inspection - 257.84 (B)(2)(ii)
 - Appearance of 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 - 257.84 (B)(2)(iii)
 - Any other changes which may have affected the stability or operation of the CCR unit since the last inspection - 257.84 (B)(2)(iv)

OPPD, as owner and operator of the Station, must notify the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) Director within 30 days of placing the CCR Annual Inspection Report in the operating record and posting to the CCR web site (40 CFR §257.106 and §257.107).

1.2 Facility Background

OPPD has a fossil fuel-fired generating plant at the Station in Omaha, Nebraska. The Station is located east of Pershing Drive and Craig Street, approximately 3.5 miles northwest of the Eppley Airfield, along the west shore of the Missouri River at river mile 625.2. The active CCR landfill, known as the North Omaha Ash Landfill, is permitted under the current NDEQ Title 132 regulations for fossil fuel combustion ash disposal areas (NDEQ Permit No. NE0054739, Facility ID 59763). The active, unlined CCR landfill is located on the north-northwest portion of the

Station property and encompasses approximately 18 acres. A facility site map is included in Appendix A.

2 Review of Available Information (40 CFR 257.84(B)(1)(i))

Numerous documents pertaining to the operation and structural integrity of the landfill were reviewed before, during and after the site inspection, including:

- The CCR Landfill weekly inspection records (per Section 257.84(a)) from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016
- CCR fugitive dust control plan
- NDEQ Title 132 Permit

Review of the above documents did not uncover any unresolved issues that indicated operation, safety or structural concerns of the North Omaha Ash Landfill.

OPPD changed ash contractors during 2016.

3 Visual Site Inspection (40 CFR 257.84(B)(1)(ii))

A site inspection of the North Omaha Ash Landfill was performed on December 2, 2016 by Professional Engineer and OPPD Senior Environmental Specialist, Brad Sojka.

The weather during the site visit was partly cloudy with temperatures ranging from 40 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit with a slight breeze. The site was free of snow cover.

3.1 Extent of Inspection

The inspection included an extensive site walk of the entire North Omaha Ash Landfill. As the CCR rule requires only the inspection of the existing active CCR landfill itself, this report does not address the condition of the groundwater monitoring system, access roads beyond the landfill perimeter, grades and drainage channels that are not components of the CCR landfill.

The field visit included inspection of the following:

- Perimeter drainage including channels and culverts
- Stability of CCR fill area
- Erosion within CCR disposal area

3.2 Inspection Findings

The following are the findings of the site inspection:

- Ditches and culverts around the perimeter appeared to be free flowing with no current blockages. No further action is required at this time.

- All interior slopes were observed and appeared stable at the time of this inspection. Although a few of the slopes were steep (approximately 2H:1V or steeper), these posed no apparent operational or structural concerns at this time. OPPD should continue to monitor these slopes during weekly inspections for any changes in stability.
- No ash was being placed at the time of inspection. All ash on the landfill was compacted firmly.

4 Changes in Geometry

The CCR rule requires that the site geometry changes be identified since the last annual inspection.

Currently the geometry of the ash landfill is such that there are two distinct fills areas. The first, located along the north east property line, is where fly ash disposal operation is occurring. The second area, located on the northwest portion of the ash landfill, is used for disposal/storage of bottom ash. An access road currently bisects the two areas.

5 Approximate CCR Volume

Approximate volume of CCR material within the active CCR landfill was estimated by computing airspace between an October 2014 survey versus an estimated, pre-disposal base elevation of 994 feet mean sea level. By the end of 2016, the estimated total volume of CCR in the active CCR landfill is approximately 820,000 cubic yards.

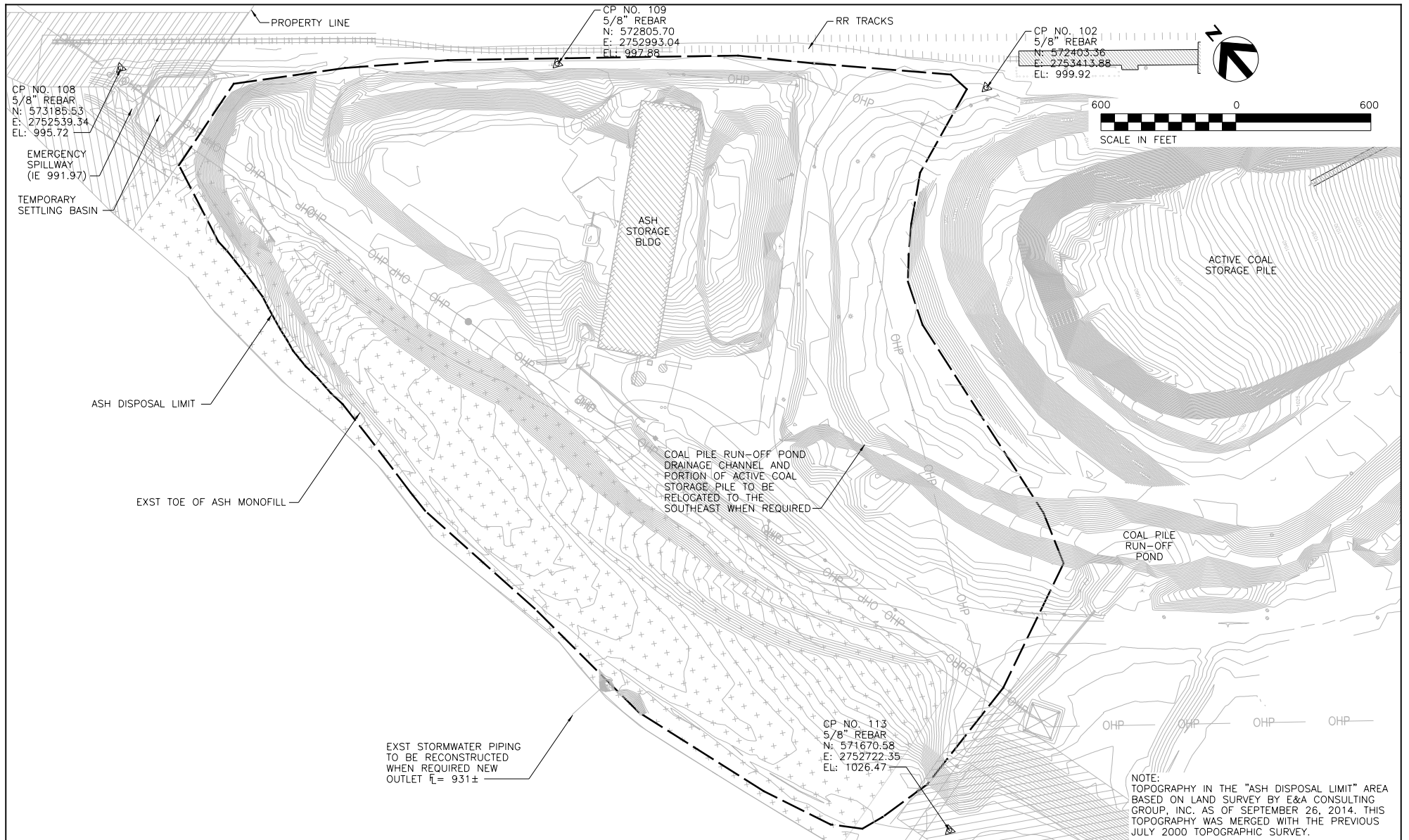
6 Appearance of Structural Weakness

Based on the visual inspection findings reported above in Section 3, no apparent or potential structural weaknesses were observed. It is recommended that the OPPD continue to monitor the interior slopes which were relatively steep and did show evidence of erosion rills.

7 Changes Affecting Stability or Operation

The CCR rule requires that changes that affect stability or operation of the CCR landfill be identified since the last annual inspection. There are no changes that affect stability or operation since the last inspection.

Appendix A
Facility Site Map



**OPPD
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NORTH OMAHA ASH LANDFILL**

INSPECTION MAP

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OCTOBER 2015

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