



# Post-Closure Plan Jeffrey Energy Center Bottom Ash Pond

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## Plan Review/Amendment Log §257.104(d)(3)

Date of Review	Reviewer Name	Amendment Required (YES/NO)	Sections Amended and Reason
April 2018 (original version)	APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC	N/A	Original
March 1, 2021 (Revision 1)	Richard Southorn (APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC)	No	Update new company name & contact info, improve alignment with other Evergy post-closure plans, remove CCR rule table, show unit as closed, remove unit design & history info, clarify limitations on end-use, add monitor well and dam inspections, remove/correct incorrect citations, remove figures, add mowing & inspection frequency, access control requirements, and various minor clarifications.



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

APTIM Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc. (Aptim) has prepared the following Post-Closure Plan (Plan) at the request of Evergy Kansas Central (Evergy) for the closed Bottom Ash Pond (Unit) located at the Jeffrey Energy Center (JEC) in St. Marys, Kansas. JEC is a coal-fired power plant that has been in operation since 1980.

On July 26, 2016 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) extended the requirements of the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities Final Rule (CCR Rule) 40 CFR §257 and §261, for certain inactive CCR surface impoundments. The Unit has been determined to be inactive by 40 CFR §257.53 and therefore was deemed to be a regulated, inactive CCR unit by the USEPA through the CCR Rule. Evergy closed the Unit in-place January 28, 2021 in accordance with §257.102(d) of the CCR Rule.

This Plan details the post-closure requirements outlined in §257.104, for CCR units closed in place. The criteria for conducting the post-closure care of the Unit are detailed in Section 2.0. Post-closure care processes have been established to control, minimize, and eliminate infiltration of liquids into waste and the release of leachate.



## 2.0 REGULATORY OVERVIEW OF CCR POST-CLOSURE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

On April 17, 2015, USEPA published the CCR Rule under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as 40 CFR Part §257 and §261. The purpose of the CCR Rule is to regulate the management of CCR in regulated CCR units for landfill and surface impoundments.

Section 257.104(d) of the CCR Rule requires owners or operators of CCR landfills and surface impoundments to prepare a written Post-Closure Plan describing the monitoring and maintenance activities, contact personnel during the post-closure care period, and the planned use of the unit during the post-closure care period. The following citations from the CCR Rule are applicable for the Unit as discussed in this Plan:

§257.104(d)(1) stipulates:

*“The owner or operator of a CCR unit must prepare a written post-closure plan that includes, at a minimum, the information specified in paragraphs (d)(1)(i) through (iii) of this section*

- (i) A description of the monitoring and maintenance activities required in paragraph (b) of this section for the CCR unit, and the frequency at which these activities will be performed;*
- (ii) The name, address, telephone number, and email address of the person or office to contact about the facility during the post-closure care period; and*
- (iii) A description of the planned uses of the property during the post-closure period. Post-closure use of the property shall not disturb the integrity of the final cover, liner(s), or any other component of the containment system, or the function of the monitoring systems unless necessary to comply with the requirements in this subpart...”*

An outline of the post-closure care maintenance requirements are described in §257.104(b), which stipulates:

*“Following the closure of the CCR unit, the owner or operator must conduct post-closure care for the CCR unit, which must consist of at least the following:*

- 1. Maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the final cover system including making repairs to the final cover as necessary to correct the effects of settlement, subsidence, erosion, or other events, and preventing run-on and run-off from eroding or otherwise damaging the final cover*
- 2. If the CCR unit is subject to the design criteria under §257.70, maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the leachate collection and removal system and operating the leachate collection and removal system in accordance with the requirements of §257.70; and*
- 3. Maintaining the groundwater monitoring system and monitoring groundwater in accordance with the requirements of §257.90 through §257.98”*

This Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the CCR Rule and includes a written certification in Section 9.0 from a qualified Professional Engineer in the State of Kansas.



### 3.0 UNIT OVERVIEW

Evergy owns and operates the waste management units at JEC in St. Marys, Pottawatomie County, Kansas. JEC is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Belvue, Kansas and approximately 4.3 miles west of Highway 63 and resides in Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, Township 9 South, Range 11 East and Sections 6 and 7, Township 9 South, Range 12 East.

The final cover design and construction of the Unit has been designed to meet 40 CFR §257.102(d). The unit was certified closed on January 28, 2021.



#### **4.0 POST-CLOSURE OVERVIEW AND PLANNED USE (§257.104(d)(1)(iii))**

This Plan applies to the proposed site end use for the Unit. The currently proposed end use of the Unit is a natural area of passive open space that will not disturb the integrity of the final cover cap. Permanent cap ditch segment and diversion ditches will convey stormwater and process water off and around the final cover to Tower Hill Lake. Post-closure use of the surface impoundment property will not disturb the integrity of the final cover, containment systems, or the functioning of the monitoring systems, unless necessary to comply with the CCR Rule. Any other disturbance, such as removal of CCR for beneficial use, is allowed if the owner or operator of the CCR unit demonstrates that disturbance of the final cover, or other components of the containment system, will not increase the potential threat to human health or the environment. The demonstration must be certified by a qualified professional engineer and a notification will be provided to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Waste Management, that the demonstration has been placed in the operating record and on the Evergy publicly accessible internet site.



## **5.0 MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES (§257.104(d)(1)(i) and §257.104(b))**

Post-closure care will be performed for a period of 30 years in accordance with §257.104(c). Post-closure activities include environmental monitoring and maintenance.

### **5.1 Inspection and Monitoring Activities (§257.104(b)(1))**

As part of the post-closure care period for the Unit, periodic inspections will be completed. Initially, inspections will continue to be completed no less frequently than a seven--day interval. Inspection frequency will be reduced as final cover conditions are found to be stable and depending on the need for periodic maintenance. It is anticipated that the routine inspections will revert to quarterly or semi-annual inspections.

The inspections of the Unit will be conducted by JEC personnel or their designee(s). The purpose of the visual inspections during the post-closure care period will be to detect any damage, distress, or malfunctions to the Unit final cover, cover soils, dam, berms, vegetation, monitor wells and stormwater management systems for the Unit. Any issues found will be corrected as a part of maintenance activities discussed in Section 7.2 with the goal of maintaining the integrity of the unit and its monitoring systems.

The established CCR groundwater monitoring network will be utilized, inspected, and maintained during the post-closure care period to maintain groundwater monitoring in accordance with §257.90 through §257.98.

### **5.2 Final Cover System Maintenance and Repair Plan (§257.104(b)(1))**

Minimal CCR material consolidation is anticipated due to material dewatering, the physical characteristics of the bottom ash material deposited, the CCR material being vibrated/compacted during placement and because most settlement will have occurred shortly after placement. Regrading and repair of the final cover soil may be required in the event that future non-uniform settlement or erosion is observed to be impacting the functional design and/or operation of the Unit and surrounding areas.

Maintenance of the final cover will include periodic mowing as needed but not less than once per year of the vegetative cover and reseeding as necessary. The grass will be maintained at such a level as to facilitate inspection. This will help to discourage the inhabitation of burrowing animals. The topsoil layer on the final cover system will be inspected, filled with appropriate soil, regraded, and seeded if significant erosion occurs. Control of public access to the unit will also assist in maintenance of final cover by helping to prevent cover damage by utilizing an appropriate combination of site security, fencing, lockable gates, and/or site surface water features.

Routine maintenance of the cap and diversion ditches includes periodic control of sediment and vegetation. Repair of surface water channels, if needed, will typically be performed by bringing in equipment such as excavators, dump trucks, loaders, dozers, and/or scrapers. Materials such as silt fence, straw bales, and soil will be used as needed to implement short-term repairs while waiting for permanent repairs. By controlling site access and maintaining the system of stormwater controls, erosion and damage to the final cover system will be minimized.



## **6.0 NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF POST-CLOSURE CARE (§257.104(e))**

Evergy will complete a Notice of Completion of Post-closure Care Period within 60 (sixty) days of completion of post-closure of the Unit. The notification will include the certification by a registered professional engineer as required by §257.104(e).



**7.0 KEY CONTACT INFORMATION (§257.104(d)(1)(ii))**

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## **8.0 PROCEDURES FOR PLAN ASSESSMENTS AND AMENDMENTS (§257.104(d)(3))**

The Plan will be amended if there is a situation stated in §257.104(d)(3)(i-iii). The Plan will be amended 60 days prior to a planned change of the JEC facility or Unit, or no later than 60 days after an unanticipated event that would necessitate a revision and no later than 30 days after an unanticipated event after post-closure care activities have commenced.

Any amended Plan will be certified by a registered professional engineer and will be placed in JEC's facility operating record as required per §257.105(i)(12). Amended Plans will supersede and replace any prior versions. Availability of an amended Plan will be noticed to the State Director per §257.106(i) and posted to the publicly accessible internet site per §257.107(i).



**9.0 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER CERTIFICATION (§257.104(d)(4))**

The undersigned registered professional engineer is familiar with the requirements of §257.104 of the CCR Rule and has visited and examined this Unit or has supervised examination of this Unit by appropriately qualified personnel. The undersigned registered professional engineer attests that this CCR Plan has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practice, including consideration of applicable industry standards and meets the requirements of §257.104, and that this Plan is adequate for JEC's facility. This certification was prepared as required by §257.104(d)(4).

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