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SUBJECT:

Tecumseh Energy Center - Groundwater Monitoring Systems Certification

Bottom Ash Settling Pond and Ash Landfill 322

Westar Energy, Inc.

Westar Energy, Inc. (Westar) operates the existing coal combustion residuals (CCR) management units referred to as the Bottom Ash Settling Pond and Ash Landfill 322 at the Tecumseh Energy Center (TEC) located in Tecumseh, Kansas. These CCR units are considered subject to the CCR Rule since they were active as of the effective date of the CCR Rule. This document addresses the requirements of §257.91 *Groundwater Monitoring Systems*, specifically section §257.91(f), of the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities, 40 CFR Part 257 (CCR Rule) effective 19 October 2015. This document serves as certification that the units comply with the requirements defined in the CCR Rule. This certification has been prepared based upon information made accessible by Westar pursuant to §257.91(e)(1).

Pursuant to CFR Title 40 Chapter I Subchapter I Part 257 Subpart D §257.91(f), I certify that the groundwater monitoring systems for the Bottom Ash Settling Pond and Ash Landfill 322 have been designed and constructed to meet the requirements of §257.91. The certification submitted is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate and complete.

Signed:

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