

## **CCR FUGITIVE DUST CONTROL PLAN**

# **Tecumseh Energy Center**

5530 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tecumseh, Kansas

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## **Revision History**

Revision Number	Revision Date	Section Revised	Summary of Revisions
0	10/15/2015	N/A	Initial Issuance
1	2/17/2021	All	Dust plan format updated & measures due to plant decommissioning
2	1/3/2024	2.0	Additional revisions to reflect decommissioning changes

#### 1.0 Background

The purpose of this CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Plan) is to identify and describe the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) fugitive dust control measures used to effectively minimize the potential for CCR to become airborne at the Tecumseh Energy Center (TEC). The following sections provide background information on the facility, CCR, and related regulatory requirements.

#### 1.1 Facility Information

Name of Facility: Tecumseh Energy Center (TEC)

Name of Operator: Evergy Kansas Central, Inc (Evergy)

Operator Mailing Address: 5530 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Tecumseh, Kansas 66542

Location: 2 miles north of Highway 70 and resides in Sections 31, Township

11 South, and Range 17 East.

Facility Description: Evergy, Inc operated the TEC, located in Tecumseh, Kansas until

2018. This facility has undergone decommissioning and no longer has any active coal fired units. The plant formerly consisted of two operational coal-fired electric generating units. Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) associated with burning coal included bottom ash, economizer ash, and fly ash. CCR were disposed in an on-site active combustion byproduct landfill located on TEC property. This combustion byproduct landfill is permitted under Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Bureau of Waste

Management (BWM), Permit No. 322.

#### 1.2 Coal Combustion Residuals

CCR materials are produced at coal-fired power plants when coal is burned to produce electricity. CCR materials are managed by coal-fired power plant sites, including on-site storage, processing (such as dewatering), and final disposal, typically in CCR landfills. CCRs are no longer generated at TEC due to plant decommissioning. Historically, CCRs generated at the facility include fly ash, bottom ash, and economizer ash materials. General characteristics of these CCR materials are described below.

- Fly Ash Fly ash is captured from exhaust (flue) gases by emissions control equipment such as baghouses. Fly ash is characterized by clay-sized and silt-sized fine grain materials, consisting of silica, calcium, alumina, iron and trace heavy metals. Due to the small particle size and consistency, fly ash can often be mobilized by windy conditions when it is dry. Typically, the facility burns coal which generates fly ash with self-cementing properties in the presence of water. For this reason, a crust generally forms on its surfaces, reducing the potential for dust issues from fly ash storage areas.
- **Bottom Ash** Bottom ash is characterized by sand-sized and gravel-sized materials, which settle by gravity to the bottom of a coal-fired furnace. Due to the heavier, larger-grained material, it is less prone to being mobilized under windy conditions when dry.
- **Economizer Ash** This material is a type of fly ash but is generated and handled separately from fly ash. For the purposes of dust management, this material has characteristics similar to bottom ash.

#### 1.3 Regulatory Requirements

This plan has been developed for the Tecumseh Energy Center in accordance with 40 CFR 257.80(b). The CCR Rule requires preparation of a CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan for facilities including CCR Landfills, CCR Surface Impoundments, and any lateral expansion of a CCR unit. Selected definitions from the CCR Rule are provided below.

- **CCR (coal combustion residuals)** means fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag, and flue gas desulfurization materials generated from burning coal for the purpose of generating electricity by electric utilities and independent power producers.
- **CCR fugitive dust** means solid airborne particulate matter that contains or is derived from CCR, emitted from any source other than a stack or chimney.
- CCR landfill means an area of land or an excavation that receives CCR and which is not a surface
  impoundment, an underground injection well, a salt dome formation, a salt bed formation, an
  underground or surface coal mine, or a cave. For purposes of this subpart, a CCR landfill also
  includes sand and gravel pits and quarries that receive CCR, CCR piles, and any practice that does
  not meet the definition of a beneficial use of CCR.
- CCR surface impoundment means a natural topographic depression, manmade excavation, or diked area, which is designed to hold an accumulation of CCR and liquids, and the unit treats, stores, or disposes of CCR.
- CCR unit means any CCR landfill, CCR surface impoundment, or lateral expansion of a CCR unit, or

- a combination of more than one of these units, based on the context of the paragraph(s) in which it is used. This term includes both new and existing units, unless otherwise specified.
- Qualified professional engineer means an individual who is licensed by a state as a Professional Engineer to practice one or more disciplines of engineering and who is qualified by education, technical knowledge and experience to make the specific technical certifications required under this subpart. Professional engineers making these certifications must be currently licensed in the state where the CCR unit(s) is located.

The CCR Rule requires owners or operators of these CCR facilities to adopt and document "measures that will effectively minimize CCR from becoming airborne at the facility, including CCR fugitive dust originating from CCR units, roads, and other CCR management and material handling activities" (40 CFR 257.80). Owners/Operators of existing, active CCR units were required to prepare a CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan "no later than October 19, 2015, or by initial receipt of CCR in any CCR unit at the facility if the owner or operator becomes subject to this subpart after October 19, 2015" (40 CFR 257.80 (b)(5)). Owners of inactive CCR surface impoundments must prepare a CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan no later than April 18, 2017 (40 CFR 257.100 (e)(4)(i)). This plan has been developed to meet these requirements and is in addition to any other Occupational Safety and Health Act (OHSA) standards applicable to this facility.

#### 2.0 CCR Fugitive Dust Source & Control Measures

Potential CCR fugitive dust sources at the site generally include, loading, unloading, transportation in trucks or on conveyors, stockpiles, vehicle traffic, and landfill placement. These general sources are categorized for TEC for the purposes of CCR fugitive dust management as follows:

- (1) Temporary Storage Areas
- (2) CCR Impoundments
- (3) CCR Landfill Units
- (4) Haul Roads
- (5) General Housekeeping

The Tecumseh Energy Center has implemented the following dust control measures, which are applicable and appropriate for site conditions in accordance with 40 CFR 257.80(b)(1).

#### 2.1 CCR Temporary Storage Areas

The Tecumseh Energy Center no longer has any active temporary storage areas. All permanent and temporary structures associated with processing/management of CCR(s) have been removed as a part of the plant decommissioning process. Due to decommissioning activities, dust control measures that were historically employed have been discontinued.

#### 2.2 CCR Impoundments

Evergy has no active CCR surface impoundments at TEC. Closure of this unit was completed on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 per notice provided to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Due to closure activities, dust control measures that were historically employed have been discontinued.

#### 2.3 CCR Landfills

The CCR Landfill, consisting of three inactive cells, has undergone final closure. Closure of this unit was completed on April 30, 2021 per notice provided to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Due to plant decommissioning, no CCR material is generated at the site or disposed within the landfill.

#### 2.4 Haul Roads

Due to the operational closure of all CCR Unit(s), transport of CCR(s) on haul roads has discontinued. Despite this reduction in CCR activity, the following dust control measures are typically implemented for roads utilized for CCR management at the facility.

- Paved roads at the facility are cleaned and maintained, as needed.
- Hauler equipment is serviced to minimize leaking and maintain normal operations.
- Posted speed limits are enforced during transport to limit mobilization.

### 2.5 General Housekeeping

In addition to the location specific measures, any CCR(s) discovered during the decommissioning process including spilled, and/or deposited CCR material is collected and cleaned in a timely manner.

#### 3.0 Citizen Complaint Log

A specific requirement of the CCR Fugitive Dust Control regulations (40 CFR 257.80(b)(3)) requires owners and operators of all CCR units to develop and implement formal procedures within the Plan for logging citizen complaints involving CCR fugitive dust events.

Complaints received by TEC or Evergy will be recorded by/forwarded to the designated point(s) of contact for logging and recordkeeping. TEC will maintain records of concerns about CCR fugitive dust from the facility in accordance with 40 CFR 257.80(b)(3)using the CCR Fugitive Dust Complaint Record provided in Appendix A.

#### 4.0 CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan Assessment and Amendment

Evergy assesses the effectiveness of CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plans, annually, in accordance with 40 CFR 257.80(b). If practical and more effective prevention and control technology has been field-proven at the time of the review and will significantly improve dust controls, this CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan will be amended to reflect the changes. Amended plans are certified by a qualified Professional Engineer as required by 40 CFR 257.80(b)(7). All plan changes are documented using the Revision History which prefaces this Plan.

Based on the assessment, Evergy may choose to amend this Plan if measures are deemed ineffective or if changes have been made to the areas being managed, the dust control measures, and/or other operating practices are required to continue compliance with the regulatory standards. Amendments to the current Plan will be completed in accordance with §257.80(b)(6) of the Final CCR Rule.

The state of Kansas will be notified in accordance with 40 CFR 257.106(g) when this Plan has been amended and placed in the facility operating record and on the Evergy CCR internet site.

#### **5.0 ENGINEERING CERTIFICATION**

Pursuant to 40 CFR 257.80 and by means of this certification, I attest that:

- (i) I am familiar with the requirements of the CCR Rule (40 CFR 257);
- (ii) I, or my agent, have visited and examined the Tecumseh Energy Center;
- (iii) the CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practice, including consideration of applicable industry standards, and with the requirements of the CCR Rule;
- (iv) the CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan meets the requirements of 40 CFR 257.80(b); and

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## Appendix A

	CCR FUGITIVE DUST COMPLAINT RECORD
Site Name	
Time & Date of Correspondence	
Name of Citizen	
Phone Number	
Mailing address	
Email Address	
Topic of Correspondence	
Describe Observed Event (include	
date/time; wind & conditions, other info)	
Required Corrective Actions or Follow-	
Up, If Applicable	