

March 30, 2018

Director Heidi Grether
c/o Delegated Representative Margie Ring, State Solid Waste Coordinating Engineer
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection
Constitution Hall, Floor 4
525 West Allegan Street
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RE: NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO CLOSE TWO CCR UNITS

Dear Director Grether:

This letter serves as the Notification of Intent to Initiate Closure of the B.C. Cobb Bottom Ash Pond and B.C. Cobb Ponds 0-8, in Muskegon, Michigan pursuant to 40 CFR 257.102(g).

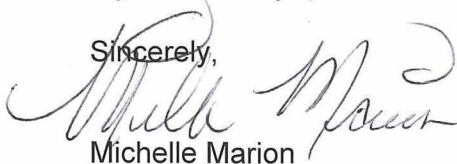
Consumers Energy intends to concurrently close both the Bottom Ash Pond and Ponds 0-8, two existing coal combustion residual (CCR) surface impoundments, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Rule's closure by removal provisions in 40 CFR 257.102(c) no later than March 1, 2023 as documented in the February 2018 Closure Plan that is available on the public facing website.

Consumers Energy is taking steps to implement the Closure Plan by submittal of this Notification of Intent to Initiate Closure and placing it in the Operating Record. In addition, Consumers Energy has begun preparing the NPDES permit application that will be needed to implement closure by removal at B.C. Cobb.

Also, pursuant to 40 CFR 257.106, this letter serves as notification that the Notification of Intent to Initiate Closure for the B.C. Cobb Bottom Ash Pond and the B.C. Cobb Ponds 0-8 existing surface impoundments, have been placed in Consumers Energy's Operating Record as required by 40 CFR 257.105 and will be placed, pursuant to 40 CFR 257.107, on the publicly accessible internet site.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at 517-788-5824.

Sincerely,



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Sr. Engineer

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