



# Liner System Certification Report

## J.H. CAMPBELL GENERATING FACILITY

### POND A LINER SYSTEM CERTIFICATION REPORT

West Olive, Michigan

Pursuant to 40 CFR 257.71

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### CERTIFICATION

#### Professional Engineer Certification Statement [40 CFR 257.71(b)]

I hereby certify that, having reviewed the attached documentation and being familiar with the provisions of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 257.71 (40 CFR Part 257.71), I attest that this Liner System Certification Report is accurate and has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices, including the consideration of applicable industry standards, and with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 257.71.

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October 14, 2016  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

On April 17, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Rule (40 CFR 257 Subpart D) (“CCR RCRA Rule”) to regulate the beneficial use and disposal of CCR materials generated at coal-fired electrical power generating complexes. Section 257.71 of the CCR RCRA Rule requires the owner or operator of an existing CCR surface impoundment to document whether or not the unit was constructed with a liner system meeting criteria outlined in Section 257.71(a)(1). According to 257.71(b), the documentation must be certified accurate by a qualified professional engineer in the State of Michigan.

Golder Associates Inc. (Golder) is submitting this report to certify that no liner constructed per the requirements of 40 CFR 257.71 exists beneath the Pond A CCR surface impoundment (Pond A) at the Consumers Energy Company (CEC) J.H. Campbell Generating Facility (JH Campbell) in West Olive, Michigan.



## 2.0 HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION

Golder performed a review of the following historic documentation relative to Pond A:

- Potential Failure Mode Analysis (PFMA) Report (AECOM 2009)
- Aerial photographs dated:
  - 1956
  - 1968
  - 1969

No evidence was found from review of the historic documentation that would indicate that the Pond A CCR surface impoundment was constructed with a liner system as described in 40 CFR 257.71 liner design criteria for existing CCR surface impoundments as follows:

- A liner consisting of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec as required in Section 257.71(a)(1)(i);
- A composite liner that meets the requirements of Section 257.70(b); or
- An alternative composite liner that meets the requirements of Section 257.70(c).



### 3.0 POND A SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION

During May 2016, Golder sampled at two locations in the Pond A CCR surface impoundment. The sampling effort targeted depths ranging from 25 to 26 feet below the Pond A mudline. A sonic rig was used to advance the investigations, the locations and depths of which are summarized in Table 3.0.1 – Pond A Borehole Summary.

The boreholes were terminated approximately 12 to 14 feet into native material underlying the CCR. Native material was composed of poorly-graded, fine- to medium-grained sand. No liner material meeting the criteria defined in Section 257.71(a)(1) was encountered in either of the boreholes.

**Table 3.0.1 – Pond A Borehole Summary**

| Boring ID    | Latitude | Longitude | Elevation | Borehole Depth (ft) |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|
| JHC-BH-16009 | 42.90615 | -86.18919 | 614.7     | 25.5                |
| JHC-BH-16010 | 42.90685 | -86.18785 | 614.7     | 26.0                |

Note: Coordinates are given in NAD83  
Elevation datum is NGVD29



#### 4.0 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY

Based on the subsurface investigation and review of available historic documentation, Golder has determined there is no liner beneath Pond A at JH Campbell based on the criteria provided in 40 CFR 257.71(a)(1)(i) – (iii). This report must be placed in the facility’s operating record in accordance with Section 257.105(f) and must be made available on the facility’s publicly accessible internet site in accordance with Section 257.107(f).

Sincerely,

**GOLDER ASSOCIATES INC.**

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## 5.0 REFERENCES

AECOM. 2009. Potential Failure Mode Analysis (PFMA) Report: J.H. Campbell Generating Facility Ash Dike Risk Assessment – November 2009.

USEPA (Environmental Protection Agency). 2015. Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Final Rule. 40 CFR Part 257. Effective Date October 19, 2015.



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