



**REPORT**

**J.H. Campbell Generating Facility  
Pond A**

**2019 Annual Surface Impoundment Inspection Report**

*West Olive, Michigan*

*Pursuant to 40 CFR 257.83*

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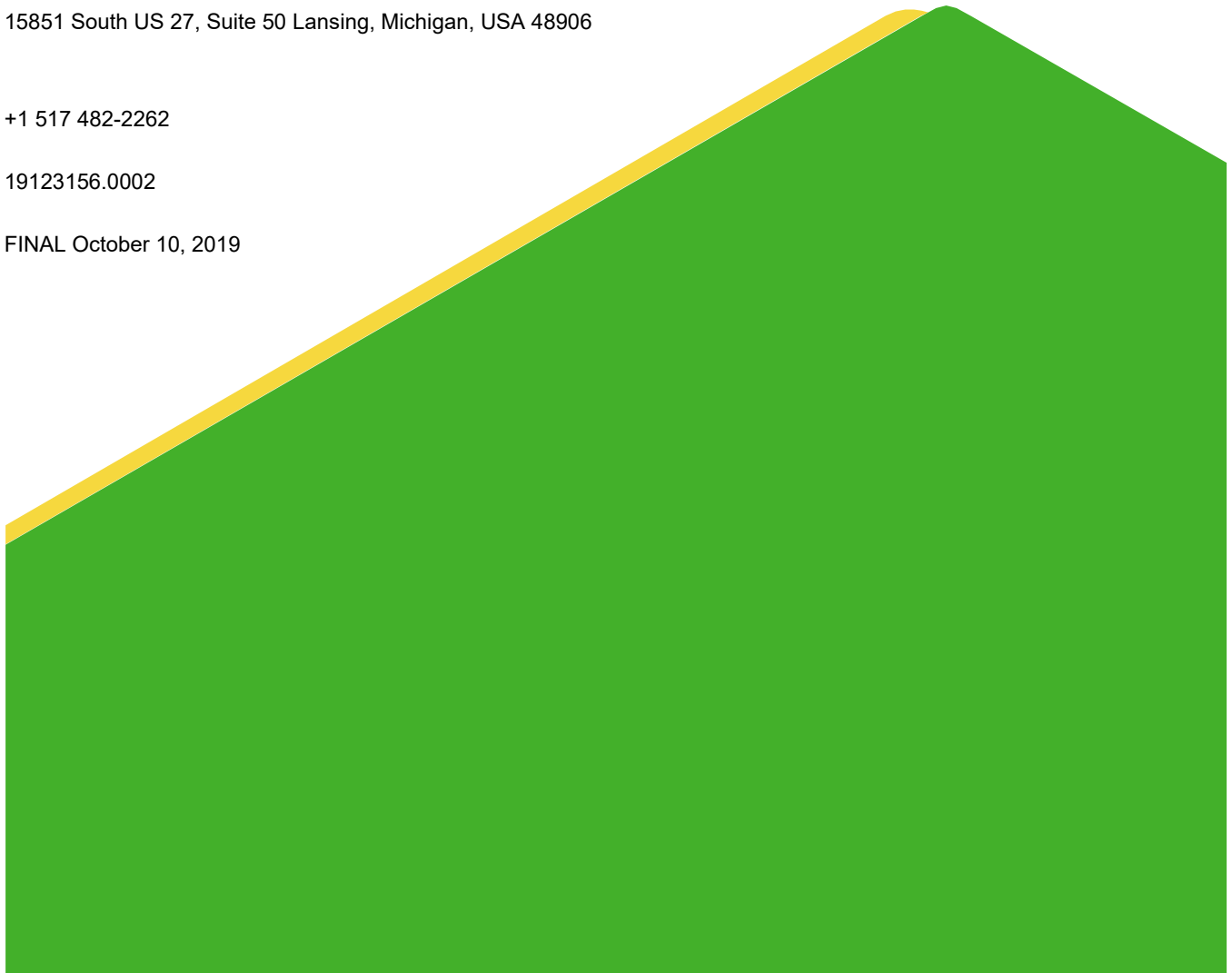
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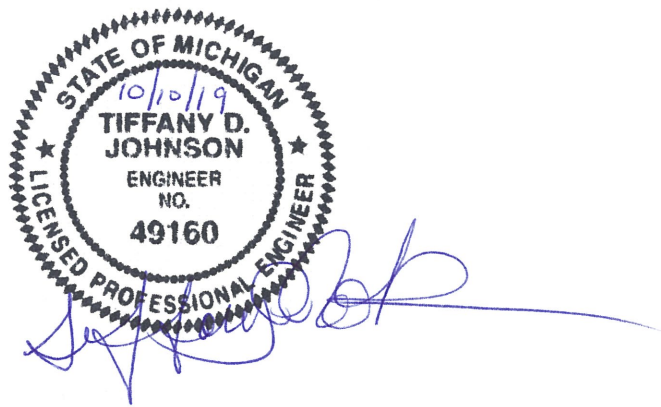
I hereby certify that, having reviewed the attached documentation and being familiar with the provisions of Title 40 of the code of Federal Regulations Section 257.83 (40 CFR Part 257.83), I attest that this annual Inspection Report is accurate and has been prepared in accordance with good engineering practices including the consideration of applicable industry standards, and with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 257.83.

Golder Associates Inc.

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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”). The CCR RCRA Rule requires owners or operators of existing CCR surface impoundments to have those units inspected on an annual basis by a qualified professional engineer (QPE) in accordance with 40 CFR 257.83(b). The annual qualified professional engineer inspections are required to be completed and the results documented in inspection reports (per 40 CFR 257.83(b)(2) for Existing CCR Surface Impoundments. These inspections are focused primarily on the structural stability of the unit and must ensure that the operation and maintenance of the unit is in accordance with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards. Each inspection must be conducted and certified by a QPE.

Golder Associates Inc. (Golder) was retained by Consumers Energy Company (CEC) to perform the annual inspection of Pond A at the J.H. Campbell Generating Facility (Site) to document, to the extent reasonable based on the information provided by CEC and the limits of the visual inspection, that the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the CCR unit is consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards. The inspection included the following:

- Review of applicable information regarding the status and condition of the CCR unit
- A visual inspection of the CCR unit to identify signs of distress or malfunction of the CCR unit and appurtenant structures
- A visual inspection of hydraulic structures underlying the base of the CCR unit or passing through the dike of the CCR unit for structural integrity and continued safe and reliable operation

## 2.0 BACKGROUND AND DOCUMENT REVIEW SUMMARY

J.H. Campbell is an active coal generating facility. The Facility is located in West Olive, Michigan and is bounded by Lake Michigan to the west, Pigeon Lake and Pigeon River to the south, and Lakeshore Drive to the east. Historically, the J.H. Campbell Pond A was a CCR surface impoundment which received water from Bottom Ash Ponds 1&2 and 3 South and storm water run-off from Ponds B through K. However, pursuant to 40 CFR 257.102(d), Pond A closure construction commenced in fall of 2018 and was ongoing during the 2019 inspection. The existing reports reviewed for this assessment are summarized in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Summary of Background Document Review**

Document	Date	Author
Pond A Closure Plan	January 2019	Golder Associates Inc.
Weekly Inspection Reports	January 2018 – May 2019	Pond A Qualified Personnel
J.H. Campbell Pond A 2018 Annual RCRA CCR Surface Impoundment Inspection Report	October 2018	Golder Associates Inc.
J.H. Campbell Pond A 2017 Annual RCRA CCR Surface Impoundment Inspection Report	October 2017	Golder Associates Inc.
J.H. Campbell Generating Facility, Pond A Structural Stability and Safety Factor Assessment Report	October 2016	Golder Associates Inc.
J.H. Campbell Generating Facility, Pond A Closure Plan	October 2016	Golder Associates Inc.
J.H. Campbell Pond A 2015 Initial Annual RCRA CCR Surface Impoundment Inspection Report	January 2016	Golder Associates Inc.
Surveillance Monitoring Programs (SMPs)	December 2010, Revised 2015	CEC

### 3.0 2019 VISUAL INSPECTION

Golder performed an onsite inspection of Pond A on May 21, 2019. Golder inspectors, Tiffany Johnson, P.E. and Halle Doering, EIT, were accompanied by two CEC representatives, as follows:

- Mr. George McKenzie, P.E., CEC Systems Engineering Department
- Mr. Kevin Starcken, P.E., CEC J.H. Campbell Environmental and Technical Support Department

The inspection checklist form (see Appendix A) provides both observations and recommendations as a result of the visual inspection and the following information as stipulated in 40 CFR 257.83(b):

- Any changes in geometry of the impounding structure since the previous annual inspection.
  - Bottom ash from Pond 1-2 and Pond 3 South was placed in Pond A in 2018
  - Closure construction was taking place during the 2019 inspection, the Pond A bottom ash slopes and ditches were regraded, liner placed, and operators were working on placement of the protective cover soil.
- Approximate minimum, maximum, and present depth and elevation of the impounded water and Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) since the previous annual inspection.
  - Pond A is in the last stages of closure construction and had been dewatered in 2018.
- Any instrumentation in place designed to monitor the structural stability of Pond A.
  - At the time of the inspection and report, there are no plans for installation of stability monitoring instrumentation for Pond A.
- Storage capacity of the impounding structure at the time of inspection.
  - Current storage capacity of Pond A is approximately 391,500 cubic yards, based on Pond A Closure Plan (Golder, 2019)
- Approximate volume of the impounded water and CCR at the time of inspection.
  - Pond was dewatered in 2018 and is dry - approximately 391,500 cubic yards of dry CCR only, based closure plan grades (Golder, 2019)
- Appearances of an actual or potential structural weakness of the CCR unit, in addition to any existing conditions that are disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation and safety of the CCR unit and appurtenant structures.
  - None were observed.
- Any other change(s) which may have affected the stability or operation of the impounding structure since the previous annual inspection.
  - None were observed

The checklist categorizes observed conditions of the impoundment or appurtenant structures as either acceptable, monitor/maintain, investigate, or repair, which are defined as follows:

- Acceptable: The condition was visually documented to be acceptable, requiring no action beyond periodic inspection in accordance with the SMP and typical maintenance.
- Monitor/Maintain: The condition was visually identified to exhibit the potential for or show existing degeneration that should either be monitored or maintained as detailed in the checklist.

- Items identified in this category are not considered a deficiency or release as classified under 40 CFR 257.83(b)(5) requiring immediate action by CEC.
- Investigate: The limitations of the visual inspection did not allow for an opinion to be made on the condition of the item observed, and Golder recommends additional investigation to categorize the item.
- Repair: Golder recommends that items identified with a repair designation exhibited conditions that should initiate measures be taken to rectify the area of concern.
  - It should be noted that no items identified for repair were considered a deficiency or release as classified under 40 CFR 257.83(b)(5) requiring immediate action by CEC.

Based on a review of previous inspection reports listed in Table 1 compared to conditions noted during the inspection, the following changes were observed:

- Bottom ash from other pond closures has been placed and graded for closure in Pond A since the 2018 inspection, Pond A is currently undergoing closure construction;
- New Fabriform downchutes have been installed on the southern exterior slope of Pond A as part of the closure construction; and
- Areas of erosion on the south exterior slope of Pond A were observed, one area of major erosion by the western Fabriform downchute. Note that this erosion area was repaired immediately after the inspection and was documented as repaired on Jul 16, 2019 by Golder.

## 4.0 LIMITATIONS OF ASSESSMENT

Golder has conducted the site inspection and prepared this report for the J.H. Campbell Pond A. The factual data, assessment, interpretations, and recommendations provided herein are based on the results of field observations from site inspections performed by Golder and review of previous site inspection reports provided to Golder by CEC and pertain to the specific project as described in this report and are not applicable to any other project or site location.

Golder has prepared this report in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the engineering and science professions currently practicing under similar conditions and has characterized the site conditions within the limitations of the scope of services as defined by CEC and subject to the time limits and physical constraints applicable to this report. No other warranty, expressed or implied, is made. Any change of site conditions, purpose, development plans, or operation may alter the validity of this report. Golder cannot be responsible for use of this report, or portions thereof, unless Golder is requested to review and, if necessary, revise the report.

## 5.0 CLOSING

This report has been prepared in general accordance with normally accepted civil engineering practices to fulfill the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) reporting requirements in accordance with 40 CFR 257.83(b)(2). Golder has reviewed the available information on the J.H. Campbell Pond A and performed an onsite visual

inspection. Golder's assessment is limited to the information provided by CEC and to the features that could be inspected visually in a safe manner. Golder cannot attest to the condition of subsurface or submerged structures.

## 6.0 REFERENCES

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**APPENDIX A - INSPECTION CHECKLIST FORM**

# CCR SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

**Facility Name:** J.H. Campbell Pond A

**Owner:** Consumers Energy Company

**Purpose of Facility:** Detention of process water from the generating facility.

**County, State:** Ottawa County, Michigan

**Inspected By:** Tiffany Johnson and Halle Doering

**Inspection Date:** May 21, 2019

**Weather:** Cool, Partly cloudy, 60°F

ITEM		Acceptable	Monitor/Maintain	Investigate	Repair	REMARKS
1. General Conditions						
a. Year Minimum Water Elevation						N/A, dewatered for closure construction
b. Year Average Water Elevation						N/A, dewatered for closure construction
c. Year Maximum Water Elevation						N/A, dewatered for closure construction
d. Current water level						N/A, dewatered for closure construction
e. Current storage capacity						Volume: ~391,500 cubic yards of CCR only (Golder, 2019)
f. Current volume of impounded water and CCR						Pond was dewatered in 2018 - Volume: ~391,500 cubic yards of CCR only (Golder, 2019)
g. Alterations	X					Pond A was nearing completion of closure construction
h. Development of downstream plain						N/A
i. Grass cover						N/A
j. Settlement/misalignment/cracks						N/A
k. Sudden drops in water level?						N/A
2. Inflow Structure						Pond in closure
a. Settlement						N/A
b. Cracking						N/A
c. Corrosion						N/A
d. Obstacles in inlet						N/A
e. Riprap/erosion control						N/A
3. Outflow Structure						Outflow structure was mid construction and in working condition.
a. Settlement	X					
b. Cracking	X					
c. Corrosion	X					
d. Obstacles in outlet	X					
e. Riprap/erosion control	X					
f. Seepage	X					None observed
4. Upstream slope						Pond A under construction.
a. Erosion	X					
b. Rodent burrows	X					
c. Vegetation	X					
d. Cracks/settlement	X					
e. Riprap/other erosion protection	X					
f. Slide, Slough, Scarp	X					
5. Crest						
a. Soil condition	X					Sand road.
b. Comparable to width from previous inspection						Under construction
c. Vegetation						N/A gravel

ITEM	Acceptable	Monitor/Maintain	Investigate	Repair	REMARKS
d. Rodent burrows	X				None observed.
e. Exposed to heavy traffic	X				Heavy traffic is minimized across Pond A crest on the south.
f. Damage from vehicles/machinery	X				None observed.
6. Downstream slope					Downstream slope is considered the southern slope of Pond A.
a. Erosion		X			Observed erosion on areas of sparse and woody vegetation, maintain vegetation and erosion controls. See Note 1.
b. Vegetation		X			Observed erosion on areas of sparse and woody vegetation, maintain vegetation and erosion controls. See Note 1.
c. Rodent burrows	X				No new burrows noted during inspection. See Note 3.
d. Slide, Slough, Scarp		X			Observed minor sloughing along steep southern slopes, maintain erosion controls. See Note 2.
e. Drain conditions	X				N/A
f. Seepage	X				No active or historical seeps observed during inspection.
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a. Vegetation	X				
b. Rodent burrows	X				No new burrows noted during inspection. See Note 3.
c. Settlement	X				
d. Drainage conditions	X				Good
e. Seepage	X				No active or historical seeps observed during inspection. See Note 3.

**Notes:**

- 1) Surficial erosion was observed along the south slope of Pond A due to sparse vegetation (Note that this erosion area was repaired immediately after the inspection and was documented as repaired on Jul 16, 2019 by Golder). CEC should monitor areas, per the SMP, and maintain erosion and vegetation controls. This is not a deficiency or release as classified under 40 CFR 257.83(b)(5).
- 2) A historic slough was observed on the south slope of Pond A in previous inspections. Location was documented by CEC personnel and will be monitored weekly, as per the SMP. This is not a deficiency or release as classified under 40 CFR 257.83(b)(5).
- 3) Features observed and documented in this checklist were not considered a deficiency or release as classified under 40 CFR 257.84(b)(5) and required no immediate action beyond periodic inspection in accordance with the SMP and typical maintenance.

**Name of Engineer: Tiffany D. Johnson, P.E.**

**Date: October 10, 2019**

**Engineering Firm: Golder Associates Inc.**



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