

March 20, 2020

Director Liesl Eichler Clark
c/o Delegated Representative Margie Ring, State Solid Waste Coordinating Engineer
Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy
Materials Management Division
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**JR WHITING PLANT SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AREA (WDS# 395457)
NOTIFICATION OF CLOSURE OF JR WHITING ASH POND 1 and 2**

Dear Director Clark:

This letter serves as the Notification of the Closure of JR Whiting Pond 1&2, located in Erie, Michigan as required by 40 CFR 257.102(h).

Closure was completed within 5 years of commencing construction as required by 40 CFR 257.102(f)(ii) and the attached JR Whiting Generating Facility Ponds 1 and 2 Closure - Construction Documentation Report (Closure Construction Report) has been certified by a qualified professional engineer (QPE) as required by 40 CFR 257.102(f)(3) on. The Construction Report serves as certification that the Ponds 1 and 2 final cover was constructed in general accordance with 40 CFR 257.102(d); the Ponds 1 and 2 Closure Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Plan dated August 31, 2017; Part 115 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 of 1994, as amended Administrative Rules; and the Ponds 1 and 2 Closure Plan submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), now the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) on December 18, 2017.

With this Notification and QPE certification, JR Whiting Pond 1&2 is considered closed per the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule and is following the JR Whiting Pond 1&2 Post-Closure Plan located at:

<https://new.consumersenergy.com/community/sustainability/environment/waste-management/coal-combustion-residuals>.

The Closure Construction Report is currently under review by EGLE. Thus, it is important to note that this report may be revised subject to EGLE's review. At such time, this Notification of Closure and the Closure Construction Report may also be subsequently revised.

This letter also serves as notification that this Notification of Closure for JR Whiting Pond 1&2, in Erie, MI has been placed in Consumers Energy's Operating Record as required by 40 CFR 257.105 and, pursuant to 40 CFR 257.107, on the publicly accessible internet site:

<https://new.consumersenergy.com/community/sustainability/environment/waste-management/coal-combustion-residuals>.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Marion at 517-788-5824.

Sincerely,



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