CCR 2018 Inspection Report AES Puerto Rico

Introduction

Purpose Annual inspection under the Standards for the Disposal of Coal

Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities of April 17, 2015

(CCR Rule).

Scope Review of available information and perform a visual inspection of

the AES Puerto Rico (AES-PR) AgremaxTM Stockpile Area.

Facility Location

General AES-PR is located in the south coast of the island of Puerto Rico,

about 3.4 miles southwest of downtown Guayama.

Address AES Puerto Rico

Km 142.0 State Road PR-3 Guayama, Puerto Rico 00784

Facility Description

AES-PR is a bituminous coal power plant that generates and sells electricity to the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority with a total power generation capacity of 520 Megawatts; this represents approximately 15% of the electricity consumed on the island. Using its own CCRs, AES-PR also produces a manufactured aggregate, known as AgremaxTM. Dry ashes that are not delivered to off-site users are mixed in a pug mill that conditions this CCR to produce AgremaxTM before feeding a conveyor belt used to transfer the mixture to the Stockpile Area at the facility. A stockpile to store the inventory of AgremaxTM is formed by a bulldozer or by dump trucks that are loaded with AgremaxTM by an excavator or front end loader; the trucks then place the AgremaxTM onto a stockpile. From the Stockpile Area the AgremaxTM is loaded by an excavator or front-end loader into dump trucks and sent for transport by public highway to off-site users or for disposal. Alternatively, the AgremaxTM can be fed by a bulldozer into a crusher located in the Stockpile Area. The crusher feeds a conveyor to transfer the AgremaxTM to marine vessels in the AES-PR dock area for shipment overseas.

CCR Unit Description

Location The Stockpile Area is located at the southeast quadrant of the

AES-PR site, south of the power plant and east of the limestone

storage dome.

Volume At the time of the inspection the approximate volume of

AgremaxTM contained in the stockpile was 400,000 tons.

Components

Equipment and facilities of the Stockpile Area include a front-end loader, a bulldozer, a backhoe, a water truck with rear spray nozzles and front water cannon, a broom sweeper, mobile water sprinkler guns, large water hoses, fixed water spray nozzle systems, a truck wheel cleaning station and a feeder / breaker mill. It also includes a three-layer physical containment system to prevent run-on or migration of sediments and runoff from the stockpile. This triple-containment system is composed of a gabion wall, drainage channels made of reinforced concrete and concrete low wall external to an internal road at the south side of the stockpile.

Review of Available Information

The available inspection records for the August 2017 to July 2018 were reviewed as part of this scope of work. There were no significant issues identified during said inspections and action items have been addressed.

Visual Inspection

Date Thursday July 17, 2018.

Time/Weather Morning / Calm wind and sunny weather conditions prevailed.

Methodology and Limiting Conditions WRE confirmed the Stockpile Area boundaries and performed a walking reconnaissance around its accessible perimeter and terraces but did not look at areas where gaining access may have presented a health and/or safety hazard. The Stockpile Area was viewed for visual evidence of signs of distress or malfunction.

Escort Eng. Hector Avila of AES provided escort during the visual

inspection.

General Observations

The Stockpile Area was operational at the time of the visual inspection with trucks moving up and down the access road. A main work terrace with berms on the edges was observed at the top of the stockpile.

Access Road

The access road was observed to be well graded, with AgremaxTM berms on the edges, free of potholes and previously wetted.

Stockpile Surface / Slopes

No animal burrows were observed. Slopes appeared adequate.

Erosion

Localized rills were observed on the surface of stockpile slopes, they appeared to be related to over-watering by the water sprinkler guns.

Dust

Dust controls, including the water truck, large water hoses and fixed water spray nozzle systems were observed. The water hoses and spray nozzle system were not operational at the time. Some localized fugitive dust, caused by wind was observed on the west slope of the Stockpile at the time of inspection. Wind gusted at over 20mph at the top of the stockpile.

Sediment

The gabion wall surrounding the Stockpile Area was observed to be free of sediment and with an adequate and unobstructed setback. Sections of the filter fabric covering the gabion wall were torn and frayed.

Drainage

The drainage channels surrounding the Stockpile Area were observed to be free of standing water or sediment and unobstructed.

Containment Structures

The low wall appeared to be structurally sound. No gaps or cracks were observed on its concrete surfaces.

Conclusions

Changes in Geometry

The height of the Stockpile was estimated at 90 feet. The overall stockpile height has been reduced from the previous (2017) inspection, however it's footprint has increased- the access road along the boundary with the limestone storage dome was obstructed with AgremaxTM.

Potential Structural Weaknesses

Based on the visual inspection, no apparent or potential structural weaknesses of the stockpile ancillary structures were observed.

Certification

I hereby certify that I visually inspected and prepared this Report for the Stockpile Area, owned and operated by AES-PR in accordance with the Coal Combustion Residuals Rule 40 CFR 257.84(b). I am a dully-licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of Puerto Rico.

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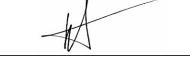
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