

December 21, 2016

Mr. Brian Hocutt Cooperative Energy P.O. Box 15849 Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Re: CCR Seismic Impact Zone Certification R.D. Morrow, Sr. Generating Station Purvis, Lamar County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Hocutt:

Cooperative Energy (formerly South Mississippi Electric Power Association) retained Environmental Management Services, Inc. (EMS) to evaluate Cooperative Energy's compliance with the Federal Coal Combustion Residuals Rule (CCR Rule) requirements in accordance with 40 CFR 257.63 which states:

"(a) New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located in seismic impact zones unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that all structural components including liners, leachate collection and removal systems, and surface water control systems, are designed to resist the maximum horizontal acceleration in lithified earth material for the site."

Cooperative Energy has two existing CCR surface impoundments including: 1) the Emergency Scrubber Surge Pond, and 2) the Scrubber Supply Pond. Cooperative Energy has an existing CCR landfill, but does not have a "new CCR landfill", nor does it currently have a lateral expansion of any CCR unit. Therefore, at this time, only the two existing CCR surface impoundments are subject to 40 CFR 257.63.

A *Seismic impact zone* is defined as an area having 2% or greater probability that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration, expressed as a percentage of the earth's gravitational pull (g), will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years. The attached 2% probability seismic hazard map created on the USGS website, *Seismic Hazard Analysis Tools, Custom Hazard Maps* (<u>http://earthquake.usgs.gov/hazards/apps/</u>) indicates between 4%g (0.04 g) and 6%g (0.06 g) for the facility, which is below the regulation specified 0.10 g. Therefore we conclude that the site is not located in a seismic impact zone.

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## **Engineer's Certification**

I hereby certify, as a Professional Engineer in the State of Mississippi, that the information in this document was assembled under my direct personal charge and that this determination was conducted in accordance with and meets the requirements of 40 CFR Part 257.63(a).

Christopher Taylor, Johnson, P.E. Mississippi Professional Engineer No. 15761

12/21/2011 Date:

## **Geologist's Certification**

I have reviewed the portions of this report having to do with geology in sufficient depth to accept full responsibility for those contents.

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Kenneth D. Ruckstuhl, RPG MS Professional Geologist No. 0090

Date: 12/21/2016



Attachment - Seismic Hazard Map

File: Seismic Impact Zones

Attachment

