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## Executive Summary

This annual inspection report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency published Final Rule for Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System - Disposal of Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) from Electric Utilities (40 CFR Parts 257 and 261, also known as CCR Rule) and Extension of Compliance Deadlines for Certain Inactive Surface Impoundments.

This annual inspection report has been prepared to assess the condition of existing CCR surface impoundments. Primarily, the annual inspection report is focused on the structural stability of the CCR surface impoundments and to ensure that the operation and maintenance of the existing CCR surface impoundments is in accordance with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This annual inspection report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of §257.83(b) of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published Final Rule for Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System – Disposal of Coal Combustion Residual (CCR), herein referenced as the CCR Rule.

### 1.1 CCR Rule Applicability

The CCR Rule requires annual inspections by a qualified professional engineer (PE) for existing CCR surface impoundments with a height of 5 feet or more and a storage volume of 20 acre-feet or more or the existing CCR surface impoundment has a height of 20 feet or more (40 CFR §§ 257.73(b), 257.73(d) and 257.83(b)).

### 1.2 Annual Inspection Applicability

The Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), Burlington Generating Station (BGS) in Burlington, Iowa has four existing CCR surface impoundments that meet the requirements of Section 1.1, identified as follows:

- BGS Ash Seal Pond
- BGS Main Ash Pond
- BGS Economizer Pond
- BGS Upper Ash Pond

The annual inspection of the existing CCR surface impoundments at BGS was completed by a qualified PE on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The annual inspection was completed to ensure that the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the existing CCR surface impoundments at BGS are consistent with recognized and generally accepted good engineering standards.

The annual inspection of the existing CCR surface impoundments at BGS included a review of available information regarding the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundments. The information reviewed included all relevant files available in the operating record at the time of the annual inspection, as well as all relevant publicly accessible internet site entries. These files for the existing CCR surface impoundments at BGS include, but is not limited to, CCR surface impoundment design and construction information (history of construction), hazard potential classification, structural stability assessment, safety factor assessment, hydrologic and hydraulic capacities (inflow flood control plan), results of 7-day inspections and 30-day instrumentation monitoring by a qualified person, and results of the previous annual inspection.

The annual inspection also included a visual inspection of the existing CCR surface impoundments in order to identify signs of distress or malfunction of the existing CCR surface impoundments and appurtenant structures. Additionally, the visual inspection included hydraulic structures underlying the base of the existing CCR surface impoundments or passing through the dikes of the existing CCR surface impoundments for structural integrity and continued safe and reliable operation.

## 2. FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The following sub-section provides a summary description of the facility and existing CCR surface impoundments located at BGS.

BGS is located southeast of the City of Burlington, Iowa on the western shore of the Mississippi River in Des Moines County, at 4282 Sullivan Slough Road, Burlington, Iowa. BGS is a fossil-fueled electric generating station consisting of one steam electric generating unit and four combustion turbine units. Sub-bituminous coal is the primary fuel for producing steam, with the ability to use natural gas for the combustion turbines. The burning of coal produces a by-product of CCR. The CCR at BGS is categorized into three types: bottom ash, economizer ash, and precipitator fly ash.

### General Facility Information:

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| Date of Initial Facility Operations: | 1968  |
| IDNR State ID No,                    | 29-UDP-01-15                                    |
| NPDES Permit Number:                 | IA29-00-1-01                                    |
| Facility Title V Operating Permit:   | 98-TV-023R1-M004                                |
| Latitude / Longitude:                | 40°44'29"N91°07'04"W                            |
| Site Coordinates:                    | Section 29, Township 69 North,<br>Range 02 West |
| Unit Nameplate Ratings:              | Unit 1: 212 MW                                  |

### 2.1 BGS Ash Seal Pond

The BGS Ash Seal Pond is located south of the generating plant and east of the BGS Main Ash Pond. The CCR, in 1968, was originally managed by discharging into the BGS Ash Seal Pond for settling. Presently, the BGS Ash Seal Pond only receives storm water runoff from the surrounding area associated with the fly

ash storage silo. The BGS Ash Seal Pond also may receive facility process water, such as ash seal water, but only if there is an issue with the ash seal water pumps. At the time of the annual inspection on November 08<sup>th</sup> and 09<sup>th</sup>, 2016 this CCR surface impoundment did not contain standing water. The original outfall for the impoundment is sealed to prevent discharge to the Mississippi River and the impoundment normally contains no water. Rainfall that accumulates within the CCR surface impoundment exfiltrates through the bottom of the impoundment. A manually operated pump is available to lift storm water to the adjacent BGS Main Ash Pond, if necessary.

## 2.2 BGS Main Ash Pond

The BGS Main Ash Pond is located southwest of the generating plant and west of the BGS Ash Seal Pond. The CCR, prior to being sluiced to the BGS Main Ash Pond, was originally managed in the BGS Ash Seal Pond in 1968. In 1971, BGS managed CCR in the BGS Upper Ash Pond. In 1980, the BGS Main Ash Pond became the primary receiver of CCR, with the BGS Upper Ash Pond becoming a downstream receiver.

Presently, the BGS Main Ash Pond receives bottom ash that is sluiced from the generating plant to the northeast corner of the BGS Main Ash Pond, where the majority of the bottom ash settles out. The bottom ash that settles out is recovered for beneficial reuse. Hydrated fly ash is also stored within the BGS Main Ash Pond area prior to being sold as aggregate material for beneficial reuse. Fly ash from the on-site storage silo is no longer added to the embankment.

The water that is used to sluice the bottom ash into the BGS Main Ash Pond is routed towards the west end of the BGS Main Ash Pond. The water flows to the west along the north side of a road constructed out of bottom ash through the center of the BGS Main Ash Pond. The water flows along the north side of

the road until it reaches the west end where it transitions into a ponded area in the northwest corner of the BGS Main Ash Pond. The water in the northwest corner of the BGS Main Ash Pond flows through two 15-inch diameter corrugated metal culverts with identical invert elevation under the generating plant entrance road. The water discharges into a small channel in the southwest corner of the BGS Upper Ash Pond located north of the generating plant entrance road.

### 2.3 BGS Economizer Pond

The BGS Economizer Pond is located west of the generating plant and north of the BGS Main Ash Pond. In 1986, BGS constructed the BGS Economizer Pond in the southern and eastern portion of the original footprint of the BGS Upper Ash Pond. The impoundment has resulted from economizer ash that has been deposited since 1986, which created the economizer embankment which is higher than the embankments of the BGS Upper Ash Pond at an elevation of approximately 548 feet.

Presently, the BGS Economizer Pond receives economizer ash. The economizer ash is sluiced from the generating plant to the east end of the BGS Economizer Pond via a 10-inch diameter polyvinyl chloride pipe. The economizer ash settles out through the water column of the BGS Economizer Pond while the water flows to the west. The water discharges from the BGS Economizer Pond through an 18-inch diameter high-density polyethylene pipe into a storm water and process water treatment channel located along the south side of the economizer embankment.

The storm water and process water treatment channel receives runoff from the surrounding the generating plant. The collected storm water drains into a pump vault located at the toe of the downstream slope of the east embankment of the BGS Economizer Pond. Plant process water flows through an oil/water

separator and receives influent flows from the plant floor drains and water treatment process water. After the oil/water separator, the process water discharges into the pump vault. The storm water and process water is then pumped from the vault up to the storm water and process water treatment channel. The storm water and process water treatment channel flows to the west along the south side of the economizer embankment until it discharges through an 18-inch diameter high-density polyethylene pipe located in the southwest corner of the economizer embankment. The water from the storm water and process water treatment channel discharges into a small channel in the southwest corner of the BGS Upper Ash Pond located north of the generating plant entrance road.

## 2.4 BGS Upper Ash Pond

The BGS Upper Ash Pond is located northwest of the generating plant and north of the BGS Main Ash Pond. In 1971, BGS began managing CCR in the BGS Upper Ash Pond. In 1980, the BGS Main Ash Pond became the primary receiver of CCR and the BGS Upper Ash Pond became a downstream receiver of the BGS Main Ash Pond.

Presently, the BGS Upper Ash Pond receives influent flows from the BGS Main Ash Pond, BGS Economizer Pond, and storm water and process water flow from the generating plant. The influent flows all discharge into a small channel located in the southwest corner of the BGS Upper Ash Pond. The water in the channel is routed along the south side of the gravel dike of the BGS Upper Ash Pond until it discharges into the southwest corner of the BGS Upper Ash Pond water body.

The water flows through the BGS Upper Ash Pond water body to the northeast towards a 24-inch wide precast concrete Parshall flume that discharges into a concrete catch basin. The water in the catch basin flows through a 15-inch

diameter polyvinyl chloride pipe and discharges into the BGS Lower Pond. Instrumentation associated with the BGS Upper Ash Pond includes a flow meter that monitors the discharge. The discharge from the concrete catch basin enters the Lower Pond. The Lower Pond contains the facility's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Outfall 001. The water flows through the NPDES Outfall 001 hydraulic structure, which consists of a cast in place weir box.

## 3. ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTING CRITERIA

The following sub-sections address the annual inspection reporting criteria per §257.83(b)(2) of the CCR Rule for the existing CCR surface impoundments located at BGS.

### 3.1 BGS Ash Seal Pond

#### 3.1.1 Changes in Geometry (§257.83(b)(2)(i))

After conducting the annual inspection, as well as review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, and discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no identified changes in the geometry since the previous annual inspection.

#### 3.1.2 Existing Instrumentation (§257.83(b)(2)(ii))

Instrumentation that supports the operation of the BGS Ash Seal Pond includes a staff gauge in order to monitor the water elevation of the CCR surface impoundment. The instrumentation was installed during the week of October 17, 2016, and is located in the southwest corner of the BGS Ash Seal Pond.

The staff gauge water elevation data, since the previous annual inspection, was provided by IPL and included three measurement dates. After review of the provided staff gauge water elevation data, the maximum water elevation recorded within the BGS Ash Seal Pond was 531.66 feet.

#### 3.1.3 Depth and Elevation of Impounded CCR and Water (§257.83(b)(2)(iii))

The approximate minimum, maximum, and present depths and elevations of the impounded CCR and water in the BGS Ash Seal Pond since the previous annual inspection were determined using information that was collected during

the annual inspection, as well as from historical information that was previously provided from IPL.

The historical information provided from IPL included staff gauge water elevation data since the previous annual inspection, a drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours of the BGS Ash Seal Pond prepared by Black & Veatch (1965), as well as the most recent topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Ash Seal Pond completed by French-Reneker-Associates (2016). Reviewing the information provided within the above mentioned documents, the following minimum, maximum, and present depths and elevations were approximated for the impounded CCR and water:

- At the time of the annual inspection, there was no water identified within the BGS Ash Seal Pond to determine the present depth and elevation of water within the CCR surface impoundment. Additionally, since the previous annual inspection was completed, from the time the staff gauge was installed in October 2016, there has been no available staff gauge water elevation data to review due to no water being present within the BGS Ash Seal Pond during the periods of instrumentation monitoring. Therefore, there is no data available to determine the minimum or maximum depths or elevations of impounded water within the BGS Ash Seal Pond since the previous annual inspection.
- From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Ash Seal Pond, the elevation of the top of CCR/sediment varied between an elevation of 529 feet in the southwest corner of the CCR surface impoundment to an elevation of 536 feet in the northeast corner of the CCR surface impoundment. The average elevation of the top of

CCR/sediment within the BGS Ash Seal Pond was approximately 532.5 feet.

- From the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours, the bottom contour elevation of the BGS Ash Seal Pond was approximately 12 feet below the top of crest of the south embankment at an elevation of 521 feet. Comparing the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey top of CCR/sediment elevations to the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan bottom contour elevation, the deposition thickness of the BGS Ash Seal Pond varies between 8 feet in the southwest corner to 15 feet in the northeast corner of the CCR surface impoundment.

### 3.1.4 Storage Capacity of Impounding Structure (§257.83(b)(2)(iv))

The storage capacity (i.e. water volume) of the CCR surface impoundment at the time of the annual inspection was calculated based on the acreage of the CCR surface impoundment in the area where water is present, and the approximate depth of water within that area of the CCR surface impoundment. The water depth measurements of the CCR surface impoundment, if water were present, were collected at the time of the annual inspection.

At the time of the annual inspection, there was no water identified within the BGS Ash Seal Pond. However, historical information previously provided from IPL staff allowed for the calculation of the historical storage capacity of the BGS Ash Seal Pond. From a topographic survey completed by Smith Engineering (2008), the normal operating surface water elevation of the BGS Ash Seal Pond was approximately 531.5 feet. From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey data, the area of the water surface at elevation 531.5 feet is 2.3 acres. The estimated average top of CCR/sediment elevation within the BGS Ash Seal Pond, in the area where water is present at

an elevation of 531.5 feet, was 530.25 feet. Comparing the 2008 topographic survey normal operating surface water elevation (531.5 feet) to the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey of the top of the CCR/sediment (530.25 feet), the depth of water within the BGS Ash Seal Pond was 1.25 feet. Thus, the total storage capacity within the BGS Ash Seal Pond, based on historical information, is approximately 4,700 cubic yards.

### 3.1.5 Volume of Impounded CCR and Water (§257.83(b)(2)(v))

The volume of impounded CCR and water (i.e. total volume) within the BGS Ash Seal Pond at the time of the annual inspection was determined using information that was collected at the time of the annual inspection, as well as from historical information that was previously provided from IPL.

At the time of the annual inspection the BGS Ash Seal Pond had no water present within the CCR surface impoundment. Therefore, only the total volume of impounded CCR, and not total volume of CCR and water, could be determined.

The approximate volume of impounded CCR in the BGS Ash Seal Pond was calculated using historical information provided from IPL, which included a drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours of the BGS Ash Seal Pond prepared by Black & Veatch (1965), as well as the most recent topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Ash Seal Pond completed by French-Reneker-Associates (2016).

From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Ash Seal Pond, the average elevation of the top of CCR/sediment was approximately 532.5 feet. From the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours, the bottom contour elevation of the BGS Ash Seal Pond was approximately 12 feet below the top of crest of the south embankment at

elevation 521 feet. Thus, the interior storage height of the BGS Ash Seal Pond was estimated to be 11.5 feet.

The surface area of the BGS Ash Seal Pond was 5.7 acres. Thus, the total volume of impounded CCR within the BGS Ash Seal Pond at the time of the annual inspection was approximately 106,000 cubic yards.

### **3.1.6 Structural Weaknesses and Disruptive Conditions (§257.83(b)(2)(vi))**

After review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, as well as conducting the on-site visual inspection of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no identified appearances of an actual or potential structural weakness of the existing CCR surface impoundment and appurtenant structures.

Regarding the existing conditions of the BGS Ash Seal Pond, the disruptions identified during the annual inspection include:

- The bottom 2/3 of the downstream slope of the south embankment consisted of dense/tall vegetation (> 3 feet tall). The vegetation restricted the ability to properly inspect the embankment for stability. Items such as erosion, seeps, and animal activity (if present) were unable to be observed due to the vegetation overgrowth. In addition to the dense/tall vegetation, undercutting was observed along the lower half of the downstream slope. The undercutting of the slope is likely due to the rising/receding waters of the Mississippi River over the years. The undercutting has made it difficult to manage the

vegetation along the bottom 2/3 of the slope and has been a safety concern for those conducting the vegetation maintenance.

BGS is in the process of resolving the disruption identified during the annual inspection. At the time of the annual inspection, BGS had prepared a design which includes regrading and armoring the downstream slope of the south embankment. Additionally, permit applications had been submitted and were currently in the process of being reviewed by the appropriate regulatory agencies for approval. Once approved, the embankment enhancements will be implemented, which will provide remedy to the identified disruptions.

### **3.1.7 Other Changes Affecting Stability or Operation of Impounding Structure (§257.83(b)(2)(vii))**

After review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, as well as discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no other identified changes that have affected the stability or operation of the BGS Ash Seal Pond since the previous annual inspection.

## 3.2 BGS Main Ash Pond

### 3.2.1 Changes in Geometry (§257.83(b)(2)(i))

After conducting the annual inspection, as well as review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, and discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, the following changes to the geometry of the CCR surface impoundment were identified since the previous annual inspection:

- Re-grading of the crest and downstream slopes of the south and west embankments of the CCR surface impoundment by the placement of fill material in order to lessen the slope and allow for better management of vegetation along the downstream slopes; and
- Re-grading the storm water channel located along the upstream slope of the north embankment in order to provide enhanced drainage of the storm water that collects within the southeast portion of the CCR surface impoundment.

### 3.2.2 Existing Instrumentation (§257.83(b)(2)(ii))

Instrumentation that supports the operation of the BGS Main Ash Pond includes a staff gauge in order to monitor the water elevation of the CCR surface impoundment. The instrumentation was installed during the week of October 17, 2016, and is located in the northwest corner of the BGS Main Ash Pond.

The staff gauge water elevation data, since the previous annual inspection, was provided by IPL and included three measurement dates. After review of the provided staff gauge water elevation data, the maximum water elevation recorded within the BGS Main Ash Pond was 530.85 feet.

### 3.2.3 Depth and Elevation of Impounded CCR and Water (§257.83(b)(2)(iii))

The approximate minimum, maximum, and present depths and elevations of the impounded CCR and water in the BGS Main Ash Pond since the previous annual inspection were determined using information that was collected during the annual inspection, as well as from historical information that was previously provided from IPL.

At the time of the annual inspection a survey was completed in order to determine the present surface water elevation of the CCR surface impoundment. Additionally, depth measurements from the water surface to the top of CCR/sediment were obtained in order to determine present depths/elevations.

The historical information provided from IPL included staff gauge water elevation data since the previous annual inspection, a drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours of the BGS Main Ash Pond prepared by Black & Veatch (1965), as well as the most recent topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Main Ash Pond completed by French-Reneker-Associates (2016). Reviewing the information provided within the above mentioned documents, as well as the data collected during the annual inspection, the following minimum, maximum, and present depths and elevations were approximated for the impounded CCR and water:

- The area of normally impounded water within the BGS Main Ash Pond is located in the northwest corner of the CCR surface impoundment. The surface area of the impounded water is 0.46 acres of the 18.7 acres that makes up the BGS Main Ash Pond, which is 2.5% of the total surface area of the CCR surface impoundment. At the time of the annual inspection, the water surface elevation was surveyed to be 531.22 feet, 1.75 feet below the crest of the west embankment which

has an elevation of approximately 533 feet. In addition to the water surface elevation, the water depth was measured at the time of the annual inspection and varied between 1.50 feet and 5.20 feet. The average water depth within the CCR surface impoundment was 3.50 feet, resulting in an average top of CCR/sediment elevation of 527.22 feet.

- From staff gauge water elevation data provided by IPL since the previous annual inspection, the minimum water elevation within the BGS Main Ash Pond was recorded to be 530.85 feet. The maximum water elevation within the BGS Main Ash Pond was recorded to be 531.25 feet.
- From the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours, the bottom contour elevation that was present prior to the construction of the BGS Main Ash Pond was approximately 524 feet. Comparing the results from the water depth measurements at the time of the annual inspection to the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan bottom contour elevation, the deposition thickness in the area of normally impounded water within the northwest corner of the BGS Main Ash Pond varied between 2.02 and 5.72 feet.
- Of the 18.7 acres that makes up the surface area of the BGS Main Ash Pond, 18.24 acres consists of CCR/sediment and does not normally consist of impounded water. From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Main Ash Pond, the elevation of the top of CCR/sediment varied throughout the CCR surface impoundment, as follows:

- In the western half of the BGS Main Ash Pond (i.e. non-CCR operational area), the top of CCR/sediment elevation varied between 532 feet and 536 feet. Comparing the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey top of CCR/sediment elevations to the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan bottom contour elevation, the deposition thickness of the BGS Main Ash Pond in the western half of the CCR surface impoundment varied between 8 to 12 feet.
- In the eastern half of the BGS Main Ash Pond (i.e. CCR operational area), the top of CCR/sediment elevation varied between 534 feet and 563 feet. Comparing the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey top of CCR/sediment elevations to the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan bottom contour elevation, the deposition thickness of the BGS Main Ash Pond in the eastern half of the CCR surface impoundment varied between 10 to 39 feet.

### **3.2.4 Storage Capacity of Impounding Structure (§257.83(b)(2)(iv))**

The storage capacity (i.e. water volume) of the CCR surface impoundment at the time of the annual inspection was calculated based on the acreage of the CCR surface impoundment in the area where water is present, and the approximate depth of water within that area of the CCR surface impoundment. The water depth measurements of the CCR surface impoundment were collected at the time of the annual inspection.

At the time of the annual inspection, the open water present within the BGS Main Ash Pond was located in the northwest corner of the CCR surface impoundment. From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey data, the area

of the water surface located in the northwest corner of the CCR surface impoundment was 0.46 acres. From the water depth data that was collected during the annual inspection, the average water depth within the northwest corner of the CCR surface impoundment was 3.50 feet. Thus, the total storage capacity within the northwest corner of the BGS Main Ash Pond at the time of the annual inspection was approximately 2,600 cubic yards.

### 3.2.5 Volume of Impounded CCR and Water (§257.83(b)(2)(v))

The volume of impounded CCR and water (i.e. total volume) within the BGS Main Ash Pond at the time of the annual inspection was determined using information that was collected during the annual inspection, as well as from historical information that was previously provided from IPL. Historical information provided from IPL included a drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours of the BGS Main Ash Pond prepared by Black & Veatch (1965), as well as the most recent topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Main Ash Pond completed by French-Reneker-Associates (2016).

From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Main Ash Pond, the average elevation of the top of CCR/sediment in the western portion of the CCR surface impoundment (i.e. non-CCR operational area) was approximately 534.5 feet. The average elevation of the top of CCR/sediment in the eastern portion of the CCR surface impoundment (i.e. CCR operational area) was approximately 544 feet. From the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours, the bottom contour elevation that was present prior to the construction of the BGS Main Ash Pond was approximately 524. Thus, the interior storage height of the western portion of the CCR surface impoundment was approximately 10.5 feet and the interior storage height of the eastern portion of the CCR surface impoundment was approximately 20 feet.

The surface area of the western portion of the BGS Main Ash Pond was 10.9 acres. Thus, the volume of impounded CCR and water within the western portion of the BGS Main Ash Pond was approximately 185,000 cubic yards. The surface area of the eastern portion of the BGS Main Ash Pond was 7.8 acres. Thus, the volume of impounded CCR and water within the eastern portion of the BGS Main Ash Pond was approximately 252,000 cubic yards. The total volume of impounded CCR and water within the BGS Main Ash Pond at the time of the annual inspection was approximately 437,000 cubic yards.

### **3.2.6 Structural Weaknesses and Disruptive Conditions (§257.83(b)(2)(vi))**

After review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, as well as conducting the on-site visual inspection of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no identified appearances of an actual or potential structural weakness of the existing CCR surface impoundment. Additionally, there were no identified issues with the structural integrity of the hydraulic structures (two corrugated metal pipe culverts) associated with the BGS Main Ash Pond.

Regarding the existing conditions of the BGS Main Ash Pond, there were no existing conditions identified along the upstream and downstream slopes of the embankments that were disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation and safety of the existing CCR surface impoundment.

### **3.2.7 Other Changes Affecting Stability or Operation of Impounding Structure (§257.83(b)(2)(vii))**

After review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, as well as discussions

with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no other identified changes that have affected the stability or operation of the BGS Main Ash Pond since the previous annual inspection.

### 3.3 BGS Economizer Pond

#### 3.3.1 Changes in Geometry (§257.83(b)(2)(i))

After conducting the annual inspection, as well as review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, and discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no identified changes in the geometry since the previous annual inspection.

#### 3.3.2 Existing Instrumentation (§257.83(b)(2)(ii))

Instrumentation that supports the operation of the BGS Economizer Pond includes a staff gauge in order to monitor the water elevation of the CCR surface impoundment. The instrumentation was installed during the week of October 17, 2016, and is located in the southwest corner of the BGS Economizer Pond.

The staff gauge water elevation data, since the previous annual inspection, was provided by IPL and included three measurement dates. After review of the provided staff gauge water elevation data, the maximum water elevation recorded within the BGS Economizer Pond was 546.44 feet.

#### 3.3.3 Depth and Elevation of Impounded CCR and Water (§257.83(b)(2)(iii))

The approximate minimum, maximum, and present depths and elevations of the impounded CCR and water in the BGS Economizer Pond since the previous

annual inspection were determined using information that was collected during the annual inspection, as well as from historical information that was previously provided from IPL.

At the time of the annual inspection a survey was completed in order to determine the present surface water elevation of the CCR surface impoundment. Additionally, depth measurements from the water surface to the top of CCR/sediment were obtained in order to determine present depths/elevations.

The historical information provided from IPL included staff gauge water elevation data since the previous annual inspection, a drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours prepared by Black & Veatch (1965) which show the original contours prior to the construction of the BGS Economizer Pond, as well as the most recent topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Economizer Pond completed by French-Reneker-Associates (2016). Reviewing the information provided within the above mentioned documents, as well as the data collected during the annual inspection, the following minimum, maximum, and present depths and elevations were approximated for the impounded CCR and water:

- At the time of the annual inspection, the water surface elevation was surveyed to be 546.43 feet, 1.12 feet below the crest of the south side of the CCR surface impoundment which had an elevation of 547.55 feet at that location. In addition to the water surface elevation, the water depth was measured at the time of the annual inspection and varied between 3.05 feet and 4.05 feet. The average water depth within the CCR surface impoundment was 3.59 feet, resulting in an average top of CCR/sediment elevation of 542.84 feet.

- From staff gauge water elevation data provided by IPL since the previous annual inspection, the minimum water elevation within the BGS Economizer Pond was recorded to be 546.40 feet. The maximum water elevation within the BGS Economizer Pond was recorded to be 546.44 feet.
- From the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours, the bottom contour elevation that was present prior to the construction of the BGS Economizer Pond was approximately 521 feet. Comparing the results from the water depth measurements at the time of the annual inspection to the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan bottom contour elevation, the deposition thickness within the BGS Economizer Pond varied between 21.38 and 22.38 feet.
- Of the 11 acres that makes up the combined surface area of the BGS Economizer Pond and economizer embankment, 10.97 acres consists of CCR. From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey, the top of CCR elevation along the economizer embankment varied between 546 feet and 550 feet. Comparing the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey top of CCR elevations to the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan bottom contour elevation, the deposition thickness of the economizer embankment varied between 25 to 29 feet.

### 3.3.4 Storage Capacity of Impounding Structure (§257.83(b)(2)(iv))

The storage capacity (i.e. water volume) of the CCR surface impoundment at the time of the annual inspection was calculated based on the acreage of the CCR surface impoundment in the area where water is present, and the approximate depth of water within that area of the CCR surface impoundment.

The water depth measurements of the CCR surface impoundment were collected at the time of the annual inspection.

From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey data, the area of the water surface of the CCR surface impoundment was 0.35 acres. From the water depth data that was collected during the annual inspection, the average water depth within the CCR surface impoundment was 3.59 feet. Thus, the total storage capacity within the BGS Economizer Pond at the time of the annual inspection was approximately 2,000 cubic yards.

### **3.3.5 Volume of Impounded CCR and Water (§257.83(b)(2)(v))**

The volume of impounded CCR and water (i.e. total volume) within the BGS Economizer Pond at the time of the annual inspection was determined using information that was collected during the annual inspection, as well as from historical information that was previously provided from IPL. Historical information provided from IPL included a drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours prepared by Black & Veatch (1965), as well as the most recent topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Economizer Pond completed by French-Reneker-Associates (2016).

The surveyed elevation of the top of water within the CCR surface impoundment at the time of the annual inspection was 546.43 feet. From the 2016 topographic survey of the economizer embankment, the average elevation of the top of CCR along the economizer embankment was approximately 548 feet. From the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours, the bottom contour elevation that was present prior to the construction of the BGS Economizer Pond and economizer embankment was approximately 521 feet. Thus, the interior storage height of the BGS Economizer Pond is 25.43 feet and the interior storage height of the

economizer embankment (not including the area of the BGS Economizer Pond) was approximately 27 feet.

The surface area of the BGS Economizer Pond was 0.35 acres. Thus, the volume of impounded CCR and water within the BGS Economizer Pond was approximately 14,400 cubic yards. The surface area of the economizer embankment (not including the area of the BGS Economizer Pond) was 10.65 acres. Thus, the volume of impounded CCR within the economizer embankment was approximately 464,000 cubic yards. The total volume of impounded CCR and water within the BGS Economizer Pond and economizer embankment at the time of the annual inspection was approximately 478,400 cubic yards.

### **3.3.6 Structural Weaknesses and Disruptive Conditions (§257.83(b)(2)(vi))**

After review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, as well as conducting the on-site visual inspection of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no identified appearances of an actual or potential structural weakness of the existing CCR surface impoundment. Additionally, there were no identified issues with the structural integrity of the hydraulic structures (two 18-inch diameter high-density polyethylene pipes) associated with the BGS Economizer Pond.

Regarding the existing conditions of the BGS Economizer Pond, there were no existing conditions identified along the upstream and downstream slopes of the embankments that were disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation and safety of the existing CCR surface impoundment.

### **3.3.7 Other Changes Affecting Stability or Operation of Impounding Structure (§257.83(b)(2)(vii))**

After review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, as well as discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there has been one identified change since the previous annual inspection that has the potential to affect the operation of the BGS Economizer Pond.

Per the Inflow Design Flood Control Plan that was prepared by Hard Hat Services in August 2016, in accordance with §257.82 of the CCR Rule, the calculated maximum hydraulic flow produced from a 1,000 year return event SCS Type II storm would exceed the capacity of the hydraulic structures associated with the BGS Economizer Pond outfall structure located at the west end of the economizer embankment. The excess flow would overtop the embankment of the BGS Economizer Pond at the outfall location where it would run down the face of the slope into the BGS Upper Ash Pond.

BGS is in the process of resolving the hydraulic routing issue. At the time of the annual inspection, BGS had prepared a design which includes the construction of an overflow chute at the outfall location at the west end of the economizer embankment. The existing 18-inch diameter high-density polyethylene pipe will remain while the 12-inch diameter steel pipe currently used for emergency overflow will be replaced with the new overflow chute. In addition to the prepared design, permit applications have been submitted and are currently in the process of being reviewed by the appropriate regulatory agencies for approval. Once approved the hydraulic routing enhancements will be implemented by IPL, which will provide remedy to the identified issue.

## 3.4 BGS Upper Ash Pond

### 3.4.1 Changes in Geometry (§257.83(b)(2)(i))

After conducting the annual inspection, as well as review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, and discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no identified changes in the geometry since the previous annual inspection.

### 3.4.2 Existing Instrumentation (§257.83(b)(2)(ii))

Instrumentation that supports the operation of the BGS Upper Ash Pond includes a Parshall flume discharge structure and equipment to measure the flow of the discharged water, as well as a staff gauge in order to monitor the water elevation of the CCR surface impoundment. The instrumentation is located in the northeast corner of the BGS Upper Ash Pond and is associated with the NPDES Outfall 001 at BGS.

The flow data associated with the NPDES Outfall 001 discharge (i.e. maximum daily flow), since the previous annual inspection, was provided by IPL for 2016 (January 01, 2016 through October 31, 2016). Reviewing the provided flow data, the maximum daily flow recorded through NPDES Outfall 001 was 8.43 million gallons (October 2016).

The staff gauge water elevation data, since the previous annual inspection, was provided by IPL and included three measurement dates. After review of the provided staff gauge water elevation data, the maximum water elevation recorded within the BGS Upper Ash Pond was 527.41 feet.

### 3.4.3 Depth and Elevation of Impounded CCR and Water (§257.83(b)(2)(iii))

The approximate minimum, maximum, and present depths and elevations of the impounded CCR and water in the BGS Upper Ash Pond since the previous annual inspection were determined using information that was collected during the annual inspection, as well as from historical information that was previously provided from IPL.

At the time of the annual inspection a survey was completed in order to determine the present surface water elevation of the CCR surface impoundment. Additionally, depth measurements from the water surface to the top of CCR/sediment were obtained in order to determine present depths/elevations.

The historical information provided from IPL included staff gauge water elevation data since the previous annual inspection, a drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours prepared by Black & Veatch (1965) which show the original contours prior to the construction of the BGS Upper Ash Pond, as well as the most recent topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Upper Ash Pond completed by French-Reneker-Associates (2016). Reviewing the information provided within the above mentioned documents, as well as the data collected during the annual inspection, the following minimum, maximum, and present depths and elevations were approximated for the impounded CCR and water:

- At the time of the annual inspection, the water surface elevation was surveyed to be 527.40 feet, 1.84 feet below the crest of the north embankment of the CCR surface impoundment which has an elevation of 529.24 feet at the lowest point of the embankment. In addition to the water surface elevation, the water depth was measured at the time of the annual inspection and varied between 1.55 feet and 4.25 feet.

The average water depth within the CCR surface impoundment was 3.12 feet, resulting in an average top of CCR/sediment elevation of 524.28 feet.

- From the water depth measurements at the time of the annual inspection, the elevation of the top of CCR/sediment varied between an elevation of 523.15 feet in the center of the CCR surface impoundment to an elevation of 525.85 feet in the southwestern portion of the CCR surface impoundment.
- From staff gauge water elevation data provided by IPL since the previous annual inspection, the minimum water elevation within the BGS Upper Ash Pond was recorded to be 527.24 feet. The maximum water elevation within the BGS Upper Ash Pond was recorded to be 527.41 feet.
- From the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours, the bottom contour elevation that was present prior to the construction of the BGS Upper Ash Pond was approximately 521 feet. Comparing the results from the water depth measurements at the time of the annual inspection to the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan bottom contour elevation, the deposition thickness within the BGS Upper Ash Pond varied between 2.15 to 4.85 feet.

#### **3.4.4 Storage Capacity of Impounding Structure (§257.83(b)(2)(iv))**

The storage capacity (i.e. water volume) of the CCR surface impoundment at the time of the annual inspection was calculated based on the acreage of the CCR surface impoundment in the area where water is present, and the approximate depth of water within that area of the CCR surface impoundment.

The water depth measurements of the CCR surface impoundment were collected at the time of the annual inspection.

From the 2016 topographic/bathymetric survey data, the area of the water surface of the CCR surface impoundment was 7.7 acres. From the water depth data that was collected during the annual inspection, the average water depth within the CCR surface impoundment was 3.12 feet. Thus, the total storage capacity within the BGS Upper Ash at the time of the annual inspection was approximately 39,000 cubic yards.

#### **3.4.5 Volume of Impounded CCR and Water (§257.83(b)(2)(v))**

The volume of impounded CCR and water (i.e. total volume) within the BGS Upper Ash Pond at the time of the annual inspection was determined using information that was collected during the annual inspection, as well as from historical information that was previously provided from IPL. Historical information provided from IPL included a drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours prepared by Black & Veatch (1965), as well as the most recent topographic/bathymetric survey of the BGS Upper Ash Pond completed by French-Reneker-Associates (2016).

The surveyed elevation of the top of water within the CCR surface impoundment at the time of the annual inspection was 527.40 feet. From the 2016 topographic survey of the BGS Upper Ash Pond, the average elevation of the top of CCR/sediment outside the footprint of the water surface was approximately 529 feet. From the 1965 drawing of the original structural site preparation grading plan contours, the bottom contour elevation that was present prior to the construction of the BGS Upper Ash Pond was approximately 521. Thus, the interior storage height of the BGS Upper Ash Pond (water portion) was 6.40 feet and the interior storage height of the

CCR/sediment located outside the footprint of the water surface was approximately 8 feet.

The surface area of the BGS Upper Ash Pond, in the area where water is present, was 7.7 acres. Thus, the volume of impounded CCR and water within the BGS Upper Ash Pond, within the area where water was present, was approximately 80,000 cubic yards. The surface area of the BGS Upper Ash Pond, in the area located outside of the footprint of the water portion, was 5.6 acres. Thus, the volume of impounded CCR within the BGS Upper Ash Pond, in the area located outside of the footprint of the water portion, was approximately 72,000 cubic yards. The total volume of impounded CCR and water within the BGS Upper Ash Pond at the time of the annual inspection was approximately 152,000 cubic yards.

#### **3.4.6 Structural Weaknesses and Disruptive Conditions (§257.83(b)(2)(vi))**

After review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, as well as conducting the on-site visual inspection of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no identified appearances of an actual or potential structural weakness of the existing CCR surface impoundment. Additionally, there were no identified issues with the structural integrity of the hydraulic structures (NPDES Outfall 001) associated with the BGS Upper Ash Pond.

Regarding the existing conditions of the BGS Upper Ash Pond, there were no existing conditions identified along the upstream and downstream slopes of the embankments that were disrupting or have the potential to disrupt the operation and safety of the existing CCR surface impoundment.

### **3.4.7 Other Changes Affecting Stability or Operation of Impounding Structure (§257.83(b)(2)(vii))**

After review of available information provided by BGS pertaining to the status and condition of the existing CCR surface impoundment, as well as discussions with BGS facility personnel who oversee and maintain the operation, maintenance, and inspection activities of the existing CCR surface impoundment, there have been no other identified changes that have affected the stability or operation of the BGS Upper Ash Pond since the previous annual inspection.

## 4. CERTIFICATION

To meet the requirements of 40 CFR 257.83(b), I Mark W. Loerop hereby certify that I am a licensed professional engineer in the State of Iowa; and that, to the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this document is correct and the document was prepared in compliance with all applicable requirements in 40 CFR 257.83(b).

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: MARK LOEROP \_\_\_\_\_

Date: DEC 21, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

