Addendum No. 1 Assessment of Corrective Measures Existing Surface Impoundments

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), an Alliant Energy company, operates four ash ponds at the Burlington Generating Station (BGS). The ponds are used to manage coal combustion residuals (CCR) and wastewater from the power plant, which burns coal and natural gas to generate electricity.

IPL samples and tests the groundwater in the area of the ash ponds to comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) standards for the Disposal of CCR from Electric Utilities, or the "CCR Rule" (Rule). Groundwater samples from some of the wells installed to monitor the ash ponds contained two metals, lithium and molybdenum, at levels higher than the Groundwater Protection Standards (GPS) defined in the Rule. These metals occur naturally, and both can be present in coal and CCR.

IPL prepared an Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACM) Report in September 2019 in response to the groundwater sampling results at the BGS facility. The ACM process is one step in a series of steps defined in the Rule and shown below.

To prepare the ACM, IPL worked to understand the following:

- Types of soil and rock deposits in the area of the BGS facility.
- Depth of groundwater.
- Direction that groundwater is moving.
- Potential sources of the lithium and molybdenum in groundwater.
- The area where lithium and molybdenum levels are higher than the USEPA standards.
- The people, plants, and animals that may be affected by levels of lithium and molybdenum in groundwater that are above the GPS.

Because the time allowed by the Rule to prepare the ACM was limited, IPL has continued work to improve the understanding of the items listed above. Addendum No. 1 has been prepared to update the ACM for BGS based on the information now available.

IPL has identified and evaluated additional Corrective Measures to bring the levels of lithium and molybdenum in groundwater below USEPA standards. In addition to stopping the discharge of CCR and BGS wastewater to the ponds, these corrective measures include:

- Cap CCR in Place with Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)
- Consolidate CCR and Cap with MNA
- Excavate and Dispose CCR On-Site with MNA
- Excavate and Dispose CCR in Off-site Landfill with MNA
- Consolidate and Cap with Chemical Amendment
- Consolidate and Cap with Groundwater Collection
- Consolidate and Cap with Barrier Wall

IPL has also included a "No Action" alternative for comparison purposes only. This alternative will not be selected as a remedy.

Addendum No. 1 includes an updated evaluation that includes all eight options using factors identified in the Rule.

IPL will provide semiannual updates on its progress in evaluating Corrective Measures to address the groundwater impacts at BGS.

IPL held a public meeting on October 14, 2020, to discuss the contents of the September 2019 ACM. Before a remedy is selected, IPL will hold a public meeting with interested and affected parties to discuss this addendum.

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 1.0 **INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

An Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACM) at the Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) Burlington Generating Station (BGS) was prepared to comply with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulations regarding the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) from Electric Utilities [40 CFR 257.50-107], or the "CCR Rule"(Rule). Specifically, the ACM was initiated and this report was prepared to fulfill the requirements of 40 CFR 257.96, including:

- Prevention of further releases
- Remediation of release
- Restoration of affected areas

An ACM Report was issued in September 2019 to summarize the remedial alternatives for addressing the Groundwater Protection Standard (GPS) exceedances observed in the October 2018 sampling event, and identified in the Notification of Groundwater Protection Standard Exceedance dated April 15, 2019. The September 2019 ACM identified additional information needed to inform the selection of a corrective measure (remedy) for BGS according to 40 CFR 257.97. Since the ACM was issued, IPL has worked to obtain the needed information and prepared Addendum No. 1 to update the ACM for BGS and discuss additional remedy alternatives.

 1.1 **ASSESSMENT OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES PROCESS**

As discussed above, Addendum No. 1 was prepared to update the ACM Report developed in response to GPS exceedances observed in groundwater samples collected at the BGS facility. The ACM process is one step in a series of steps defined in the CCR Rule and depicted in the graphic below. To date, IPL has implemented a detection monitoring program per 40 CFR 257.94 and completed assessment monitoring at BGS per 40 CFR 257.95. The September 2019 ACM was required based on the groundwater monitoring results obtained through October 2018. With the ACM completed and now updated with new information, IPL is required to select a remedy according to 40 CFR 257.97. The remedy selection process must be completed as soon as feasible and, once selected, IPL is required to start the corrective action process within 90 days.

The process for developing the ACM is defined in 40 CFR 257.96 and is shown in the graphic below. IPL held a public meeting on October 14, 2020, to discuss the September 2019 ACM with interested and affected parties. Additional corrective measure alternatives are identified in Addendum No. 1 that were not discussed at the October 14 meeting. Since IPL is required to discuss the ACM results in a public meeting at least 30 days before selecting a remedy, a second public meeting will be held to discuss the new alternatives. To facilitate the selection of a remedy for the GPS exceedances at BGS, IPL continues to investigate and assess the nature and extent of the groundwater impacts. Information about the site, the groundwater monitoring completed, the groundwater impacts as they are currently understood, and the ongoing assessment activities are discussed in the sections that follow.

Initiate ACM 40 CFR 257.96(a)

Continue Groundwater Monitoring 40 CFR 257.96(b)

Screen/Evaluate Potential Corrective Measures 40 CFR 257.96(c)

Place ACM in Operating Record 40 CFR 257.96(d)

Discuss ACM Results in Public Meeting 40 CFR 257.96(e)

 1.2 **SITE INFORMATION AND MAP**

BGS is located along the west bank of the Mississippi River, about 5 miles south of the city of Burlington, in Des Moines County, Iowa (Figure 1). The address of the plant is 4282 Sullivan Slough Road, Burlington, Iowa. In addition to the coal-fired generating station, the property also contains a coal stockpile, diesel-fueled combustion turbines, hydrated fly ash storage area, upper ash pond, lower pond, economizer ash pond, bottom ash pond, and ash seal pond.

The groundwater monitoring system at BGS is a multi-unit system. BGS includes four CCR Units:

- BGS Ash Seal Pond (existing CCR surface impoundment)
- BGS Main Ash Pond (existing CCR surface impoundment)
- BGS Economizer Ash Pond (existing CCR surface impoundment)
- BGS Upper Ash Pond (existing CCR surface impoundment)

A map showing the CCR Units and all background (or upgradient) and downgradient monitoring wells with identification numbers for the CCR groundwater monitoring program is provided as Figure 2.

 2.0 **BACKGROUND**

 2.1 **REGIONAL GEOLOGIC INFORMATION**

The uppermost geologic formation beneath BGS that meets the definition of the "uppermost aquifer," as defined under 40 CFR 257.53, is the surficial alluvial aquifer. The alluvial aquifer comprises Mississippi River valley clay, silt, sand, and sand and gravel deposits. These deposits are

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present along the edges of the entire Mississippi River valley in southeastern Iowa. A map of the regional glacial geology in the area is included in Appendix A.

The alluvial aquifer is underlain by Devonian-Mississippian limestone bedrock, which is identified as an aquiclude on the regional bedrock geology map of the area included in Appendix A.

The regional groundwater flow direction is generally to the east toward the Mississippi River. A map of regional flow is included in Appendix A.

 2.2 **SITE GEOLOGIC INFORMATION**

Monitoring wells MW-301 through MW-313, MW-302A, MW-307A, MW-310A, and MW-313A were installed to intersect the alluvial sands at the site. The unconsolidated material at these well locations is generally clay and silt to approximately 61 feet below ground surface (bgs), and these fine-grained sediments are underlain by sand or silty sand. The total boring depths are between 24 and 61 feet bgs. Bedrock was encountered at 35 feet bgs in the boring for upgradient well MW-310A. The thickness of the alluvium at the site is 25 feet in the area of the upgradient wells and at least 61 feet in the area of the downgradient wells. The boring logs for MW-301 through MW-313, MW-302A, MW-307A, MW-310A, and MW-313A are included in Appendix B.

Shallow groundwater at the site generally flows to the east and southeast, toward the Mississippi River. The groundwater flow pattern for April 2019 is shown on Figure 3. The groundwater elevation data for the CCR monitoring wells are provided in Table 1.

A geologic cross section was prepared with background monitoring well nest MW-310/310A and downgradient monitoring wells MW-306 and MW-312. The cross section line runs through the lower southwest section of the BGS Upper Ash Pond, BGS Economizer Ash Pond, and the coal pile. The cross section location is provided on Figure 2, and the geologic cross section is provided on Figure 6. Unconsolidated geologic material and water table levels estimated using water levels measured at site monitoring wells are identified on the cross section.

 2.3 **CCR RULE MONITORING SYSTEM**

The original groundwater monitoring system established in accordance with the CCR Rule consists of two upgradient (background) monitoring wells and nine downgradient monitoring wells. The two initial background wells are MW-310 and MW-311. The nine initial downgradient wells are MW 301, MW-302, MW-303, MW-304, MW-305, MW-306, MW-307, MW-308, and MW-309. These wells were installed between December 2015 and March 2016. Two additional downgradient monitoring wells, MW-312 and MW-313, were installed in May 2019 and one additional background well, MW-310A, and three additional downgradient wells, MW-302A, MW-307A, and MW-313A, were installed in June and July of 2020 in accordance with the assessment monitoring requirements of 40 CFR 257.95(g)(1). The majority of the CCR Rule wells are installed in the alluvial aquifer. One deeper background well, MW-310A, is installed in the bedrock aquifer that is hydraulically connected to the alluvial aquifer. Well depths range from approximately 19 to 61 feet bgs. The Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan was followed for the sampling and analysis of all existing and new wells.

 3.0 **NATURE AND EXTENT OF GROUNDWATER IMPACTS**

 3.1 **POTENTIAL SOURCES**

The potential sources of groundwater impacts are currently under evaluation. Based on the March 2018 History of Construction for BGS, prepared in accordance with §257.73(c) of the CCR Rule, potential sources of groundwater impacts from the monitored CCR units include the following:

Notes: Storm water volume is calculated based on the watershed area for the pond and the annual average precipitation for Burlington, Iowa, of 39 inches/year. The average flow from the Main Ash Pond is based on 36 months of flow data for Outfall 006 over the period of 2006 through 2009. The calculation for average flow from the Upper Ash Pond excludes days when back waters affected flow measurements at Outfall 001.

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Estimated CCR quantities have been updated using data from soil borings installed in and around the CCR surface impoundments in December 2019 and January 2020.

Groundwater elevations at BGS have fluctuated by as much 12 feet over the groundwater monitoring that started in 2016. Groundwater elevation data provided in Table 1 and information available in the operating record for the CCR surface impoundments at BGS, including the March 2018 History of Construction report (HHS 2018) and periodic inspection reports such as the July 2020 CCR Surface Impoundment Annual Inspection Report (HHS 2020), show that some portion of the CCR in the impoundments is likely to be in contact with groundwater at times. The volume of CCR in contact with groundwater will need to be considered as the remedy selection process is completed.

 3.2 **GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT**

 $3.2.1$ **Groundwater Depth and Flow Direction**

Depth to groundwater as measured in the site monitoring wells varies from 1 to 17 feet bgs due to topographic variations across the facility and seasonal variations in water levels. Groundwater flow at the site is generally to the east-southeast, and the groundwater flow direction and water levels fluctuate seasonally due to the proximity to the river. Groundwater elevations and flow directions are shown on the April 2019, June 2020, and September 2020 potentiometric surface maps (Figures 4, 5, and 6).

Groundwater Protection Standard Exceedances Identified $3.2.2$

The ACM process was triggered by the detection of lithium and molybdenum at statistically significant levels exceeding the GPSs in samples from the following compliance wells:

- Lithium: MW-302, MW-307, MW-308
- Molybdenum: MW-302, MW-307, MW-308

This statistical evaluation of the assessment monitoring results was based on the first four sampling events for the Appendix IV assessment monitoring parameters, including complete sampling events in May, August, and October 2018, and a resampling event for selected wells in March 2019. The complete results for these sampling events are summarized in Table 3. Some additional compliance monitoring wells had individual results exceeding the GPSs for these parameters, but the exceedances were not determined to be at statistically significant levels. The evaluation of statistically significant levels exceeding the GPSs was summarized in an Alternative Source Demonstration (ASD) completed in April 2019. This ASD identified a reduced list of well-parameters exceeding the GPS and recommended that IPL initiate the ACM.

In the subsequent April 2019, October 2019, June 2020, and October 2020 sampling events, additional wells with statistically significant levels exceeding the GPSs for lithium and/or molybdenum were identified through additional data collection at existing wells or installation and sampling on new wells. No additional parameters were detected at concentrations exceeding GPSs. Statistically significant levels above the GPS have been identified for the following wells and parameters:

µg/L = micrograms per liter, SSL = Statistically significant level

Note: Historic range includes results from assessment monitoring beginning in April 2018 through October 2020.

 $3.2.3$ **Expanding the Groundwater Monitoring Network**

Monitoring wells MW-312 and MW-313 were installed in May 2019 downgradient of the CCR units and near the Mississippi River. Monitoring wells MW-312 and MW-313 were installed to expand the groundwater monitoring network at BGS beyond the edge of the CCR unit boundaries and to fulfill the requirements of 40 CFR $257.95(g)(1)$, which requires additional characterization to support a complete and accurate assessment of corrective measures. Groundwater samples were collected following installation of the two new monitoring wells.

Downgradient monitoring wells MW-302A, MW-307A, and MW-313A and upgradient well MW-310A were installed in June and July 2020. They were installed as deeper nested wells with an existing piezometer to an approximate depth of 60 feet bgs to vertically expand the monitoring network at BGS.

The sampling results from MW-312 and MW-313, shown in Table 3, indicate that lithium exceeded the GPS in four samples from MW-313 and molybdenum exceeded the GPS in four samples from both wells. The initial two rounds of sampling results from MW-302A, MW-307A, MW-310A and MW-313A, shown in Table 3, indicate that lithium concentrations are below the GPS in all of the samples from the four deeper piezometers. Molybdenum concentrations were greater than the GPS in samples in both rounds from the deeper downgradient piezometers MW-302A, MW-307A, and MW-313A, but not in the deeper upgradient piezometer MW-310A.

The statistical significance of the GPS exceedances for these new wells will be assessed and the potential role of alternative sources will be evaluated once additional sampling has been completed.

 $3.2.4$ **MNA Data Collection and Evaluation**

An evaluation of the potential for BGS to utilize MNA as a corrective action alternative began with the initiation of an ACM at BGS. The tiered analysis approach in the USEPA guidance, "Monitored Natural Attenuation of Inorganic Contaminants in Groundwater, Volume 1 – Technical Basis for Assessment" (USEPA, 2007), is being used as a guide for evaluating MNA as a potential corrective action alternative at BGS.

There are four tiers of analysis to be addressed in evaluating the site for MNA:

- 1. Demonstrate active contaminant removal from groundwater
- 2. Determine mechanism and rate of attenuation
- 3. Determine system capacity and stability of attenuation
- 4. Design a performance monitoring program and identify an alternative remedy

Data collection activities during the assessment monitoring and ACM process that begins to address the objectives of tiers 1 and 2 include:

- Installation of downgradient assessment wells MW-312 and MW-313 and deeper upgradient and downgradient piezometers MW-302A, MW-307A, MW-310A, and MW313A to evaluate groundwater flow direction and horizontal and vertical hydraulic gradients.
- Additional groundwater sampling events and analysis of data from all site wells to evaluate contaminant distribution in groundwater and stability of groundwater concentrations over time.
- Analysis of general groundwater chemistry and field parameters in addition to the Appendix III and IV constituents to provide further characterization of groundwater chemistry.
- Analysis of both total and dissolved constituents for selected parameters.

A hydrogeochemical conceptual model and summary of preliminary evaluation of groundwater contaminant attenuation at BGS is included in Appendix C. Preliminary findings include:

- Lithium and molybdenum have likely been released from one or more sources (ponds) to the confined alluvial aquifer beneath the site.
- Molybdenum concentrations are comparable in the shallow and deeper portions of the aquifer, indicating that downward vertical gradients within the aquifer have carried molybdenum to depths of at least 60 feet bgs.
- Lithium concentrations decrease significantly with depth, suggesting that some form of attenuation may be present in the upper portions of the aquifer.
- Masses of 27 and 81 kilograms of lithium and molybdenum, respectively, are estimated to be dissolved in groundwater beneath the BGS site.
- The proximity of the Mississippi River, immediately adjacent to BGS, limits, but does not necessarily preclude, the potential for natural attenuation within the aquifer.
- Geochemical data collected to date does not support the presence of natural attenuation for lithium or molybdenum.
- The lithium and molybdenum GPS exceedances in the deep piezometers cannot be confirmed to be statistically significant until a minimum of two additional rounds of samples are collected.

A preliminary evaluation of whether the lithium and molybdenum plume is stable, growing, or decreasing has been completed using a Mann-Kendall trend test. The results of the trend test are provided in Appendix D. No statistically significant increasing or decreasing trends were identified in the results obtained since assessment monitoring was initiated. Additional groundwater sampling rounds that include the deep piezometers are required before a complete evaluation is possible.

Before natural attenuation is removed from consideration as a remedial alternative, the following additional data collection and evaluation is recommended:

- Perform additional rounds of groundwater sampling for lithium and molybdenum to further assess plume stability.
- Perform laboratory analysis on aquifer soil samples from areas where lithium concentrations are low or not detected to evaluate lithium adsorption capacity.
- Perform additional research on any published lithium and molybdenum groundwater concentration data from the alluvial aquifer in the vicinity of BGS.

 3.3 **CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL**

The following conceptual site model describes the compounds and nature of constitutes above the GPS, discusses potential exposure pathways affecting human health and the environment, and presents a cursory review of their potential impacts. The conceptual site model for BGS has been prepared in general conformance with the Standard Guide for Developing Conceptual Site Models for Contaminated Sites (ASTM E1689-95). This conceptual site model is the basis for assessing the efficacy of likely corrective measures to address the source, release mechanisms, and exposure routes.

 $3.3.1$ **Nature of Constituents Above GPS**

The nature of the constituents in groundwater at BGS that are present at concentrations greater than the GPS (lithium and molybdenum) were described in the September 2019 ACM. No additional constituents have been identified at concentrations above a GPS. Please refer to the details discussion previously provided in Section 3.3.1 of the 2019 ACM.

 $3.3.2$ **Potential Receptors and Pathways**

As described in Section 3.3, ASTM E1689-95 provides a framework for identifying potential receptors (people or other organisms potentially affected by the groundwater impacts at BGS) and pathways (the ways groundwater impacts might reach receptors). In accordance with ASTM E1689-95, we have considered both potential human and ecological exposures to groundwater impacted by the constituents identified in Section 3.2.3:

Human Health

In general, human health exposure routes to contaminants in the environment include ingestion, inhalation, and dermal contact with the following environmental media:

- **Groundwater**
- Surface Water and Sediments
- Air
- Soil
- Biota/Food

If people might be exposed to the impacts described in Section 3.0 via one of the environmental media listed above, a potential exposure route exists and is evaluated further. For the groundwater impacts at BGS, the following potential exposure pathways have been identified with respect to human health:

- Groundwater Ingestion and Dermal Contact: The potential for ingestion of, or dermal contact with, impacted groundwater from BGS exists if water supply wells are present in the area of impacted groundwater and are used as a potable water supply. Based on a review of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) GeoSam well database and information provided by BGS:
	- No water supply wells have been identified downgradient or sidegradient in the vicinity of the CCR units.
	- The on-site water supply well is not used as a source of potable water. Potable water at BGS is provided by the Rathbun Regional Water Association.
- Surface Water and Sediments Ingestion and Dermal Contact: The potential for ingestion of or dermal contact with impacted surface water and sediments exists if impacted groundwater from the BGS facility has interacted with adjacent surface water and sediments, to the extent that the constituents identified in Section 3.2.3 are present in these media at concentrations that represents a risk to human health.
- Biota/Food Ingestion: The potential for ingestion of impacted food exists if impacted groundwater from the BGS facility has interacted with elements of the human food chain. Based on discussions with BGS facility staff, no hunting or farming occurs within the current area of known groundwater impacts. Elements of the food chain may also be exposed indirectly through groundwater-to-surface water interactions, which are subject to additional assessment.

Based on the lack of groundwater exposure, only the surface water, sediment, and biota/food exposure pathways were retained for further consideration in the September 2019 ACM. However, the implementation of potential corrective measures may introduce secondary exposure pathways that are discussed in **Section 6.0** and will be evaluated further as a corrective measure is selected for BGS.

Ecological Health

In addition to human exposures to impacted groundwater, potential ecological exposures are also considered. If ecological receptors might be exposed to impacted groundwater, the potential exposure routes are evaluated further. Ecological receptors include living organisms, other than humans, the habitat supporting those organisms, or natural resources potentially adversely affected by CCR impacts. This includes:

- Transfer from an environmental media to animal and plant life. This can occur by bioaccumulation, bioconcentration, and biomagnification:
	- Bioaccumulation is the general term describing a process by which chemicals are taken up by a plant or animal either directly from exposure to impacted media (soil, sediment, water) or by eating food containing the chemical.
	- Bioconcentration is a process in which chemicals are absorbed by an animal or plant to levels higher than the surrounding environment.
- Biomagnification is a process in which chemical levels in plants or animals increase from transfer through the food web (e.g., predators have greater concentrations of a particular chemical than their prey).
- Benthic invertebrates within adjacent waters.

Based on the information available and presented in the September 2019 ACM, both of the ecological exposure routes required additional evaluation at the time.

Since the September 2019 ACM was completed, exposure pathways subject to groundwater to surface water interactions have been evaluated further through the following:

- Review of USEPA and state surface water standards for lithium and molybdenum.
- Literature review for toxicity of lithium and molybdenum.
- Review of application materials and studies conducted by IPL for the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for BGS.

Based on our evaluation to date, the molybdenum and lithium impacts to groundwater at BGS are unlikely to impact the river. This preliminary conclusion is based on the following:

- Neither USEPA nor the State of Iowa have established surface water standards for these metals. Surface water standards identified in our review are higher than the GPS for these metals and generally higher than the concentrations observed in groundwater at BGS (see standards established in New Mexico, Nevada, and California).
- Neither metal is highly toxic to aquatic organisms, and toxicity testing for these metals found in literature identify "Effective Concentrations" and "No Observable Effect Concentrations" that are higher than the GPS and concentrations observed in groundwater at BGS.
- No population shifts in the mussel communities upstream and downstream of BGS in the Mississippi River were observed in mussel surveys completed to support the NPDES Permit renewal for BGS (Alliant 2019). Mussels, one of the most sensitive animal groups, present at the likely point of groundwater to surface water interaction, showed no population shifts that would be indicative of chronic or acute impacts.

Although an initial assessment indicates that molybdenum and lithium in groundwater at BGS is unlikely to impact the Mississippi River or people and biota utilizing the river, the groundwater-tosurface-water interactions at BGS are the subject of ongoing assessment.

The surface water/sediment, biota/food, and ecological exposure assessment is incomplete as the concentrations within surface water and sediment are presently unknown. The concentrations within groundwater are likely higher and not representative of the surface water subject to dermal contact and ingestion. Similarly, the concentrations within groundwater are likely higher than those interfacing the ecological receptors. Evaluation of constituent concentrations in sediment and surface water may be estimated through calculations and/or additional sampling.

4.0 **POTENTIAL CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

In this section, we identify potential corrective measures to meet the ACM goals identified in 40 CFR 257.96(a), which are to:

- Prevent further releases
- Remediate releases
- Restore affected areas to original conditions

The development of corrective measure alternatives is described further in the following sections. Corrective measure alternatives developed to address the groundwater impacts at BGS are described in Section 5.0. The alternatives selected are qualitatively evaluated in Section 6.0.

41 **IDENTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

As described in the USEPA Solid Waste Disposal Facility Criteria Technical Manual (USEPA, 1998), corrective measures generally include up to three components, including:

- Source Control
- Containment
- Restoration

Within each component, there are alternative measures that may be used to accomplish the component objectives. The measures from one or more components are then combined to form corrective measure alternatives (discussed in Section 5.0) intended to address the observed groundwater impacts. Potential corrective measures were identified based on site information available during development of the ACM for the purpose of meeting the goals described in Section 4.0.

Each component and associated corrective measures are further identified in subsequent paragraphs. The corrective measures are evaluated for feasibility and combined to create the corrective action alternatives identified in this section, and further evaluated in Section 5.0. We continue to evaluate site conditions and may identify additional corrective measures based on new information regarding the nature and extent of the impacts.

 $4.1.1$ **Source Control**

The source control component of a corrective measure is intended to identify and locate the source of impacts and provide a mechanism to prevent further releases from the source. For the BGS site, the sources to be controlled are the CCR materials in the impoundments and the associated process water. Each of the source control measures below require closure of the impoundments and for waste water to be re-directed from the CCR units to eliminate the flows that may mobilize constituents from the CCR and transport them to groundwater. We have identified the following potential source control measures:

• Close and cap in place. Close the CCR surface impoundments and cap the CCR in the four impoundments in place to reduce the infiltration of rain water into the impoundments, and prevent transport of CCR constituents from unsaturated CCR materials into the groundwater, and reduce the potential for CCR to interface with groundwater.

- Consolidate and cap. Consolidate CCR from the four CCR surface impoundments into one or two areas to reduce the cap area exposed to infiltration, reduce the potential source footprint, prevent transport of CCR constituents from unsaturated CCR materials into the groundwater, and minimize the potential for CCR to interface with groundwater.
- Consolidate and cap with chemical stabilization. Consolidate CCR from the four CCR surface impoundments into one or two areas to reduce the cap area exposed to infiltration, reduce the potential source footprint, prevent transport of CCR constituents from unsaturated CCR materials into the groundwater, and minimize the potential for CCR to interface with groundwater. Mix a chemical amendment into CCR in-situ prior to placing additional CCR for consolidation and mix the amendment into CCR as it is excavated and placed for consolidation to reduce the mobility of select CCR constituents in the environment. Chemical stabilization may include the use of one or multiple admixtures that serve to physically and/or chemically stabilize the constituents of concern within the CCR. Physically, this may include solidification with cementitious or polymeric materials. Chemically, this may include precipitation or alteration to render arsenic less mobile in the environment. Evaluation of an appropriate commodity amendment that may include Calcium Polysifide, Portland Cement, Calcium Oxide, and/or proprietary chemicals such as FerroBlack-H, MAECTITE, 3Dme, and/or MRC, will occur during the remedy selection process.
- Excavate and create on-site disposal area. Excavate and place CCR in a newly lined landfill area on site to prevent further releases from the four potential source areas and isolate the CCR from potential groundwater interactions. Cap the new landfill with final cover to prevent the transport of CCR constituents from unsaturated CCR.
- Excavate and dispose at a licensed off-site disposal area. Remove all CCR from the site and haul to a licensed landfill to prevent further on-site releases from the CCR areas.

Water movement through the CCR materials is the mechanism for CCR impacts to groundwater, including surface water that moves vertically through the CCR materials via infiltration of precipitation and surface water runoff.

Based on the available information for this site, all the source control measures have potential to prevent further releases caused by infiltration, thus are retained for incorporation into alternatives for further evaluation.

Based on the ongoing evaluation of MNA mechanisms and site attenuation capacity, chemical stabilization has been added as a source control alternative. Additional source control may be needed to address CCR that could be in contact with groundwater after closure in place if MNA mechanisms are not active at BGS or the site does not have the attenuation capacity to reduce groundwater concentrations of molybdenum and lithium below the GPS.

Containment $4.1.2$

The objective of containment is to limit the spread of the impacts beyond the source. The need for containment depends on the nature and extent of impacts, exposure pathways, and risks to receptors. Containment may also be implemented in combination with restoration as described in Section 4.1.3.

Containment may be a recommended element of a corrective measure if needed to:

- Prevent off-site migration of groundwater impacts
- Cease completion of a confirmed exposure pathway (e.g., water supply well)

Containment may also be used in lieu of active restoration if an active approach is needed; however, containment with active treatment is not warranted when:

- Water in the affected aquifer is naturally unsuited for human consumption.
- Contaminants are present in low concentration with low mobility.
- Low potential for exposure pathways to be completed, and low risk associated with exposure.
- Low transmissivity and low future user demand.

The following containment measures have potential to limit the spread of continued or remaining groundwater impacts at this site, if necessary:

- Gradient Control with Pumping. Gradient control includes a measure to alter the groundwater velocity and direction to slow or isolate impacts. This can be accomplished with pumping wells and/or a trench/sump collection system. If groundwater pumping is considered for capturing an impacted groundwater plume, the impacted groundwater must be managed in conformance with all applicable federal and state requirements.
- Gradient Control with Phytotechnology. Gradient control with phytotechnology relies on the ability of vegetation to evapotranspire sources of surface water and groundwater. Water interception capacity by the aboveground canopy and subsequent evapotranspiration through the root system can limit vertical migration of water from the surface downward. The horizontal migration of groundwater can be controlled or contained using deep-rooted species, such as prairie plants and trees, to intercept, take up, and transpire the water. Trees classified as phreatophytes are deep-rooted, high-transpiring, water-loving organisms that send their roots into regions of high moisture and can survive in conditions of temporary saturation.
- Chemical Stabilization. Stabilization refers to processes that involve chemical reactions that reduce the leachability of lithium and molybdenum. Stabilization chemically immobilizes impacts or reduces their solubility through a chemical reaction. The desired results of stabilization methods include converting metals into a less soluble, mobile, or toxic form.
- Containment Walls. Containment walls can be applied in two ways; first, a wall that creates a physical barrier to the flow of groundwater to limit the movement of constituents of concern in groundwater, and second, a passive barrier installed to intercept the flow of groundwater and constructed with a reactive media designed to adsorb, precipitate, or degrade groundwater constituents to limit their movement in the environment (FRTR 2020).

Based on the currently available information for this site, an active MNA mechanism is yet to be identified, and the assessment of the site capacity to attenuate the lithium and molybdenum

impacts to groundwater is ongoing. Thus, active containment may be required for this site due to the potential for CCR to remain in contact with groundwater following closure in place.

$4.1.3$ **Restoration**

Restoration is the process through which groundwater quality is restored to meet GPSs. This can be accomplished by way of MNA or intensively addressed by groundwater treatment with or without extraction.

MNA can be a viable remedy or component of a remedial alternative for groundwater impacted with metals. MNA requires ongoing involvement and potentially intense characterization of the geochemical environment to understand the attenuation processes involved, and to justify reliance on them and regular, long-term monitoring to ensure the attenuation processes are meeting remedial goals.

MNA is not a "do-nothing" alternative; rather, it is an effective knowledge-based remedy where a thorough engineering analysis provides the basis for understanding, monitoring, predicting, and documenting natural processes. To properly employ this remedy, there needs to be a strong scientific basis supported by appropriate research and site-specific monitoring implemented in accordance with quality controls. The compelling evidence needed to support proper evaluation of the remedy requires that the processes that lower metal concentrations in groundwater be well understood.

If active treatment is implemented, water may be treated in-situ, on-site, or off-site. The need for active treatment depends on the nature and extent of impacts, exposure pathways, and risks to receptors. If there are no receptors, or when active treatment is not required for the reasons discussed in Section 4.1.2, then MNA is an appropriate option. If existing or future impacts require a more rapid restoration of groundwater quality, then active restoration may be needed.

Treated groundwater may be re-injected, sent to a local publicly owned treatment works (POTW), or discharged to a local body of surface water, depending on local, state, and federal requirements. Typical on-site treatment practices for metals include coagulation and precipitation, ion exchange, or reverse osmosis. Off-site wastewater treatment may include sending the impacted groundwater that is extracted to a local POTW or to a facility designed to treat the contaminants of concern.

The removal rate of groundwater constituents such as lithium and molybdenum will depend on the rate of groundwater extraction, the cation exchange capacity of the soil, and partition coefficients of the constituents sorbed to the soil. As the concentration of metals in groundwater is reduced, the rate at which constituents become partitioned from the soil to the aqueous phase may also be reduced. The amount of flushing of the aquifer material required to remove the metals and reduce their concentration in groundwater below the GPS will generally determine the time frame required for restoration. This time frame is site-specific.

In-situ methods may be appropriate, particularly where pump and treat technologies may present adverse effects. In-situ methods may include the introduction of a chemical amendment to adsorb, precipitate, or degrade a contaminant or biological restoration requiring pH control, addition of specific micro-organisms, and/or addition of nutrients and substrate to augment and encourage degradation by indigenous microbial populations. Bioremediation requires laboratory treatability studies and pilot field studies to determine the feasibility and the reliability of full-scale treatment.

Based on current available information, MNA mechanisms at BGS are still being evaluated, along with the capacity of the site to attenuate the molybdenum and lithium impacts to groundwater. Other restoration measures have been included in this addendum to increase the breadth of alternatives evaluated and available for consideration during the remedy selection process. These additional alternatives are discussed in Section 5.0.

CORRECTIVE MEASURE ALTERNATIVES 5.0

We have preliminarily identified the following corrective measure alternatives for the groundwater impacts at BGS:

- Alternative 1 No Action
- Alternative 2 Close and Cap in Place with MNA
- Alternative 3 Consolidate and Cap with MNA
- Alternative 4 Excavate and Dispose On Site with MNA
- Alternative 5 Excavate and Dispose in Off-site Landfill with MNA
- Alternative 6 Consolidate and Cap with Chemical Amendment
- Alternative 7 Consolidate and Cap with Groundwater Collection
- Alternative 8 Consolidate and Cap with Barrier Wall

These alternatives were developed by selecting components from the reasonable and appropriate corrective measures components discussed above. With the exception of the No Action alternative, each of the corrective measure alternatives meet the requirements in 40 CFR 257.97(b)(1) through (5) based on the information available at the current time. We may identify additional alternatives based on the continued evaluation of site conditions.

 5.1 **ALTERNATIVE 1 – NO ACTION**

IPL is committed to implementing corrective measures as required under the Rule, and the No-Action alternative is only included as a baseline condition and a point of comparison for the other alternatives. The consideration of this alternative assumes the monitoring of groundwater continues under this action.

5.2 **ALTERNATIVE 2 – CLOSE AND CAP IN PLACE WITH MNA**

Alternative 2 includes closing the impoundments (no further discharge), covering the CCR materials with a cap, and establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d). This measure is consistent with landfill cover systems to prevent infiltration of surface water into the CCR as described in Section 4.1.1. The capped areas will be subject to enhanced groundwater monitoring via MNA.

This alternative eliminates CCR sluicing/plant process water discharges and, with the installation of a cap, will reduce infiltration through the CCR. This is expected to address the major contributor to the observed GPS exceedances, which is exposure of CCR material to precipitation/surface water infiltration. Further leaching of metals and migration within groundwater will be reduced and may be eliminated over time. MNA is included with this alternative to monitor changes in groundwater impacts and the effectiveness of degradation mechanisms on groundwater concentrations over time.

5.3 **ALTERNATIVE 3 – CONSOLIDATE ON-SITE AND CAP WITH MNA**

Alternative 3 includes closing the impoundments (no further discharge), relocating and consolidating CCR into a smaller footprint within the CCR surface impoundments, covering the CCR materials with a cap, and establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d). This measure is consistent with landfill cover systems to prevent infiltration of surface water into the CCR as described in Section 4.1.1. The consolidated and capped areas will be subject to enhanced groundwater monitoring via MNA.

This alternative eliminates CCR sluicing/plant process water discharges and, with the consolidation of the CCR footprint and the installation of a cap, will reduce infiltration through the CCR. This is expected to address the major contributor to the observed GPS exceedances, which is exposure of CCR material to precipitation/surface water infiltration. Consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint during closure also reduces the volume of potential source materials that may be in contact with groundwater after closure. Further leaching of metals and migration within groundwater will be reduced and may be eliminated over time. MNA is included with this alternative to monitor changes in groundwater impacts and the effectiveness of degradation mechanisms on groundwater concentrations over time.

5.4 **ALTERNATIVE 4 – EXCAVATE AND DISPOSE ON-SITE WITH MNA**

Alternative 4 includes closing the impoundments (no further discharge), excavation of CCR from the source area, and creation of a new on-site disposal area with a liner and cap system. This alternative will serve to contain the CCR at the site and allow for the collection and management of liquids generated from the disposal area. Further releases from the current source will be prevented by the use of engineering controls constructed/installed to meet the design criteria for new CCR landfills required under 40 CFR 257.70.

This alternative eliminates CCR sluicing/plant process water discharges and, with the consolidation of the CCR footprint and the installation of a new on-site disposal area liner and cap, will reduce infiltration through the CCR. This is expected to address the major contributor to the observed GPS exceedances, which is exposure of CCR material to precipitation/surface water infiltration. MNA is included with this alternative to monitor changes in groundwater impacts and the effectiveness of degradation mechanisms on groundwater concentrations over time.

5.5 **ALTERNATIVE 5 – EXCAVATE AND DISPOSE IN OFF-SITE LANDFILL WITH MNA**

Alternative 5 includes closing the impoundments (no further discharge), excavation of all CCR, and transport to an approved off-site landfill. Further on-site releases from the CCR sources will be prevented by relocating the source material to another site, which eliminates the potential for ongoing leaching of constituents into groundwater at BGS.

This alternative eliminates CCR sluicing/plant process water discharges and, with the removal of CCR from the site, will eliminate infiltration through the CCR. This is expected to address the major contributor to the observed GPS exceedances, which is exposure of CCR material to precipitation/ surface water infiltration. MNA is included with this alternative to monitor changes in groundwater impacts and the effectiveness of degradation mechanisms on groundwater concentrations over time.

5.6 **ALTERNATIVE 6 – CONSOLIDATE AND CAP WITH CHEMICAL AMENDMENT**

Alternative 6 includes closing the impoundments (no further discharge), adding a chemical amendment to in-place CCR and relocated CCR to reduce the mobilization of molybdenum and lithium prior to relocating and consolidating CCR into a smaller footprint within the CCR surface impoundments, covering the CCR materials with a cap, and establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d). This measure is consistent with landfill cover systems to prevent infiltration of surface water into the CCR and the reduced contaminant mobilization achieved by chemical amendment as described in Section 4.1.1.

This alternative eliminates CCR sluicing/plant process water discharges and, with the consolidation of the CCR footprint and the installation of a cap, will reduce infiltration through the CCR. This is expected to address the major contributor to the observed GPS exceedances, which is exposure of CCR material to precipitation/surface water infiltration. Consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint during closure also reduces the volume of potential source materials that may be in contact with groundwater after closure. Further leaching of metals and migration within groundwater will be reduced by minimizing the footprint of CCR in contact with groundwater and by fixation using a chemical amendment.

ALTERNATIVE 7 – CONSOLIDATE AND CAP WITH 5.7 **GROUNDWATER COLLECTION**

Alternative 7 includes closing the impoundments (no further discharge), relocating and consolidating CCR into a smaller footprint within the CCR surface impoundments, covering the CCR materials with a cap, and establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d). This measure is consistent with landfill cover systems to prevent infiltration of surface water into the CCR as described in Section 4.1.1. Impacted groundwater will be collected using pumps and treated prior to discharge according to state and federal requirements as described in Section 4.1.2.

This alternative eliminates CCR sluicing/plant process water discharges and, with the consolidation of the CCR footprint and the installation of a cap, will reduce infiltration through the CCR. This is expected to address the major contributor to the observed GPS exceedances, which is exposure of CCR material to precipitation/surface water infiltration. Consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint during closure also reduces the volume of potential source materials that may be in contact with groundwater after closure. Further leaching of metals and migration within groundwater will be reduced and may be eliminated over time as impacted groundwater is collected to contain and restore molybdenum and lithium concentrations in groundwater to levels below the GPS.

5.8 **ALTERNATIVE 8 – CONSOLIDATE AND CAP WITH BARRIER WALL**

Alternative 8 includes closing the impoundments (no further discharge), relocating and consolidating CCR into a smaller footprint within the CCR surface impoundments, covering the CCR materials with a cap, and establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d). This measure is consistent with landfill cover systems to prevent infiltration of surface water into the CCR as described in Section 4.1.1. Impacted groundwater will be intercepted with a barrier wall to minimize the migration of molybdenum and lithium as described in Section 4.1.2.

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This alternative eliminates CCR sluicing/plant process water discharges and, with the consolidation of the CCR footprint and the installation of a cap, will reduce infiltration through the CCR. This is expected to address the major contributor to the observed GPS exceedances, which is exposure of CCR material to precipitation/surface water infiltration. Consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint during closure also reduces the volume of potential source materials that may be in contact with groundwater after closure. Further leaching of metals and migration within groundwater will be reduced and may be eliminated over time as impacted groundwater is intercepted with a barrier wall to minimize the spread of molybdenum and lithium in groundwater.

EVALUATION OF CORRECTIVE MEASURE ALTERNATIVES 6.0

As required by 40 CFR 257.96(c), the following sections provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of corrective measure alternatives in meeting the requirements and objectives outlined in 40 CFR 257.97. The evaluation addresses the requirements and objectives identified in 40 CFR 257.96(c)(1) through (3), which include:

- The performance, reliability, ease of implementation, and potential impacts of appropriate potential remedies, including safety impacts, cross-media impacts, and control of exposure to residual contamination.
- • The time required to begin and complete the remedy.
- The institutional requirements, such as state or local permit requirements or other environmental or public health requirements that may substantially affect implementation of the remedy.

In addition to the discussion of the items listed above, Table 4 provides a summary of the initial evaluation of the alternatives including each of the criteria listed in 40 CFR 257.97.

6.1 **ALTERNATIVE 1 – NO ACTION**

As described in Section 5.1, the No Action alternative is only included as a baseline condition and a point of comparison for the other alternatives. This alternative does not satisfy all five criteria in 40 CFR 257.97(b)(1) through (5), so it is not an acceptable corrective measure under the CCR Rule. For comparison only, Alternative 1 is evaluated with regard to the criteria in 40 FR 257.96(c) below:

- Performance, Reliability, Implementation, and Impacts.
	- Performance. The ability to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum without any additional action is unlikely.
	- Reliability. Alternative 1 does not provide any reduction in existing risk.
	- Implementation. Nothing is required to implement Alternative 1.
	- Impacts. No additional safety or cross-media impacts are expected with Alternative 1. This alternative does not control current suspected routes of exposure to residual contamination.
- • Timing. No time is required to begin; however, the time required to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum under Alternative 1 is unknown.

• Institutional Requirements. No institutional requirements beyond maintaining current regulatory approvals exist for Alternative 1.

ALTERNATIVE 2 – CLOSE AND CAP IN PLACE WITH MNA 6.2

As described in Section 5.2, Alternative 2 includes closing the impoundments, covering the CCR materials with a cap, and establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d).

• Performance, Reliability, Implementation, and Impacts.

- **Performance.** Ceasing wastewater discharges and closing the impoundments by capping is expected to address infiltration, which is a key contributor to groundwater impacts. MNA monitoring will identify, if active, the natural attenuation processes that reduce mass, toxicity, mobility, volume, or concentrations of the constituents of concern in groundwater. Alternative 2 is capable of and expected to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum.
- **Reliability.** The expected reliability of capping is good. Capping is a common practice and standard remedial method for closure in place in remediation and solid waste management. There is significant industry experience with the design and construction of this method.
- Implementation. The complexity of constructing the cap is low. Dewatering will be required to the extent a suitable subgrade is established for cap construction, which can likely be achieved through standard dewatering methods. The cap construction may put a high demand on the local supply of suitable cap materials. The local availability of cap materials will be evaluated further during remedy selection. The equipment and personnel required to implement Alternative 2 are not specialized and are generally readily available.
- Impacts. Safety impacts associated with the implementation of Alternative 2 are not significantly different than other heavy civil construction projects. Crossmedia impacts are expected to be limited due to the small volume of CCR expected to be relocated on site, the short duration of cap construction, the effectiveness of standard engineering controls during construction (e.g., dust control), and the lack of off-site transportation of CCR. Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low, and ending wastewater discharges and capping the impoundments minimizes infiltration (a significant source of water and CCR interaction), some interaction between CCR and groundwater will remain. The ease of implementation and the low-impact nature of MNA as a groundwater restoration method must be evaluated against the effectiveness of passive groundwater restoration, which is the subject of ongoing evaluations. A lack of active MNA mechanism, insufficient site attenuation capacity, or changes in groundwater conditions may require additional action to restore groundwater or prevent cross-media impacts between groundwater and surface water. The potential for exposure to residual contamination is low since CCR will be capped.
- Timing. Closure of the impoundments can be completed within 1-2 years following cessation of ash placement in the impoundments. Coal will no longer be used as a fuel at BGS after December 31, 2021, and the closure of the impoundments is expected to be complete by October 17, 2023. The time required to attain the GPS for lithium and

molybdenum will be evaluated further during the remedy selection process, but is expected to take between 2 and 10 years after closure construction is complete. Alternative 2 can provide full protection within the 30-year post-closure monitoring period.

- • Institutional Requirements. The following permits and approvals are expected to be required to implement Alternative 2:
	- IDNR Closure Permit
	- Federal, state, and local floodplain permits
	- State and local erosion control/construction storm water management permits
	- Federal and state wetland permitting may also be required.

6.3 **ALTERNATIVE 3 – CONSOLIDATE ON-SITE AND CAP WITH MNA**

As described in Section 5.3, Alternative 3 includes closing the impoundments, relocating and consolidating CCR into a smaller footprint within the CCR surface impoundments, covering the CCR materials with a cap, and establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d).

• Performance, Reliability, Implementation, and Impacts.

- **Performance.** Ceasing wastewater discharges and closing the impoundments by capping is expected to address infiltration, which is a key contributor to groundwater impacts. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint may enhance the performance of the cap by further reducing the area exposed to limited post-construction infiltration through the cap. The smaller closure footprint also reduces the potential for ongoing CCR contact with groundwater. MNA monitoring will identify, if active, the natural attenuation processes that reduce mass, toxicity, mobility, volume, or concentrations of the constituents of concern in groundwater. Alternative 3 is capable of and expected to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum.
- Reliability. The expected reliability of capping is good. Capping is a common practice and standard remedial method for closure in place in remediation and solid waste management. There is significant industry experience with the design and construction of this method. A consolidated cap footprint may enhance reliability by reducing the scale of post-closure maintenance.
- **Implementation.** The complexity of constructing the cap is low. The logistics of moving CCR around the site to consolidate the closure footprint increases the complexity of the alternative. CCR dewatering will be required to the extent required to excavate and relocate CCR within the CCR impoundments and provide a suitable subgrade for cap construction. Some conditioning (e.g., drying) of relocated CCR is expected during on-site re-disposal. Alternative 3 can likely be achieved through standard dewatering and conditioning methods. Although the cap footprint will be minimized, cap construction may put a high demand on the local supply of suitable cap materials. The local availability of cap materials will be evaluated further during remedy selection. The equipment and personnel required to implement Alternative 3 are not specialized and are generally readily available.
- Impacts. Safety impacts associated with the implementation of Alternative 3 are not significantly different than other heavy civil construction projects. The level of

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disturbance required to consolidate CCR before capping may represent some increase in safety risk due to site conditions and on-site construction traffic. Crossmedia impacts are expected to be limited due to the small volume of CCR expected to be relocated on site, the short duration of cap construction, the effectiveness of standard engineering controls during construction (e.g., dust control), and the lack of off-site transportation of CCR. Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low and ending wastewater discharges and capping the impoundments minimizes infiltration (a significant source of water and CCR interaction), some interaction between CCR and groundwater will remain. The consolidation of CCR prior to capping under Alternative 3 reduces the potential for CCR and groundwater interaction after closure. The ease of implementation and low-impact nature of MNA as a groundwater restoration method must be evaluated against the effectiveness of passive groundwater restoration, which is the subject of ongoing evaluations. A lack of active MNA mechanism, insufficient site attenuation capacity, or changes in groundwater conditions may require additional action to restore groundwater or prevent cross-media impacts between groundwater and surface water. The potential for exposure to residual contamination is low since CCR will be capped and the footprint of the cap minimized.

- Timing. Closure of the impoundments can be completed within 1-2 years following cessation of ash placement in the impoundments. Coal will no longer be used as a fuel at BGS after December 31, 2021, and the closure of the impoundments is expected to be complete by October 17, 2023. The time required to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum will be evaluated further during the remedy selection process, but is expected to take between 2 and 10 years after closure construction is complete. The level of source disturbance during construction may increase the time required to reach GPS. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller cap area may decrease the time to reach GPS. Alternative 3 can provide full protection within the 30-year post-closure monitoring period.
- • Institutional Requirements. The following permits and approvals are expected to be required to implement Alternative 3:
	- IDNR Closure Permit
	- Federal, state, and local floodplain permits
	- State and local erosion control/construction storm water management permits
	- Federal and state wetland permitting may also be required.

6.4 **ALTERNATIVE 4 – EXCAVATE AND DISPOSE ON-SITE WITH MNA**

As described in Section 5.4, Alternative 4 includes closing the impoundments, excavation of CCR from the source area, and creation of a new on-site disposal that meets the design criteria for new CCR landfills required under 40 CFR 257.70

- Performance, Reliability, Implementation, and Impacts.
	- **Performance.** Ceasing wastewater discharges and closing the impoundments by removing and re-disposing CCR in a new lined/capped disposal area is expected to address infiltration, which is a key contributor to groundwater impacts. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint may enhance the performance of the cap by further reducing the area exposed to limited post-construction infiltration through the cap. The separation from groundwater and other location criteria for the new on-site disposal facility may enhance the performance of this alternative.

MNA monitoring will identify, if active, the natural attenuation processes that reduce mass, toxicity, mobility, volume, or concentrations of the constituents of concern in groundwater. Alternative 4 is capable of and expected to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum.

- Reliability. The expected reliability of on-site re-disposal with a composite liner and cap is good. Disposal facilities that meet the requirements in 40 CFR 257.70 or other similar requirements have been used for solid waste disposal including municipal and industrial waste for numerous years. There is significant industry experience with the design and construction of similar disposal facilities. The composite liner and cover, combined with a consolidated disposal footprint, may enhance reliability by reducing infiltration and the scale of post-closure maintenance. At the same time, post-closure maintenance is likely more complex due to maintenance of a leachate collection system and geosynthetic repairs requiring specialized personnel, material, and equipment.
- Implementation. The complexity of constructing the new liner and cap is moderate due to the composite design. The limited area available at the facility for developing an on-site disposal facility makes this alternative logistically complex. Significant volumes of CCR will be excavated and stored on site while the disposal facility is constructed. Significant dewatering will be required to excavate and relocate CCR to a temporary storage area. Conditioning (e.g., drying) of relocated CCR is expected to facilitate temporary storage and on-site re-disposal. Alternative 4 can likely be achieved through standard dewatering and conditioning methods, but may be impacted by the space available for these activities. Although the postclosure CCR footprint will be minimized, composite liner and cap construction may put a high demand on the local supply of suitable cap materials. The local availability of liner and cap materials will be evaluated further during remedy selection. The equipment and personnel required to implement Alternative 4 are not specialized and are generally readily available with the exception of the resources needed to install the geosynthetic portions of the composite liner and cover, which are not locally available.
- Impacts. Safety impacts associated with the implementation of Alternative 4 are not significantly different than other heavy civil construction projects. However, the level of disturbance required to excavate, store, and re-dispose CCR on site and the traffic required to import composite liner and cap material are not typical and likely represent an increase in safety risk due to site conditions, on-site construction traffic, and incoming/outgoing off-site construction traffic. A risk of cross-media impacts is possible due to the large volume of CCR to be excavated, stored, and relocated on site. Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low, Alternative 4 significantly reduces the potential interaction between CCR and water after closure. The ease of implementation and low-impact nature of MNA as a groundwater restoration method must be evaluated against the effectiveness of passive groundwater restoration, which is the subject of ongoing evaluations. A lack of active MNA mechanism, insufficient site attenuation capacity, or changes in groundwater conditions may require additional action to restore groundwater or prevent cross-media impacts between groundwater and surface water. The potential for exposure to residual contamination is low since CCR will be capped and the footprint of the cap minimized.
- Timing. Closure of the impoundments can be completed within 1-2 years following cessation of ash placement in the impoundments. Coal will no longer be used as a fuel at BGS after December 31, 2021, and the closure of the impoundments is expected to be complete by October 17, 2023; however, the time required to permit and develop the on-site disposal facility may extend this schedule. The time required to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum will be evaluated further during the remedy selection process, but is expected to take between 2 and 10 years after closure construction is complete. The level of source disturbance during construction may increase the time required to reach GPS. The consolidation of CCR into a new on-site disposal facility with a composite liner and cap may decrease the time to reach GPS. Alternative 4 can provide full protection within the 30-year post-closure monitoring period.
- • Institutional Requirements. The following permits and approvals are expected to be required to implement Alternative 4:
	- IDNR Closure Permit
	- IDNR Disposal Facility (Landfill) Permit
	- Federal, state, and local floodplain permits
	- State and local erosion control/construction stormwater management permits
	- Federal and state wetland permitting

6.5 **ALTERNATIVE 5 – EXCAVATE AND DISPOSE IN OFF-SITE LANDFILL WITH MNA**

As described in Section 5.5, Alternative 5 includes closing the impoundments, excavation of CCR from the source area, and transporting the CCR off site for disposal.

- Performance, Reliability, Implementation, and Impacts.
	- Performance. Ceasing wastewater discharges and closing the impoundments by removing and re-disposing CCR off site will eliminate the source material exposed to infiltration, which is a key contributor to groundwater impacts. The off-site disposal of CCR prevents further releases at BGS, but introduces the possibility of releases at the receiving facility. Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low, Alternative 5 nearly eliminates the potential interaction between CCR and water after closure. The ease of implementation and low-impact nature of MNA as a groundwater restoration method must be evaluated against the effectiveness of passive groundwater restoration, which is the subject of ongoing evaluations. A lack of active MNA mechanism, insufficient site attenuation capacity, or changes in groundwater conditions may require additional action to restore groundwater or prevent cross-media impacts between groundwater and surface water. MNA monitoring will identify, if active, the natural attenuation processes that reduce mass, toxicity, mobility, volume, or concentrations of the constituents of concern in groundwater. Alternative 5 is capable of and expected to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum.
	- Reliability. The expected reliability of excavation and off-site disposal is good. Off-site disposal facilities are required to meet the requirements in 40 CFR 257.70 or other similar requirements, which have been used for solid waste disposal including municipal and industrial waste for numerous years. There is significant industry experience with the design and construction of these disposal facilities.
- Implementation. The complexity of excavating CCR for off-site disposal is low. The scale of CCR excavation (expected to exceed 1 million cy), off-site transportation, and the permitting/development of off-site disposal facility airspace makes this alternative logistically complex. Significant dewatering will be required to excavate CCR. Conditioning (e.g., drying) of excavated CCR is expected to facilitate off-site transportation and re-disposal. Alternative 5 can likely be achieved through standard dewatering and conditioning methods, but may be impacted by the space available for these activities. Although the source area at BGS is eliminated, the development of off-site disposal airspace will put a high demand on the receiving disposal facility, which may not have the current physical or logistical capacity to receive large volumes of CCR in a short period of time. The equipment and personnel required to implement on-site and off-site aspects of Alternative 5 are not specialized and are generally readily available with the exception of the resources needed to install the geosynthetic portions of the off-site composite liner and cover, which are not locally available.
- Impacts. Safety impacts associated with the implementation of Alternative 5 are not significantly different than other heavy civil construction projects. However, the level of disturbance required to excavate, transport, and re-dispose CCR, and the traffic required to import composite liner and cap material at the receiving disposal facility are not typical and likely represent an increase in safety risk due to large volumes of incoming/outgoing off-site construction traffic at both sites. A risk of cross-media impacts is possible due to the large volume of CCR to be excavated and transported from the site. The potential for exposure to residual contamination on site is very low since CCR will be removed; however, the off-site potential for exposure to CCR is increased due to the relocation of the source material.
- **Timing.** Closure of the impoundments can be completed within 1-2 years following cessation of ash placement in the impoundments. Coal will no longer be used as a fuel at BGS after December 31, 2021, and the closure of the impoundments is expected to be complete by October 17, 2023. However, the time required to secure the off-site disposal airspace required to complete this alternative, including potential procurement, permitting, and construction, may extend this schedule significantly. The time required to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum will be evaluated further during the remedy selection process, but is expected to take between 2 and 10 years after closure construction is complete. The level of source disturbance during construction may increase the time required to reach GPS. The removal of CCR from BGS may decrease the time to reach GPS. Alternative 5 can provide full protection within the 30-year post-closure monitoring period.
- • Institutional Requirements. The following permits and approvals are expected to be required to implement Alternative 5:
	- IDNR Closure Permit
	- Approval of off-site disposal facility owner or landfill permit for new off-site facility
	- Federal, state, and local floodplain permits
	- State and local erosion control/construction storm water management permits
	- Federal and state wetland permitting
	- Transportation agreements and permits (local roads and railroads)
	- State solid waste comprehensive planning approvals may also be required.

6.6 **ALTERNATIVE 6 – CONSOLIDATE AND CAP WITH CHEMICAL AMENDMENT**

As described in Section 5.6, Alternative 6 includes closing the impoundments, relocating and consolidating CCR into a smaller footprint within the CCR surface impoundments, adding a chemical amendment to the CCR to reduce the mobilization of molybdenum and lithium prior to relocating, covering the CCR materials with a cap, and establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d).

• Performance, Reliability, Implementation, and Impacts.

- **Performance.** Ceasing wastewater discharges and closing the impoundments by capping is expected to address infiltration, which is a key contributor to groundwater impacts. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint may enhance the performance of the cap by further reducing the area exposed to limited post-construction infiltration through the cap. The smaller closure footprint also reduces the potential for ongoing CCR contact with groundwater. The application of a chemical amendment to the CCR that will remain on site may further reduce the potential for ongoing groundwater impacts after closure. Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low, the potential for CCR to interact with groundwater will remain after closure. Alternative 6 further reduces the potential for ongoing groundwater impacts from that interaction between CCR and water. If needed to address changes in groundwater conditions or prevent cross-media impacts between groundwater and surface water, the initial application of a chemical amendment during closure can be supplemented with additional applications in the future outside of the capped area. Alternative 6 is capable of and expected to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum.
- Reliability. The expected reliability of capping is good. Capping is a common practice and standard remedial method for closure in place in remediation and solid waste management. There is significant industry experience with the design and construction of this method. A consolidated cap footprint may enhance reliability by reducing the scale of post-closure maintenance. Based on a review of information in the Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable (FRTR) Technology Screening Matrix, amending source material using site-specific chemistries can be an effective means of sequestering metals to limit the future release to groundwater from residual source material. The technology can be applied to source material and groundwater plumes. The approach has been used at full scale to remediate inorganics (FRTR 2020).
- Implementation. The complexity of constructing the cap is low. The logistics of moving CCR around the site to consolidate the closure footprint increases the complexity of the alternative. CCR dewatering will be required to the extent required to excavate and relocate CCR within the CCR impoundments and provide a suitable subgrade for cap construction. Some conditioning (e.g., drying) of relocated CCR is expected during on-site re-disposal. So long as an appropriate amendment chemistry can be identified for BGS, the technology and equipment used for the insitu application or mixing as part of excavation/consolidation activities is commercially available. Alternative 6 can likely be achieved through standard dewatering and conditioning methods. Although the cap footprint will be minimized, cap construction may put a high demand on the local supply of suitable cap

materials. The local availability of cap materials will be evaluated further during remedy selection. The equipment and personnel required to implement the consolidation and capping portion of Alternative 6 are not specialized and are generally readily available; however, the equipment for the in-situ chemical amendment application is more specialized and may be in high demand.

- Impacts. Safety impacts associated with the implementation of Alternative 6 are not significantly different than other heavy civil construction projects. The level of disturbance required to consolidate CCR before capping may represent some increase in safety risk due to site conditions and on-site construction traffic. Some elevated risk may exist due to the use of and application of amendment chemistry, but can likely be addressed with additional worker protective measures. Crossmedia impacts are expected to be limited due to the small volume of CCR expected to be relocated on site, the short duration of cap construction, the effectiveness of standard engineering controls during construction (e.g., dust control), and the lack of off-site transportation of CCR. Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low based on available data, the additional source control provided by Alternative 6 may offer further reduction of risks if groundwater conditions change. The potential for exposure to residual contamination is low since the CCR will be chemically stabilized, capped, and the footprint of the cap minimized.
- **Timing.** Closure of the impoundments can be completed within 1-2 years following cessation of ash placement in the impoundments. Coal will no longer be used as a fuel at BGS after December 31, 2021, and the closure of the impoundments is expected to be complete by October 17, 2023. The time required to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum will be evaluated further during the remedy selection process, but is expected to take between 2 and 10 years after closure construction is complete. The level of source disturbance during construction may increase the time required to reach GPS. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller cap area may decrease the time to reach GPS. Alternative 6 can provide full protection within the 30-year post-closure monitoring period.
- • Institutional Requirements. The following permits and approvals are expected to be required to implement Alternative 6:
	- IDNR Closure Permit
	- Federal, state, and local floodplain permits
	- Injection permits
	- State and local erosion control/construction storm water management permits
	- Federal and state wetland permitting may also be required.

6.7 **ALTERNATIVE 7 – CONSOLIDATE AND CAP WITH GROUNDWATER COLLECTION**

As described in Section 5.7, Alternative 7 includes closing the impoundments, relocating and consolidating CCR into a smaller footprint within the CCR surface impoundments, covering the CCR materials with a cap, establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d), and installing a groundwater pump and treat system to prevent the migration of and/or to recover groundwater with lithium and molybdenum concentrations greater than the GPS.

- Performance, Reliability, Implementation, and Impacts.
	- **Performance.** Ceasing wastewater discharges and closing the impoundments by capping is expected to address infiltration, which is a key contributor to groundwater impacts. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint may enhance the performance of the cap by further reducing the area exposed to limited post-construction infiltration through the cap. The groundwater pump and treat system may further reduce the potential for downgradient migration of groundwater impacts after closure. Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low, the potential for CCR to interact with groundwater will remain after closure. Alternative 7 further reduces the risk of potential ongoing groundwater impacts from that interaction between CCR and water. The groundwater pump and treat system offers additional flexibility to address changes in groundwater conditions or prevent cross-media impacts between groundwater and surface water. Alternative 7 is capable of and expected to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum.
	- **Reliability.** The expected reliability of capping is good. Capping is a common practice and standard remedial method for closure in place in remediation and solid waste management. There is significant industry experience with the design and construction of this method. A consolidated cap footprint may enhance reliability by reducing the scale of post-closure maintenance. Similar to capping, groundwater pump and treat is a common method used to limit the migration of impacted groundwater or remove impacted groundwater to restore groundwater concentrations to levels below the GPS.
	- Implementation. The complexity of constructing the cap is low. The logistics of moving CCR around the site to consolidate the closure footprint increases the complexity of the alternative. CCR dewatering will be required to the extent required to excavate and relocate CCR within the CCR impoundments and provide a suitable subgrade for cap construction. Some conditioning (e.g., drying) of relocated CCR is expected during on-site re-disposal. The complexity of the groundwater pump and treat system is also low. Alternative 7 can likely be achieved through standard dewatering and conditioning methods. Although the cap footprint will be minimized, cap construction may put a high demand on the local supply of suitable cap materials. The local availability of cap materials will be evaluated further during remedy selection. The equipment and personnel required to implement Alternative 7 are not specialized and are generally readily available. The development, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of adequate treatment for large volumes of groundwater with relatively low concentrations of lithium and molybdenum likely increases the complexity of implementing this alternative.
	- Impacts. Safety impacts associated with the implementation of Alternative 7 are not significantly different than other heavy civil construction projects. The level of disturbance required to consolidate CCR before capping may represent some increase in safety risk due to site conditions and on-site construction traffic. Some elevated risk may exist due to the additional construction involved with the groundwater pump and treat system and the higher complexity of the long term maintenance required. Cross-media impacts are expected to be limited due to the small volume of CCR expected to be relocated on site, the short duration of cap construction, the effectiveness of standard engineering controls during construction (e.g., dust control), and the lack of off-site transportation of CCR.

Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low based on available data, the active nature of the groundwater plume containment provided by Alternative 7 may offer further reduction of risks if groundwater conditions change. The potential for exposure to residual contaminated source material is low since CCR will be capped and the footprint of the cap minimized. The potential exposure to contaminated groundwater is increased due to the ex-situ groundwater treatment required and the potential for worker exposure and spills.

- **Timing.** Closure of the impoundments can be completed within 1-2 years following cessation of ash placement in the impoundments. Coal will no longer be used as a fuel at BGS after December 31, 2021, and the closure of the impoundments is expected to be complete by October 17, 2023. The time required to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum will be evaluated further during the remedy selection process, but is expected to take between 2 and 10 years after closure construction is complete. The level of source disturbance during construction may increase the time required to reach GPS. The additional time required to design and install the groundwater pump and treat system is unlikely to have a significant impact on the implementation timing but may reduce the time required to attain the GPS. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller cap area may decrease the time to reach GPS. Alternative 7 can provide full protection within the 30-year post-closure monitoring period.
- • Institutional Requirements. The following permits and approvals are expected to be required to implement Alternative 7:
	- IDNR Closure Permit
	- Federal, state, and local floodplain permits
	- State and local well installation permits
	- NPDES permitting for post-treatment groundwater discharges
	- State and local erosion control/construction storm water management permits
	- Federal and state wetland permitting may also be required.

ALTERNATIVE 8 – CONSOLIDATE AND CAP WITH BARRIER WALL 6.8

As described in Section 5.8, Alternative 8 includes closing the impoundments, relocating and consolidating CCR into a smaller footprint within the CCR surface impoundments, covering the CCR materials with a cap, establishing vegetation in accordance with the requirements for closure in place in 40 CFR 257.102(d), and installing a downgradient barrier wall to prevent the migration of groundwater with lithium and molybdenum concentrations greater than the GPS.

• Performance, Reliability, Implementation, and Impacts.

Performance. Ceasing wastewater discharges and closing the impoundments by capping is expected to address infiltration, which is a key contributor to groundwater impacts. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller footprint may enhance the performance of the cap by further reducing the area exposed to limited post-construction infiltration through the cap. The barrier wall may further reduce the potential for ongoing groundwater impacts after closure. Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low, the potential for CCR to interact with groundwater will remain after closure. Alternative 8 further reduces the risk of potential ongoing groundwater impacts from that interaction between CCR and water. Although it acts passively, the barrier wall reduces the risk from a more passive groundwater restoration approach such as MNA. If MNA mechanisms are not active, the site has insufficient site attenuation capacity, or groundwater

conditions change in a way that increases the potential for cross-media impacts between groundwater and surface water. Alternative 8 is capable of and expected to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum.

- Reliability. The expected reliability of capping is good. Capping is a common practice and standard remedial method for closure in place in remediation and solid waste management. There is significant industry experience with the design and construction of this method. A consolidated cap footprint may enhance reliability by reducing the scale of post-closure maintenance. A barrier wall at BGS will likely have to consist of a permeable reactive barrier (PRB) due to the lack of an impermeable layer to key a low permeability barrier wall into. In general the reliability of PRBs for containment of inorganics is favorable based on information available in the FRTR Technology Screening Matrix (FRTR 2020). The reliability of a PRB requires the identification of a suitable reactive media for the conditions at BGS and the ability to effectively locate the barrier, which are both likely but require additional evaluations. Initial reviews indicate suitable reagents for a PRB at BGS include:
	- Lithium: Sorbents including clay minerals, aluminum hydroxide, manganese oxides, and/or carbon.
	- Molybdenum: Reducing agent such as zero-valent iron.

PRB performance can diminish over time as consumptive media is exhausted or hydraulic conditions change due to chemical precipitation or biofouling. Long-term monitoring and maintenance is required to ensure continued performance.

- Implementation. The complexity of constructing the cap is low. The logistics of moving CCR around the site to consolidate the closure footprint increases the complexity of the alternative. CCR dewatering will be required to the extent required to excavate and relocate CCR within the CCR impoundments and provide a suitable subgrade for cap construction. Some conditioning (e.g., drying) of relocated CCR is expected during on-site re-disposal. The complexity of the PRB wall significantly increases the level of complexity for implementing this alternative. PRB installation contractors and equipment have lengthy procurement timelines. Alternative 8 can likely be achieved through standard dewatering and conditioning methods. Although the cap footprint will be minimized, cap construction may put a high demand on the local supply of suitable cap materials. The equipment and personnel required to implement the consolidation and capping portion of Alternative 8 are not specialized and are generally readily available; however, the equipment for the barrier wall is more specialized and may be in high demand.
- Impacts. Safety impacts associated with the implementation of Alternative 8 are not significantly different than other heavy civil construction projects. The level of disturbance required to consolidate CCR before capping may represent some increase in safety risk due to site conditions and on-site construction traffic. Some elevated risk may exist due to the additional construction involved with the barrier wall construction and the higher complexity of the long term barrier wall performance monitoring. Cross-media impacts are expected to be limited due to the small volume of CCR expected to be relocated on site, the short duration of cap construction, the effectiveness of standard engineering controls during construction (e.g., dust control), and the lack of off-site transportation of CCR.

Although the risk to surface water receptors is already low based on available data, the enhanced nature of the passive groundwater plume containment provided by Alternative 8 may offer further reduction of risks if groundwater conditions change. The potential for exposure to residual contaminated source material is low since CCR will be capped and the footprint of the cap minimized.

- Timing. Closure of the impoundments can be completed within 1-2 years following cessation of ash placement in the impoundments. Coal will no longer be used as a fuel at BGS after December 31, 2021, and the closure of the impoundments is expected to be complete by October 17, 2023. The time required to attain the GPS for lithium and molybdenum will be evaluated further during the remedy selection process, but is expected to take between 2 and 10 years after closure construction is complete. The level of source disturbance during construction may increase the time required to reach GPS. The additional time required to design and install the barrier wall is unlikely to have a significant impact on the implementation timing but may reduce the time required to attain the GPS. The consolidation of CCR into a smaller cap area may decrease the time to reach GPS. Alternative 8 can provide full protection within the 30-year post-closure monitoring period.
- • Institutional Requirements. The following permits and approvals are expected to be required to implement Alternative 8:
	- IDNR Closure Permit
	- Federal, state, and local floodplain permits
	- State and local well installation permits
	- State and local erosion control/construction storm water management permits
	- Federal and state wetland permitting may also be required.

 7.0 **SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT**

Each of the identified corrective measure alternatives exhibit favorable and unfavorable outcomes with respect to the assessment factors that must be evaluated in accordance with 40 CFR 257.9[7\(c\). At the present time, limited impa](https://frtr.gov/matrix/default.cfm)cts have been identified as described in Section 3.0. The nature and extent of those impacts are the subject of ongoing assessment, and IPL continues to assess remedies to meet the requirements and objectives described in 40 CFR 257.97.

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Burlington Generating Station / SCS Engineers Project #25220066.00 Table 1. Groundwater Elevation Summary

Table 2. CCR Rule Groundwater Samples Summary Burlington Generating Station / SCS Engineers Project #25218201.00

Abbreviations:

 $B =$ Background Sample

A = Required by Assessment Monitoring Program $D =$ Required by Detection Monitoring Program B = Background Sample

-- = Not applicable

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Abbreviations:

LOD = Limit of Detection $100 =$ I imit of Quantification P = Parametric UPL with 1-of-2 retesting

J = Estimated concentration at or above the LOD and below the LOQ.

* = UPL is below the LOQ for background sampling. For compliance wells, only results confirmed above the LOQ are evaluated as potential SSIs above background.

** = UPL for arsenic is greater than the MCL and will be used as the GPS.

*[%] = Monitoring well is located near the MW-310 background well but more date is needed to confirm if this monitoring well is representative of background groundwater conditions.

 $*$ = Dissolved parameter samples collected for MNA data review

Notes:

1. An individual result above the UPL or GPS does not constitute a statistically significant increase (SSI) above background or statistically significant level above the GPS. See the accompanying letter text for identification of statistically significant results.

2. GPS is the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Maximum Contamination Level (MCL), if established, or the value from 40 CFR 257.95(h)(2), or the background UPL if it is higher.

3. Interwell UPLs calculated based on results from background wells MW-310 and MW-311.

Table 5. Preliminary Evaluation of Corrective Measure Alternatives Burlington Generating Station / SCS Engineers Project #25219168.00

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NOTES:

1) Alternatives #1 through #5 were developed and submitted within the Assessment of Corrective Measures Report (ACM), dated September 2019

2) Alternatives #6 through #8 were added in November 2020 as part of Addendum #1 to the September 2020 ACM Report

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Figures

- 1 Site Location Map
- 2 Site Plan and Monitoring Well Locations
- 3 Potentiometric Surface Map April 2019
- 4 High Potentiometric Surface Map June 2020
- 5 Low Potentiometric Surface Map September 2020
- 6 Geologic Cross Section

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- 1. MONITORING WELLS MW-303 THROUGH MW-308 WERE INSTALLED BY CASCADE DRILLING, LLP. UNDER THE
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- 2. MONITORING WELLS MW-301, MW-302, AND MW-309
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- 3. MONITORING WELLS MW-312 AND MW-313 WERE INSTALLED BY ROBERTS ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLING IN MAY 2019.
- 4. 2018 AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH SOURCES: ESRI, DIGITALGLOBE,
GEOEYE, I-CUBED, USDA FSA, USGS, AEX, GETMAPPING,
AEROGRID, IGN, IGP, SWISSTOPO, AND THE GIS USER COMMUNITY.

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- 3. MONITORING WELLS MW-301 THROUGH MW-311 WERE
SURVEYED BY FRENCH-RENEKER ASSOCIATES OF FRANKLIN, IA ON MARCH 16, 2016.
- 4. MONITORING WELLS MW-312 AND MW-313 WERE INSTALLED BY ROBERTS ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLING IN MAY 2019.
- 5. WATER TABLE ELEVATION ESTIMATED BASED ON MONITORING
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MONITORING WELL DEEP PIEZOMETER ELEVATION CONTOUR

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- 4. MONITORING WELLS MW-312 AND MW-313 WERE INSTALLED BY ROBERTS ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLING IN MAY 2019.
- 5. DEEP PIEZOMETERS MW-302A, MW-307A, MW-310A, AND
MW-313A WERE INSTALLED BY ROBERTS ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLING IN JUNE-JULY 2020.
- 6. GROUNDWATER ELEVATION ESTIMATED BASED ON MONITORING
WELLS SCREENED BELOW THE POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE IN
THE SAND UNIT.

Appendix A

Regional Geologic and Hydrogeologic Information

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Appendix B

Boring Logs

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Appendix C

Hydrogeochemical Conceptual Model and Preliminary Summary of Groundwater Contaminant Attenuation

This document provides an update of the Burlington GS site geochemistry. The hydrogeological discussion is unchanged from the September 2020 evaluation.

Hydrogeology

Beneath much of the site on the order of 25 feet of lean clay and silt overlies more than 40 feet of poorly-graded sand with occasional lenses of silt and/or clay. To the west (upgradient) edge of the site, the sand is on the order of 10 feet thick at MW-310 and missing completely at MW-11. Mudstone was encountered at a depth of about 24 feet at MW-310. Bedrock was not encountered by other borings that were on the order of 60 feet deep. The poorly-graded sands form a confined aquifer between the lean clay and the bedrock (mudstone). The Mississippi River bounds the east edge of the site. The depth of the river is unknown, but the confined aquifer is likely in contact with the river.

All the monitoring wells but MW-311 are completed as piezometers within the confined sand aquifer. There are no water table observations.

The potentiometric surface defined by the piezometers at the top of the confined aquifer varies from 531 to 524 feet near the river, to 528 to 524 at the upgradient location MW-310. The variation in elevation is probably the result of changes in Mississippi River stage, which is not known for the period of groundwater observation. During a period of low potentiometric surface (September 2020), groundwater flows from west to east under a low gradient on the order of 0.0006. Such a low gradient suggests the poorly-graded sand has a very high hydraulic conductivity. A time of high potentiometric surface suggests a high area beneath the Economizer Pond and Ash Berm and Upper Ash Ponds with radial flow to the east, south and southeast.

Four piezometers were placed at depths of about 60 feet below ground surface in June 2020. Three of the four piezometers that remained in the confined sand aquifer had vertical downward gradients of 0.002 to 0.01 in September and October 2020. The strongest downward gradient was observed at MW-207/-307A adjacent to the Economizer Pond and Ash Berm. The vertical gradients are on the order of 3 to 16 times

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greater than the horizontal gradient observed in September 2020. The fourth piezometer pair, MW-310/-310A, were completed in the confined sand aquifer and the underlying aquitard.

Groundwater Chemistry

Groundwater samples collected in 2019 and 2020 that include both field parameters and laboratory results were reviewed (Table 1). Major cation and trace element results were typically analyzed as total concentrations; the dissolved fraction plus constituents that are part of, or adsorbed to, suspended sediment and may not represent the mobile constituent concentrations. In most cases, suspended sediment loads were relatively low, ranging from 0 to 51 NTU as measured by turbidity. MW-310A was sampled with a bailer and had a turbidity of 710 NTU. These results are especially suspect. The October 2020 sampling event included analysis of dissolved lithium and molybdenum. Dissolved and total iron and manganese were also measured to evaluate the degree to which iron or manganese oxyhydroxides may be adsorbing molybdenum.

The March 2019 dissolved oxygen (DO) results for MW-301 through -308 appear to be anomalously high and were not used in the evaluation. The oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) is a key parameter controlling the fate of metals and metalloids in groundwater. The ORP was measured in most wells in June and October of 2020. However, for 13 wells the results were approximately 250 to 350 mV lower in October. Three monitoring wells sampled in September 2020 were reported with low ORPs comparable to the October results, suggesting that the low ORP values may be correct. However, most wells showed unchanged or increasing sulfate concentrations, which are not consistent with decreasing ORP values reported as low as -280 mV. It is highly unlikely that the entire aquifer would become reducing in just four months. These inconsistencies make all ORP results suspect pending future sampling and analyses.

Comparison of the total and dissolved concentrations for iron, manganese and molybdenum find the two concentrations equal, indicating that all three elements are present only in dissolved forms defined by the 0.45 µm filtration.

Plotting these three elements as a function of pH shows a strong negative correlation between pH and the iron and manganese concentration. This reflects the formation and precipitation of iron and manganese oxyhydroxides.

The molybdenum concentration remains constant over pH and as the oxyhydroxides form. This indicates that molybdenum is not being adsorbed by the oxyhydroxides.

Inspection of Table 1 shows that lithium, as expected, is present only in the dissolved form.

The groundwater chemistry in the confined aquifer may reflect contributions from one or more of the Upper Ash Pond, Main Ash Pond, Economizer Pond, Economizer Ash Berm

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and the Coal Pile when compared to the upgradient groundwater chemistry as described in the following paragraphs.

• Upgradient groundwater. The confined aquifer (MW-310) had a near-neutral pH (-7.5 SU) and was suboxic (DO ~0.5 mg/L). Dissolved solids as estimated by specific electrical conductance are relatively low at $900 \mu S/cm$. Lithium and molybdenum are the most reported potential CCR constituents commonly found beneath the facility with concentrations of $\langle 2.7 \rangle$ and 4.9 μ g/L, respectively, at the upgradient location MW-310. The most recent October 2020 results are comparable to the April 2019 and June 2020 results. The sulfate concentration is variable and averaged 47 mg/L.

MW-310A is completed in the mudstone below the confined aquifer. MW-311 is nominally upgradient, but its completion in mudstone make its applicability for defining background chemistry for the confined sand aquifer uncertain.

• Economizer Pond and Ash Berm. For most monitoring wells at the top of the confined aquifer the pH and DO are comparable to MW-310. Wells MW-306, -307 and -308 often show pH near or greater than 10 SU. October 2020 lithium and molybdenum concentrations are comparable to earlier results and are elevated above the upgradient concentrations (typically on the order of 40 to 50 µg/L and 80 to 150 µg/L, respectively). Sulfate concentrations range from 70 to 190 mg/L.

MW-309 is an exception with 2.4 μ g/L of lithium, comparable to background. Groundwater flow at this location is not consistently from the Economizer Pond and Ash Berm. MW-313 is an exception with 205 mg/L of sulfate. The high sulfate concentrations approach that of MW-312 located downgradient of the Coal Pile.

The deeper piezometers (MW-307A and -313A) had comparable molybdenum concentrations but lower lithium than the shallower piezometers. Sulfate at MW-313A was high at 200 mg/L, comparable to MW-313 which is downgradient of the coal pile.

• Ash Seal Pond. Shallow monitoring wells MW-302, -303 and -304 have elevated lithium (36 to 92 μ g/L) and molybdenum (45 to 140 μ g/L). The deeper piezometer (MW-302A) has comparable molybdenum concentrations but lower

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lithium than the shallower piezometers. Sulfate concentrations are the highest on the site averaging as high as 490 mg/L among the shallow wells and averaging 340 mg/L at depth.

- Upper Ash Pond. MW-305 has slightly elevated lithium concentrations and no detectable molybdenum. Sulfate was also low. The results are comparable to upgradient concentrations.
- Main Ash Pond. MW-301 is downgradient of this pond with mean concentrations of 16 µg/L lithium and 89 µg/L molybdenum. Sulfate concentrations average 250 mg/L.
- Coal Pile and Economizer Pond and Ash Berm. MW-312 has the highest molybdenum concentrations on the site $(\sim 300 \,\mu\text{g/L})$, low lithium (25 $\mu\text{g/L}$) and high sulfate (220 mg/L). This may reflect molybdenum contributions from coal pile leaching.

Overall, the data suggest that lithium and molybdenum have likely been released from one of more sources to the confined sand aquifer beneath the site.

Except as noted below, the following table provides a summary of lithium and molybdenum concentrations below the BGS. Molybdenum are comparable in the shallow and deep aquifers indicating vertical downward gradients within the aquifer have carried molybdenum to depths as much as 60 feet below ground surface. The total depth of molybdenum migration is not known. Lithium concentrations decrease significantly suggesting that some form of attenuation may be present in the upper portions of the confined aquifer.

The exceptions not included in the statistical summary include:

- MW-305 with low molybdenum concentrations (mean of 1.1 µg/L),
- MW-309 with low lithium concentrations (mean of 2.4 μ g/L) and
- MW-312 with high molybdenum concentrations (mean of 295 µg/L).

Masses of 27 and 81 kg of lithium and molybdenum, respectively, dissolved in the groundwater beneath the BGS are estimated assuming:

- approximate plume volume of 2,240,000 m³ assuming an area of ~159,000 m² and thickness of 5 to 20 m,
- total porosity of 0.3 and
- concentrations of 40 and 120 μ g/L of lithium and molybdenum, respectively.

Recommendations for Additional Assessment of Site-Specific Monitored Natural Attenuation

The decrease in lithium concentration with depth suggests that natural attenuation may be sequestering lithium. To further evaluate this potential, samples of confined aquifer sand from boring depths where lithium was not detected, or was detected at low concentrations, in monitoring wells screened near those same depths, (e.g. MW-307A or -309) could be subjected to laboratory determination of lithium adsorption capacity.

Given the lack of suspended sediment and equivalence of dissolved and total trace metal concentrations, future sampling and analysis could omit collection and analysis of dissolved concentrations.

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Future in-field analyses should pay special attention to the measurement of ORP to resolve the large differences between the June and October 2020 results.

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			pH	SEC	$\mathbf T$	DO	ORP	Turbidity	GW Eleva	$Li-T$	$Li-D$	$Mo-T$	$Mo-D$	Sulfate
			SU	μ S/cm	${}^{0}C$	mg/L	mV	NTU	Ft	$\mu g/L$		μ/L		mg/L
Upgradient	MW-310	4/4/2019	7.84	1034	10.8	1.1	$---$	17	528.62	<2.7	$---$	5.2	---	21
		6/2/2020	7.30	881	12.8	0.1	39	18	525.36	< 2.3	$---$	5.8	---	100
		10/14/2020	7.34	771	16.4	0.1	-220	4	523.81	< 2.5	$---$	3.6	---	19
		Mean	7.49	895	13.3	0.5	???	13		< 2.7	$---$	4.9	$---$	47
	MW-310A	9/9/2020	7.33	1026	14.2	4.7	145	714	509.16	32	$---$	19	---	100
		10/16/2020	$---$	---	$---$	---	$---$	$---$	489.84	36	$---$	33	---	130
		Mean	7.33	1026	14.2	4.7	???	714		34	$---$	26	---	115
	MW-311	4/4/2019	7.64	1422	11.4	0.8	146	11	528.20	<2.7	$---$	8.5	---	230
		6/2/2020	7.10	1464	12.3	0.2	---	18	524.05	< 2.3	$---$	11	---	220
		10/14/2020	7.41	1041	14.5	0.1	-194	$\overline{2}$	520.59	<2.5	$---$	23	---	110
		Mean	7.38	1309	12.7	0.3	???	10		<2.7	$---$	14	---	187
Main Ash Pond	MW-301	3/12/2019	6.38	1055	12.6	2.6	$---$	17	523.38	---	---	63	---	---
		4/3/2019	7.53	1213	12.4	0.6	$---$	21	528.15	13	$---$	77	---	190
		10/10/2019	6.85	1063	13.9	0.2	$---$	13	5.26.8	26	$---$	130	---	390
		6/3/2020	6.99	1167	13.4	0.3	37	20	523.94	16	$---$	110	---	250
		10/16/2020	7.07	1503	13.7	0.1	-187	$\overline{3}$	519.26	10	---	67	66	170
		Mean	6.96	1200	13.2	0.3	???	15		16	$---$	89	---	250

Table 1. Groundwater chemistry used in the evaluation of the Burlington GS.

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March 2019 DO appear anomalous and not included in means T- Total 12000 Concentrations exceed UPL (Background)

Measurements in bucket poured from bailer not included in evaluation. D- Dissolved **¹³⁰** Concentration exceeds GPS

Appendix D

Mann-Kendall Trend Test

Trend Test

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