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### VIA EMAIL

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Mr. Jeffrey Maxted Alliant Energy – Sr. Environmental Specialist 4902 North Biltmore Lane Madison, WI 53718-2148

# Re: Liner Design Criteria for Existing CCR Surface Impoundments - §257.71(a) Alliant Energy – Wisconsin Power and Light Company WPL – Columbia Energy Center Pardeeville, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Maxted;

Hard Hat Services (HHS) assessed the liner design criteria for the existing CCR surface impoundments located at the Columbia Energy Center in Pardeeville, Wisconsin.

#### **Background Information**

In accordance with the requirements set forth in §257.71(a) of the CCR Rule (40 CFR 257.50-107), an owner or operator of an existing CCR surface impoundment must document whether or not the CCR unit was constructed with a liner that meets, at a minimum, one of the following three categories:

- i. A liner consisting of a minimum of two feet of compacted soil with a hydraulic conductivity of no more than  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm/sec,
- ii. A composite liner that meets the requirements of §257.70(b), or;
- iii. An alternative composite liner that meets the requirements of §257.70(c).

#### **Facility Specific Information**

The WPL – Columbia Energy Center (COL) is located at W8375 Murray Road, Pardeeville, WI 53954. Figure 1 provides both a topographic map and an aerial of the COL facility location, with the approximate property boundary of the facility identified. COL has two CCR surface impoundments, which are identified as follows:

- COL Primary Ash Pond (existing)
- COL Secondary Ash Pond (inactive)

# **Liner Determination**

After review of the reasonably and readily available documentation, the following CCR Units were determined to not meet the requirements of  $\frac{257.71(a)(1)(i)}{(ii)}$ , or (iii):

- COL Primary Ash Pond
- COL Secondary Ash Pond

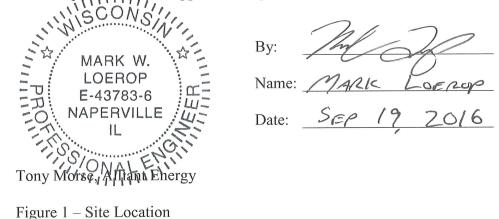
All existing unlined CCR surface impoundments are subject to the closure or retrofit requirements of §257.101(a).

# **Qualified Professional Engineer Certification**

Figure 2 – Storm Water Routing

The owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer attesting that the documentation as to whether a CCR unit meets the requirements 40 CFR 257.71(a) is accurate.

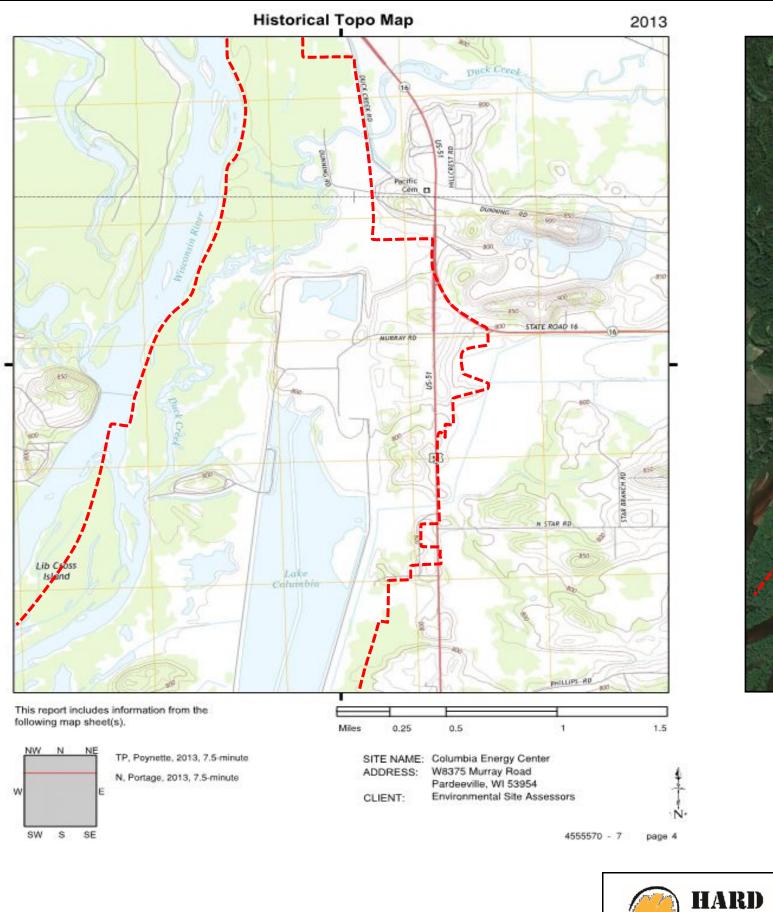
To meet the requirements of 40 CFR 257.71(b), I Mark W. Loerop hereby certify that I am a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Wisconsin; and that, to the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this document is correct and the document was prepared in compliance with all applicable requirements in 40 CFR 257.71(a).

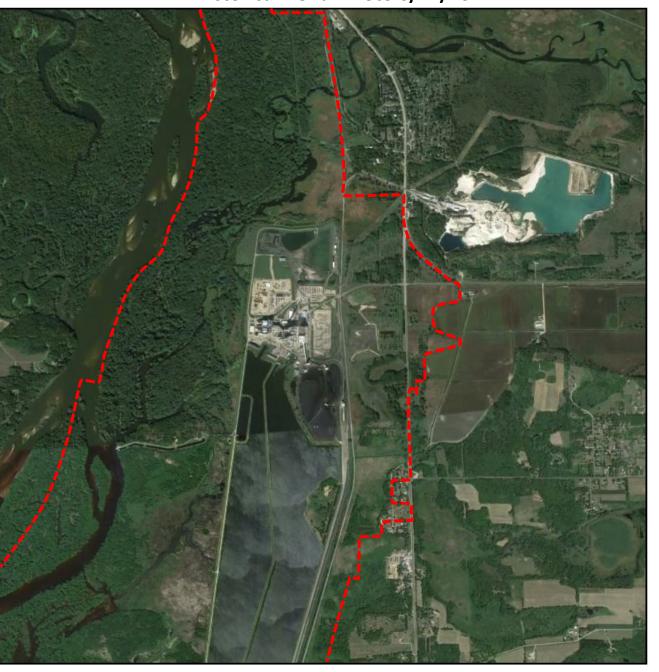


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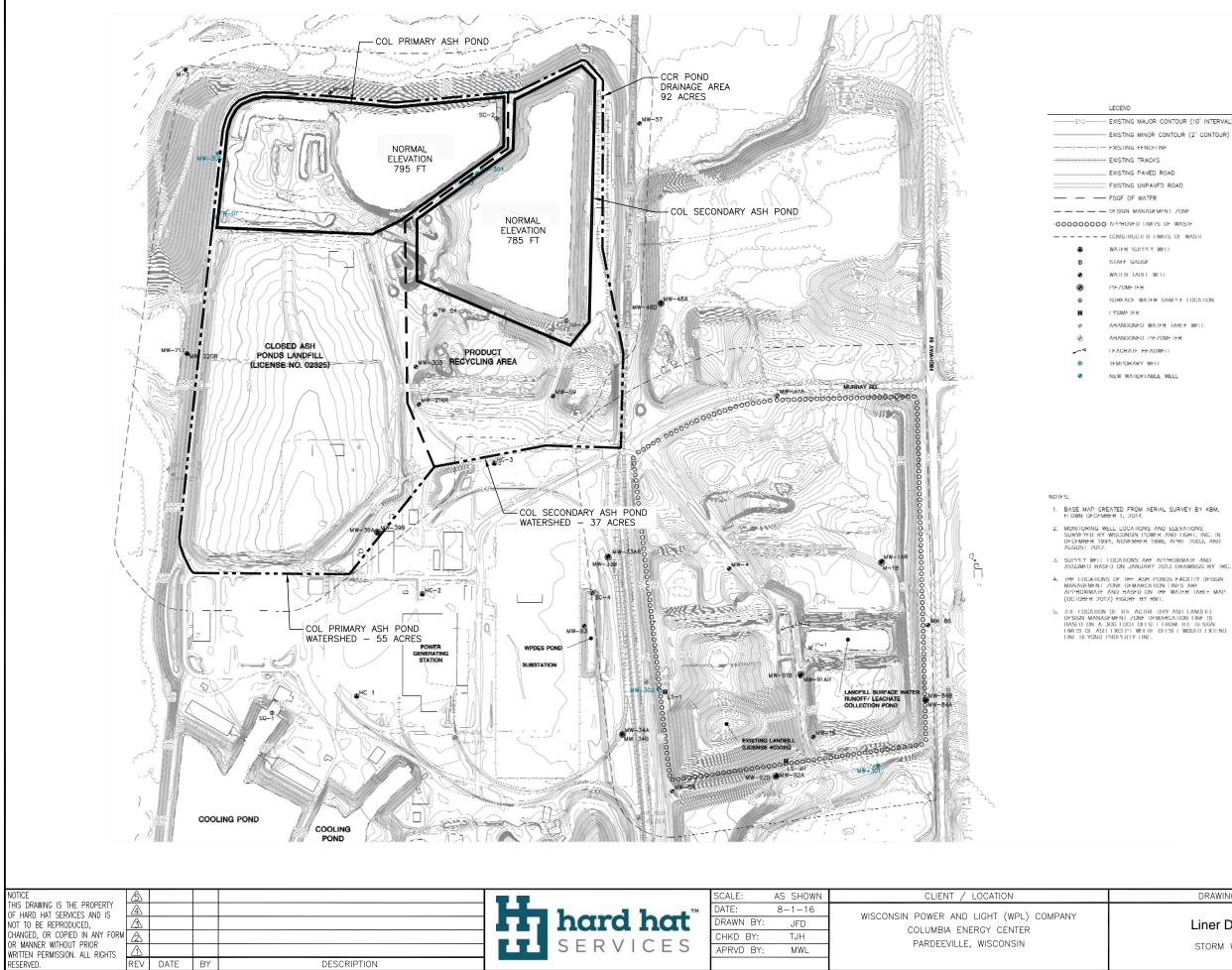


Approximate Property Boundary



# Historical Aerial Photo 6/12/2014

Site Location	Drawing
Columbia Energy Center	Figure 1
onsin Power and Light Company	Date
	7/12/2016



MAP SOURCE: SCS ENGINEERS COLUMBIA ASH PONDS AND DRY ASH DISPOSAL FACILITIES; WELL LOCATION MAP; FIGURE 2 REV. DATE 2-2-16

- EXISTING MAJOR CONTOUR (10' INTERVAL) - EXISTING MINOR CONTOUR (2' CONTOUR) EXISTING PAVED ROAD ... FXISTING UNPAVED ROAD ---- CONSTRUCTED LIMITS OF WAST SURFACE WATER SAMPLE LOCATION ABANDONED WATER TABLE WEL ABANDONED PEZOMETER

0	250'	500'
S	CALE: 1"=2	50'

DRAWING DESCRIPTION	JOB
	154.010.025
Liner Design Criteria	SHT. FIGURE 2
STORM WATER ROUTING	DWG. 154.010.025-D1