# Location Restriction Compliance Demonstration

Lansing Generating Station Surface Impoundments 2320 Power Plant Road Lansing, Iowa 52151

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# P.E. CERTIFICATION

POFESSION	I, Eric J. Nelson, hereby certify that the location restriction demonstrations prepared for the surface impoundments at the Lansing Generating Station meet the requirements in 40 CFR 257.61(a), 62(a), and 63(a). This certification is based on my review of the October 2020 Location Restriction Compliance Demonstrations for the surface impoundments prepared by SCS Engineers. I am a duly licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Iowa.			
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# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), SCS Engineers (SCS) has prepared the enclosed Location Restriction Compliance Demonstration for the coal combustion residual (CCR) surface impoundments at the Lansing Generating Station (LAN) as required by 40 CFR 257.61-63. The CCR surface impoundment addressed with this demonstration include:

• LAN Upper Ash Pond

Figure 1 shows the site and surface impoundment locations.

# 2.0 LOCATION RESTRICTIONS

#### §257.61 "Wetlands."

"(a) New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located in wetlands, as defined in §232.2 of this chapter, unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that the CCR unit meets the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) through (5) of this section."

The existing CCR surface impoundments are not located in wetlands as defined by 40 CFR 232.2. A wetland determination and field review was performed by Natural Resources Consulting, Inc. (NRC) dated March 11, 2008. The field review portion of determination was completed on August 30, 2007. This wetland determination included a review of a previous wetland delineation prepared by NRC in October 2005.

NRC describes the LAN Upper Ash Pond in the review. "A series of sediment ponds are found south of Power Plant Drive (Figure 4). These areas are well defined and have little to no associated wetland fringe (NRC 2008)." NRC shows the settling ponds on their field data map provided as Figure 4 in **Appendix A**. These "settling ponds" in the LAN Upper Ash Pond area do not meet the 40 CFR 232.2 definition and exist within the areas that transport or hold operational wastewaters and stormwater runoff (i.e., the facility waste treatment system as defined by 40 CFR 120.2). A copy of the wetland review is included in **Appendix A**.

#### §257.62 "Fault areas."

"(a) New CCR landfills, existing and new CCR surface impoundments, and all lateral expansions of CCR units must not be located within 60 meters (200 feet) of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time unless the owner or operator demonstrates by the dates specified in paragraph (c) of this section that an alternative setback distance of less than 60 meters (200 feet) will prevent damage to the structural integrity of the CCR unit."

Based on a review of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Quaternary faults database and map, as shown in **Appendix B**, the existing CCR surface impoundments are not located within 200 feet of the outermost damage zone of a fault that has had displacement in Holocene time. In 40 CFR 257.53, Holocene is defined as the most recent epoch of the Quaternary period extending from 11,700 years before present, to present. The USGS map shows that no faults are located in lowa.

#### §257.63 *"Seismic impact zones."*

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

The existing CCR surface impoundments are not located in seismic impact zones. In 40 CFR 257.53, a seismic impact zone is defined as an area having a 2 percent or greater probability that the maximum expected horizontal acceleration, expressed as a percentage of the earth's gravitational pull (g), will exceed 0.10 g in 50 years. Based on a review of the USGS 2014 Seismic Hazard Maps (see **Appendix C**), the maximum expected horizontal acceleration for the vicinity of the Lansing Generating Station is approximately 0.02-0.04 g, below the threshold for a seismic impact zone.

# **3.0** REFERENCES

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Figure 1

Site Location Map



Appendix A

Wetland Information



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March 11, 2008

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#### Subject: Wetland Office Determination and Field Review Lansing Generating Station, Allamakee County, Iowa NRC Project No. 007-0152-02

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Natural Resources Consulting, Inc. (NRC) conducted an office determination and field review for wetlands at the existing Lansing Generating Station near Lansing, Iowa (Allamakee County). Windshield and walking surveys of the area were conducted August 30, 2007 to confirm the findings of the office determination. This report presents the methodology, results, and conclusions of the wetland office determination and field review.

#### PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Interstate Power and Light (IPL) is proposing to install emission control equipment on or within close proximity to the existing facility located immediately adjacent to the Mississippi River in Sections 2 and 3, T98N, R3W near Lansing, Iowa (Figure 1).

Land use adjacent to the site is primarily upland and floodplain forest, grassland and residential lots.

#### PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

The purpose of the study was to complete an office determination of wetlands found within and immediately adjacent to the existing facility. A field visit was made to confirm data obtained as part of the office determination.

#### METHODS

The initial steps in the wetland determination process included a review of the following documents:

- Allamakee County Soil Survey (Figure 2);
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) list of hydric soil for Allamakee County (USDA, 1994);
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Map (Figure 3)

Regulatory and Scientific Expertise – Wetlands, Soils, Ecology, Restoration

• Wetland Determination and Delineation Report, Alliant Energy/Iowa Chicago and Eastern Railroad Project, Allamakee County, Iowa; prepared by NRC (October 2005).

These documents provide information on where wetlands have been previously identified or areas that possess a high likelihood of wetlands occurring.

Both an office determination and field visit were conducted to determine potential wetland areas. Windshield and walking surveys were conducted by NRC staff on August 30, 2007 to confirm the findings of the office determination.

Potential wetland areas identified on NWI maps and any other areas identified in the field were investigated. Those areas with a predominance of hydrophytic vegetation or had obvious wetland hydrology indicators were sketched onto aerial photography.

NRC staff conducted a wetland delineation for the Alliant Energy/Iowa Chicago and Eastern Railroad project, which included the existing plant. The final report was prepared in October 2005. Wetland boundaries identified during the 2005 delineation and those approximate wetland boundaries found as part of the current study are shown on Figure 4. No formal wetland determinations/delineations were conducted as part of the current investigation and no soil samples were taken on the day of the fieldwork.

#### RESULTS

#### Wetlands

Wetland totals by type are shown in Table 1 below. Potential wetland areas found within the study area are shown on Figure 4. Approximately 2.7 acres of palustrine forested wetland and 0.4 acre of palustrine emergent wetland were identified within the study limits.

#### **Palustrine Forested Wetlands**

NWI maps indicate palustrine forested wetland adjacent to Great River Road northwest of the existing plant (Figure 3). A small forested wetland was identified east of the existing plant during a 2005 delineation conducted on October 17, 2005 as part of a separate study by NRC (Figure 4). As part of the current study, a narrow, forested wetland was found on the east side of the property. This wetland begins east of a gravel service road and extends west down a narrow drainageway (Figure 4).

Hydrology indicators present within the forested wetland areas include inundation, saturation within 12 inches of the surface, oxidized rhizospheres and hydrophytic vegetation (FAC-neutral test).

Soil map units within these areas include: Caneek silt loam, channeled, 0-2% slopes (1490) (listed on the local hydric soil list for Allamakee County (USDA, 2007) and Churchtown Loam, 18-25% slopes (862f)(USDA, 2007), a non-hydric soil (USDA, 2007).

Vegetation within the forested wetland areas is dominated by silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*), Eastern cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), box elder (*Acer negundo*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), porcupine sedge (*Carex hystericina*) and wood nettle (*Laportea canadensis*).

#### **Emergent Wetlands**

Two narrow emergent wetlands were delineated during the 2005 study (NRC, 2005) within a ditch adjacent to railroad tracks located immediately south of the existing plant (Figure 4). Hydrology indicators present on the day of the August field visit include inundation, saturation within 12 inches of the surface and hydrophytic vegetation (FAC-neutral test).

Soil map units within these two areas include: Churchtown Loam, 18-25% slopes (862f) and Orthents, loamy (5040)(USDA, 2007), both of which are non-hydric map units (USDA, 2007).

Vegetation in these areas is primarily bluejoint grass (*Calamogrostis canadensis*), narrow-leaved cattail (*Typha angustifolia*) and reed canary grass.

These areas have been created as a result of activities at the plant and would likely be considered isolated.

#### **Ponds and Other Features**

Three ponds are identified as palustrine unconsolidated bottom wetlands on NWI maps (Figure 3). A series of sediment ponds are found south of Power Plant Drive (Figure 4). These areas are well defined and have little to no associated wetland fringe. A second sediment pond is found immediately northwest of the coal pile (Figure 4). The third pond is located immediately north of Power Plant Drive and contains some wetland fringe, primarily willow (*Salix sp.*), along the southeast edge of the pond.

A narrow, riprapped drainageway is found immediately east of Great River Road (south of Power Plant Drive) and extends south to the property boundary. Some wetland vegetation, including silver maple and eastern cottonwood, is found adjacent to the drainageway which likely floods during heavy rains.

Wetland Type	Total Acreage			
Palustrine Forested	2.7			
Palustrine Emergent	0.4			
Total	3.1			

Table 1
Approximate Wetland Acreage by Type

#### Other Waters of the U.S.

The existing Lansing Generating Station is located immediately west of the Mississippi River (Figure 1), which has a defined bed, bank and ordinary high water mark and actively sorts silt; therefore, the river meets Waters of the U.S. criteria.

Mr. Steve Jackson March 11, 2008 NRC Project # 007-0152-02

#### CONCLUSIONS

Based on the office determination and field review, approximately 2.7 acres of palustrine forested wetland and 0.4 acre of palustrine emergent wetland are found within the project limits. Approximate boundaries of these aerially delineated wetlands are shown on Figure 4. A formal wetland delineation, using methods described in the 1987 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Manual and subsequent guidance documents, should be conducted prior to any construction activities in areas containing wetlands.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 319-334-3755

Sincerely,

Natural Resources Consulting, Inc.

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Stacey J. Carlson Environmental Scientist



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Lansing Figure 2 Soils.mxd Map Created By S. Foster

# FIGURE 2. NRCS SOIL SURVEY DATA **IPL: Lansing Generating Station**



Map Area Shown in Red

#### <u>Location</u>

Sections 2&3 of T 98 North, R 3 West, Town of Lansing, Allamakee County, IA

# Project Information

NRC Project Number : 007-0152-03 Modified January 21, 2008



600 Feet 300

# Legend



Approximate Project Location

Rivers

Sections

#### NRCS Soil Survey Data



Hydric Soils



Poss. Hydric Inclusions

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#### FIGURE 3. NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY DATA IPL: Lansing Generating Station



Map Area Shown in Red

## Location

Sections 2&3 of T 98 North, R 3 West, Town of Lansing, Allamakee County, IA

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## FIGURE 4. FIELD DATA **IPL: Lansing Generating Station**



Map Area Shown in Red

## <u>Location</u>

Sections 2&3 of T 98 North, R 3 West, Town of Lansing, Allamakee County, IA

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Approximate Project Location

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Pond

Drainage Ditch

Waterways

E = Emergent Wetland **F** = Forested Wetland

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Appendix B

Fault Location Map

# U.S. Geological Survey Quaternary Faults



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# National Database

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Seismic Hazard Map



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Projection: Albers equal-area conic Standard parallels 29.5°N. and 45.5°N., central meridian 95°W

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