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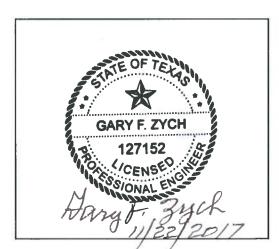
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared by AEP- Geotechnical Engineering Services (GES) section, in part, to fulfill requirements of 40 CFR 257.83 and to provide Public Service Company of Oklahoma and Oklaunion Power Station with an evaluation of the facility.

The Oklaunion Power Station is owned by American Electric Power and is located at 12567 FM Rd 3430, Vernon, TX 76384. The plant is a coal-fired facility, which includes a number of wastewater evaporation ponds containing cooling tower blowdown. Five of the ponds are used to manage coal combustion residuals and other wastewater treatment solids. Figure 1 shows the plant inspection vicinity map.

American Electric Power Service Corporation's Civil Engineering Division administers the Oklaunion Power Station's Dam Inspection and Maintenance Program (DIMP). As part of the DIMP, staff from the Geotechnical Engineering Services Section annually conducts dam and dike inspections. This report contains the inspection findings, observations, photographic descriptions, conclusions, and maintenance recommendations. This inspection report addresses the CCR Ponds Complex at the Oklaunion Power Station. A separate inspection report has been prepared for the wastewater ponds.

The inspection was performed on October 31st, and November 1st 2017. Mr. Peter A. Civitarese, energy production superintendent was the plant contact. Mr. Mohammad Ajlouni and Mr. Brian Palmer conducted the field inspection. Weather conditions on October 31st were cloudy with temperatures in the mid to high 50's. Weather conditions on November 1st were sunny with good visibility, temperatures in the mid to high 70's. Inspection observations were briefly discussed with Plant Manager Monte McMahan, Maintenance Supervisor Nick Lee, Plant Environmental Coordinator Pat Hunter and Mr. Civitarese after completion of the field work.

2.0 DESCRIPTIONS OF IMPOUNDMENT

The five CCR surface impoundments referenced as Ponds 6, 21, 22, 23 and the Waste Water and Sludge Pond, with a total area of 104.1 acres. Oklaunion Ponds for storing CCR include a 60+ acre pond for waste fly ash and bottom ash storage (Pond 6), two 5+ acre ponds for CCR (Pond 21 and Pond 22), a 13+ acre pond for CCR (Pond 23), and a 22+ acre pond for Waster Water and Sludge (WWSP) storage. These ponds are located at the south- central edge of the main evaporation pond complex of the generating station. The ponds were constructed as a continuous upground homogeneous earthen embankment with 3H:1V inboard and outboard slopes and crest width of 20 feet. The design elevation of the crest is 1215 feet. These evaporation ponds do not have any outlet structures or spillways and relies on evaporation to remove water from the impoundments. These impoundments retain the wastes until it is sufficiently dry to be hauled away and landfilled. Figure 2 shows the CCR pond complex general layout.

3.0 REVIEW OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION (257.83(b)(1)(i))

A review of available information regarding the status and condition of the CCR Ponds, which include files available in the CCR operating record, such as design and construction information, periodic structural stability assessments, previous 7 day inspection reports, 30-day instrumentation data, and previous annual inspections has been conducted. Based on the review of the data there were no signs of actual or potential structural weakness or adverse conditions.

4.0 INSPECTION (257.83(b)(1)(ii))

4.1 GENERAL

The summary of the visual observations uses terms to describe the general appearance or condition of an observed item, activity or structure. Their meaning is understood as follows:

Good: A condition or activity that is generally better or slightly better than what is

minimally expected or anticipated from a design or maintenance point of view.

Fair or Satisfactory:

A condition or activity that generally meets what is minimally expected or anticipated

from a design or maintenance point of view.

Poor: A condition or activity that is generally below what is minimally expected or

anticipated from a design or maintenance point of view.

Minor: A reference to an observed item (e.g., erosion, seepage, vegetation, etc.) where the

current maintenance condition is below what is normal or desired, but which is not

currently causing concern from a structure safety or stability point of view.

Significant: A reference to an observed item (e.g. erosion, seepage, vegetation, etc.) where the

current maintenance program has neglected to improve the condition. Usually, conditions that have been previously identified in the previous inspections, but have

not yet been corrected.

Excessive: A reference to an observed item (e.g., erosion, seepage, vegetation, etc.) where the

current maintenance condition is below or worse than what is normal or desired, and which may have affected the ability of the observer to properly evaluate the structure or particular area being observed or which may be a concern from a structure safety

or stability point of view.

In addition, a "deficiency" is some evidence that a dam has developed a problem that could impact the structural integrity of the dam. There are four general categories of deficiencies. These four categories are described below:

1. Uncontrolled Seepage

Uncontrolled seepage is seepage that is not behaving as the design engineer has intended. An example of uncontrolled seepage is seepage that comes through or around the embankment and is not picked up and safely carried off by a drain. Seepage that is collected by a drain can still be uncontrolled if it is not safely collected and transported, such as seepage that is not clear. Seepage that is unable to be measured and/or observe it is considered uncontrolled seepage. [Wet or soft areas are not considered as uncontrolled seepage, but can lead to this type of deficiency. These areas should be monitored frequently.]

2. Displacement:

Displacement of the embankment is large scale movement of part of the dam. Common signs of displacement are cracks, scraps, bulges, depressions, sinkholes and slides.

3. Blockage of Control Features:

Blockage of Control Features is the restriction of flow at spillways, decant or pipe spillways, or drains.

4. Erosion:

Erosion is the gradual movement of surface material by water, wind or ice. Erosion is considered a deficiency when it is more than a minor routine maintenance item.

4.2 CHANGES IN GEOMETRY SINCE LAST INSPECTION (257.83(b)(2)(i))

No modifications have been made to the geometry of the CCR Ponds Complex since the 2016 annual inspection. The geometry of the impoundment has remained essentially unchanged.

4.3 CHANGES THAT EFFECT STABILITY OR OPERATION (257.83(b)(2)(vii))

Based on interviews with plant personnel and field observations there were no changes to the CCR Ponds Complex since the last annual inspection that would affect the stability or operation of the impounding structure.

4.4 IMPOUNDMENT CHARACTERISTICS (257.83(b)(2)(iii, iv, v))

Table 2 is a summary of the minimum, maximum, and present depth and elevation of the impounded water since the previous annual inspection; the storage capacity of the impounding structure at the time of the inspection; and the approximate volume of the impounded water at the time of the inspection.

Table 1 Summary of Relevant Storage Information CCR Ponds Complex

IMPOUNDMENT CHARACTERISTICS- CCR Pond Complex							
	Pond 6	Pond 21	Pond 22	Pond 23	WWSP		
Approximate Minimum depth of							
impounded water since last annual	15ft	18ft	14ft	14ft	10ft		
inspection	(1200)	(1208)	(1204)	(1208)	(1200)		
Approximate Maximum depth of							
impounded water since last annual	28ft	23ft	23ft	23ft	23ft		
inspection	(1213)	(1213)	(1213)	(1213)	(1213)		
Approximate Present depth of							
impounded water at the time of the	28ft	23ft	23ft	23ft	23ft		
inspection	(1213)	(1213)	(1213)	(1213)	(1213)		
Approximate Minimum depth of CCR							
since last annual inspection	23ft	22ft	21ft	25ft	22ft		
	(1208)	(1212)	(1211)	(1215)	(1212)		
Approximate Maximum depth of							
CCR since last annual inspection	29ft	22ft	22ft	26ft	24ft		
	(1214)	(1212)	(1212)	(1216)	(1214)		
Approximate Present depth of CCR at	29ft	22ft	22ft	26ft	24ft		
the time of the inspection	(1214)	(1212)	(1212)	(1216)	(1214)		
Storage Capacity of impounding							
structure at the time of the inspection	1100acre-ft	125acre-ft	125acre-ft	250 acre-ft	400 acre-ft		
Approximate volume of impounded							
water at the time of the inspection	220 acre-ft	65acre-ft	55acre-ft	120 acre-ft	80 acre-ft		
Approximate volume of CCR at the							
time of the inspection	880 acre-ft	45acre-ft	55acre-ft	125 acre-ft	320 acre-ft		

4.5 VISUAL INSPECTION (257.83(b)(2)(i))

A visual inspection of the CCR Ponds Complex was conducted to identify any signs of distress or malfunction of the impoundment and appurtenant structures. Specific items inspected included all structural elements of the dam such as upstream and downstream slopes, crest, and toe.

POND 6 - WASTEWATER POND

Pond #6 is located at the south-central edge of the main evaporation pond complex area. In 2015, Pond 6 dam embankment was raised to provide additional ash storage capacity. The crest elevation was raised from Elevation 1208 to Elevation 1215 feet.

The crest of the embankment appeared to be in good condition with no unusual cracking, rutting, settlement, deformation, or misalignment. (Observation 1, Photos 1-4)

The exterior slopes of the south and west dikes were in overall good condition (Observation 2, Photos #1-2). No signs of slope failure, slumping, or seepage were observed on the downstream slopes and no burrowing animal activity was noted. The slopes were adequately vegetated and no erosional features were noted. All slopes were free of woody vegetation.

The eastern slope of Pond #6 is also the western slope of the Pond #7 spillway discharge channel. The channel was in fair condition. The spillway of the adjacent Pond #7 has been substantially blocked and no discharge can occur. However, the discharge channel below, shown in Observation 2, Photo #3 and #4, also receives runoff from the surrounding area and should be monitored for erosion as part of the periodic visual inspections.

POND 21

The slopes of Pond 21 are in good condition. Pond 21 is an incised 5.1 acre bottom ash pond. The only visible dike portions are 3-5 ft above the normal pool levels. During the inspection there was some erosion damage was noticed on the interior slope of the Makeup Water Pond which is the exterior slope of Pond 21, see Observation 3, Photo #4. The plant will continue to monitor the exterior slope until the repair is performed.

Overall, Pond 21 appeared in good, stable and functional condition and there were no visual observations to indicate any structural deficiencies that would impact the integrity of the dikes. Observation 3 and 4 Photos #1-4 provide views of various components of the Pond 21 from the 2017 inspection. The geometry of the dike has not changed or altered since the last inspection.

POND 22

The slopes of Pond 22 are in good condition. Pond 22 is an incised 5.1 acre pond originally designed for storing bottom ash. The only visible dike portions of the pond are 3-5 ft above the normal pool levels. Based on the inspection there were no visual observations to indicate any structural deficiencies that would impact the integrity of the dikes. Observation 5, Photos #1-4 provide views of various components of the Pond 22 from the 2017 inspection.

POND 23

The slopes of Pond 23 are in good condition. Pond 23 is an incised 13.3 acre pond originally designed to contain fly ash. The only visible dike portions of the pond are 3-5ft above the normal pool levels. Based on the inspection there were no visual observations to indicate any structural deficiencies that would impact the integrity of the dikes. Observation 6, Photos #1-4 provide views of various components of the Pond 23 from the 2017 inspection.

WASTE WATER SLUDGE POND

The slopes of the Waste Water and Sludge Pond (WWSP) are in good condition. WWSP is an incised 22.6 acre pond. The only visible dike portions are 3-5 ft above the normal pool levels. Based on the inspection there were no visual observations to indicate any structural deficiencies that would impact the integrity of the dikes. Observation 7, Photos #1-4 provide views of various components of the Pond WWSP from the 2017 inspection.

Overall the facility is in good condition. The impoundment is functioning as intended with no signs of potential structural weakness or conditions which are disrupting to the safe operation of the impoundment.

4.6 INSTRUMENTATION (257.83(b)(2)(ii))

Onsite instrumentations include open pipe type piezometers.

PIEZOMETERS

The location of the instrumentation is shown on Figure 3. The results of the measurements of various piezometers are shown in Figure 4 and 5. The maximum recorded readings of each instrument since the previous annual inspection is shown in Table 2.

Table 2 CCR Ponds Maximum recorded instruments reading since the previous annual inspection

INSTRUMENTATION DATA CCR Ponds Complex						
Instrument Type		Maximum Reading since last annual inspection	Date of Reading			
B-1	Piezometer	1179.97	4/20/2017			
B-3	Piezometer	1213.93	6/15/2017			
B-4	Piezometer	1204.77	10/4/2017			
B-5	Piezometer	1203.41	11/1/2017			
B-6	Piezometer	1188.62	2/23/2017			
B-1502A	Piezometer	1179.47	5/18/2017			
B-1506A	Piezometer	1209.67	6/15/2017			
B-1507A	Piezometer	1214.75	7/13/2017			
B-1508A	Piezometer	1215.00	6/15/2017			
B-1512	Piezometer	1215.00	5/18/2017			
B-1513	Piezometer	1214.00	6/15/2017			

Five piezometers (B-1, B-3, B-4, B-5, and B-6) were installed in July 2016 around the Pond 21, 22, 23 and WWSP. Each piezometer was installed at the crest surrounding the ponds. Figure 4 shows the static water levels of those piezometers and ponds pool levels measured during monthly plant inspections beginning in August, 2016. All of the ponds (#21, 22, 23, and WWSP) pool level were found to be consistent at an elevation 1,213 feet. Over periods of monthly measurement data, the static water levels in the piezometers have indicated some fluctuations. The readings of the 4 out of the 5 piezometers indicated higher than pool elevation which may indicate that rain/surface water is entering the pipes. When the readings fall above the pool level, plant maintenance is to contact AEP Civil Engineering Services which will be will be conducting further evaluation.

Piezometers (B-1502A, B-1506A, B-1507A, B-1508A, B1512, and B1513) were installed in various locations along the crest of Pond 6 after raising the dikes in 2015. Figure 5 shows the static water levels

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of those piezometers measured during monthly plant inspections, along with the measured pool levels of Pond 6. All of the piezometers indicated static water levels below the pond pool level (1,213 feet). All piezometers indicated static water levels within expected tolerance except B-1508A. Piezometer B-1508A indicated about 10-foot increase in the water level since 8/2016. This increase in the static water shall be monitored for continuing evaluation.

5.0 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Based on the visual observations during the inspection, the dam and appurtenances are generally in good condition. A summary of our recommendations for general maintenance and continued monitoring, as well as any recommendations for remedial activities, is provided as follows:

5.1 MAINTENANCE ITEMS

The following maintenance items were identified during the visual inspection:

- Drainage along the toe of Pond 6 east exterior dike is considered fair and requires visual inspections of the area to continue with the weekly/monthly inspections.
- Vegetation management for the facility is considered good. Grassed areas should continue to be mowed regularly. Any areas that are not accessible to mowing equipment should be controlled by the use of weed trimmers, power brush cutters, or other suitable vegetation control method.
- Plant inspection and monitoring procedures, maintenance activities, and reporting with respect to the dikes should be implemented in coordination with AEP Civil Engineering.

5.2 ITEMS TO MONITOR

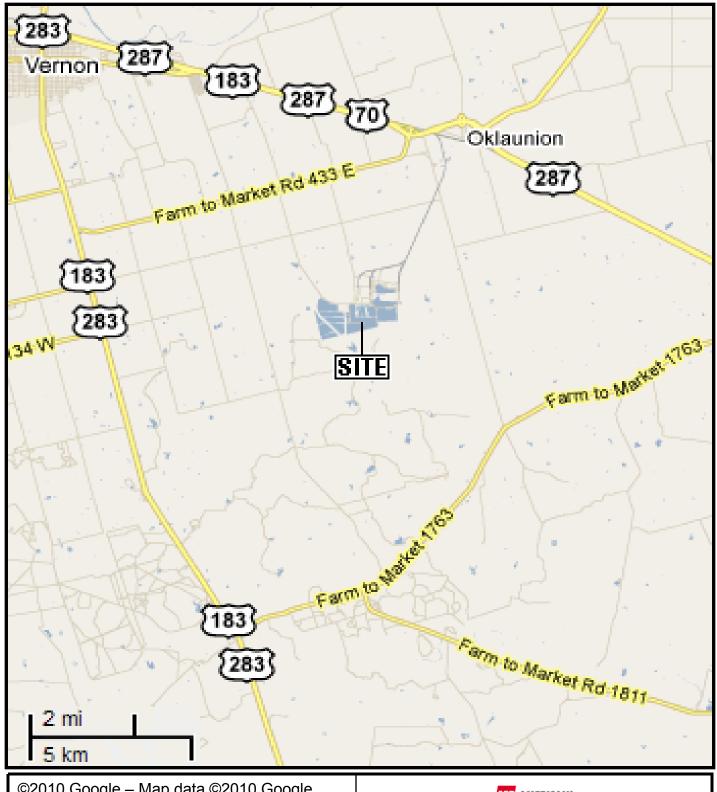
- The exterior slope of Pond 21 (the interior slope of the Make-Up Water Pond) is to be visually inspected periodically. Should further erosion occur the plant will take preventative actions by installing rip rap along the eroded area in order to protect slope.
- Piezometer B-1508A shall be monitored monthly for further evaluation due to the increase in water levels since 8/2016.
- Piezometers B-1, B-3, B-4, B-5, and B-6 surrounding Ponds 21, 22, 23 and the WWSP shall continue to be monitored monthly and AEP Civil Engineering services to be immediately notified should the piezometer readings shift above pool levels.

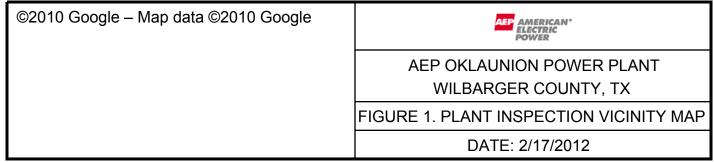
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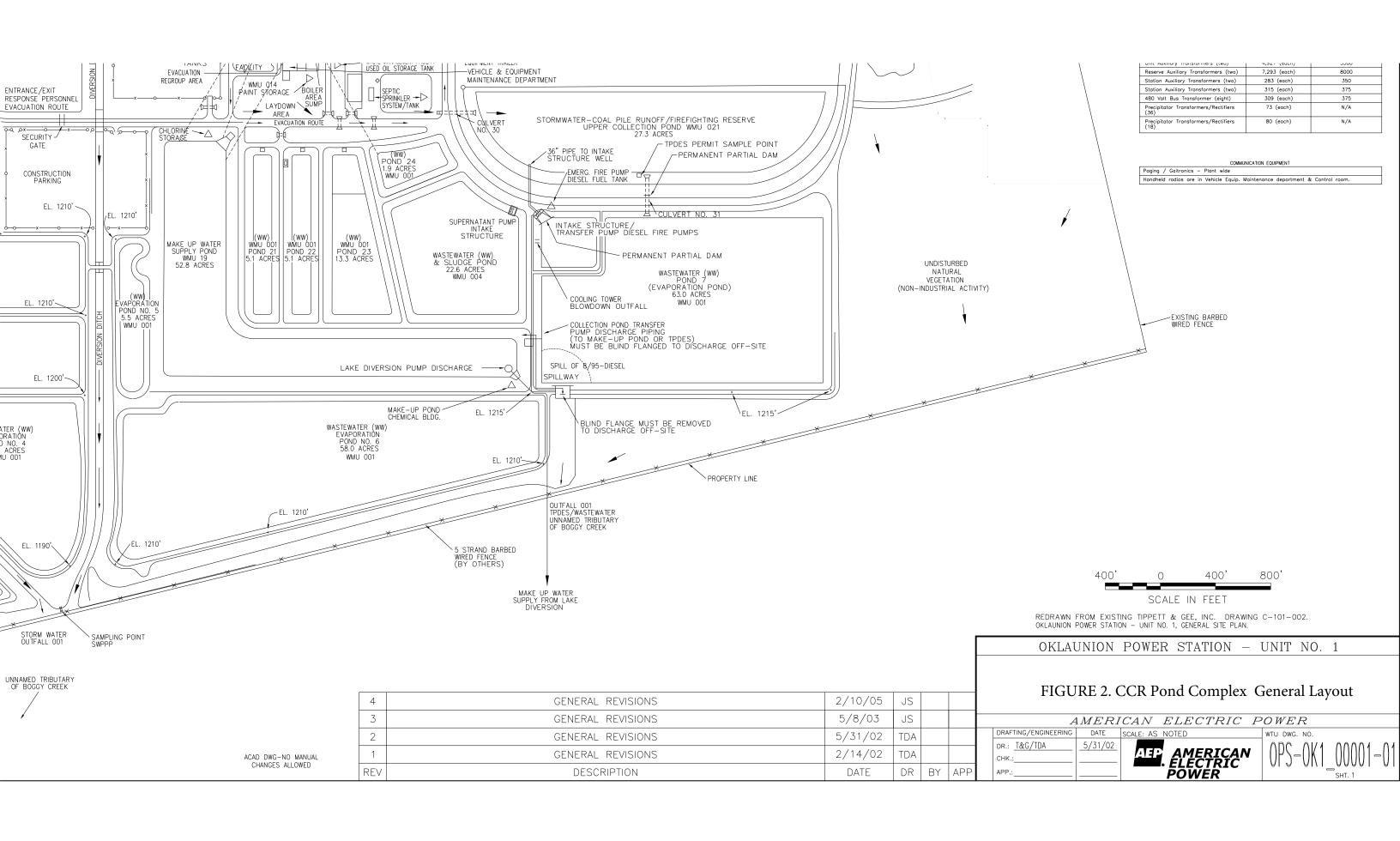
There were no deficiencies or signs of structural weakness or disruptive conditions that were observed at the time of the inspection that would require additional investigation or remedial action. There were no deficiencies noted during any of the quarterly inspections. If any of these conditions occur before the next annual inspection contact AEP Geotechnical Engineering immediately.

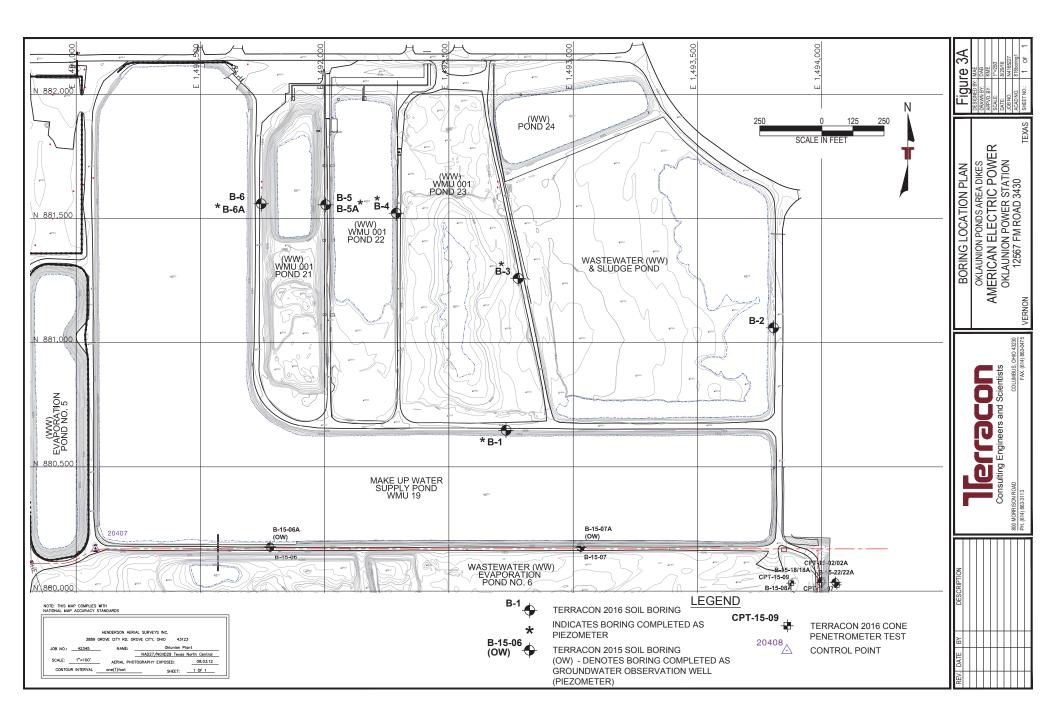
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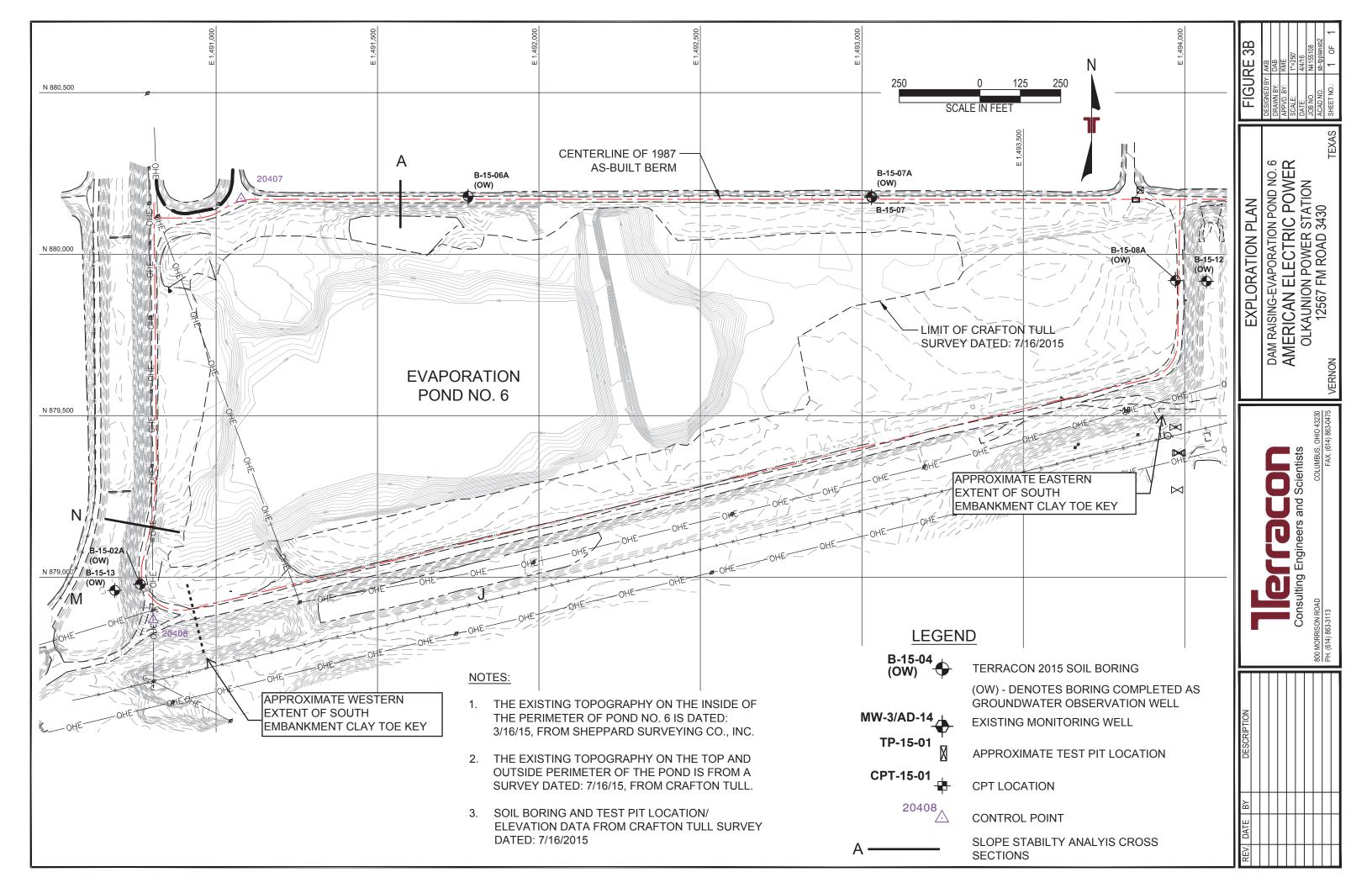
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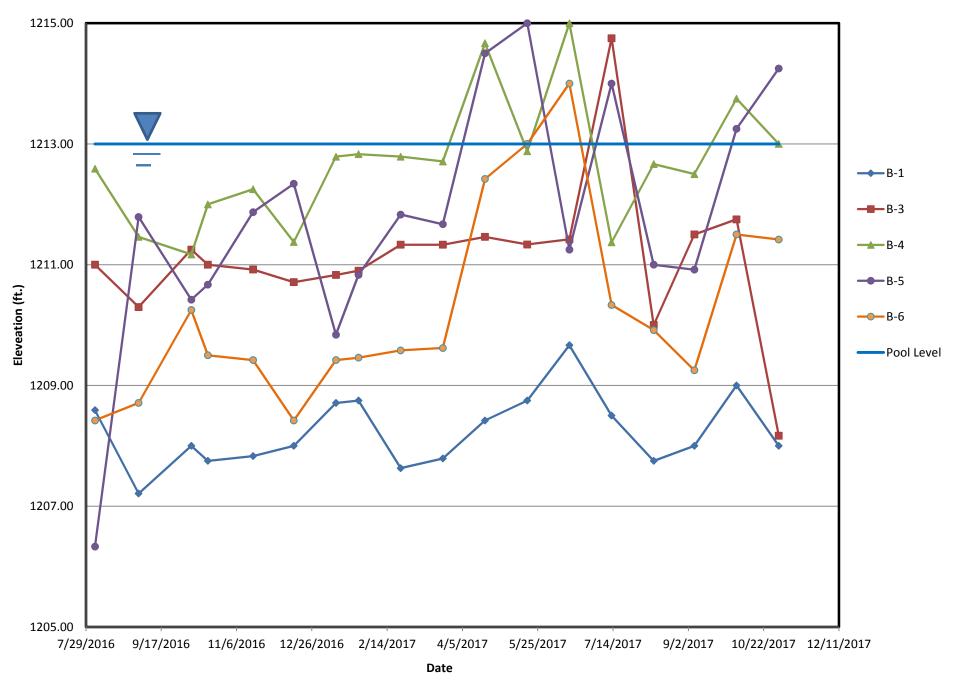


FIGURE 4. CCR Ponds Piezometer Data Pond 21, Pond 22, Pond 23 and WWSP

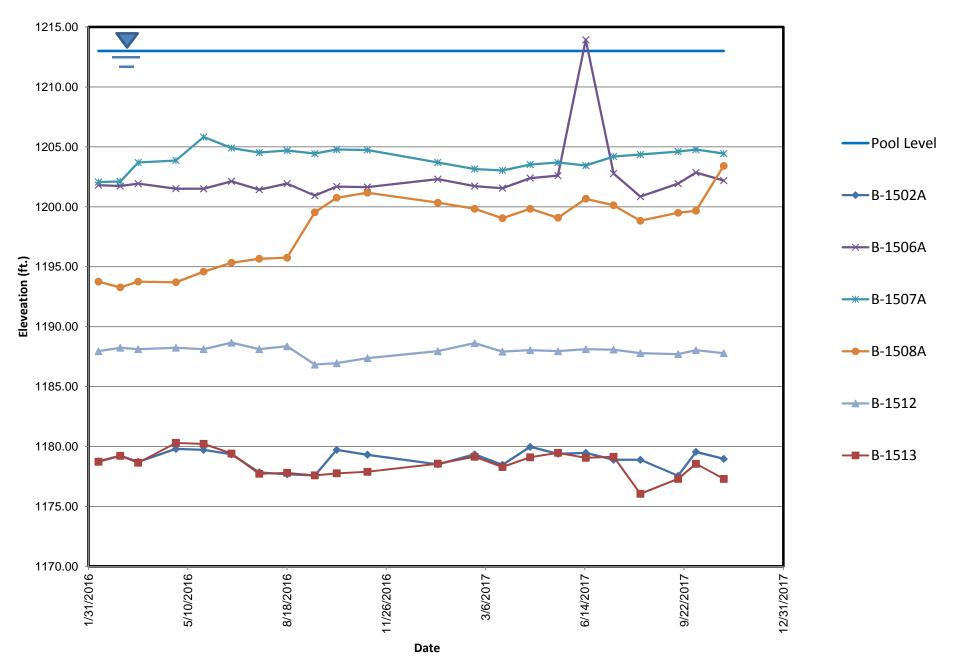


FIGURE 5. Pond 6 Piezometer Data

ATTACHMENT A: Photographs – CCR Ponds Complex



Plant Name:

Oklaunion

Observation #:

1

Unit:

Pond 6

November 1, 2017

Photo #1

Description:

Crest



Notes:

Typical Crest in Good

Condition.

Location:

West Dike

Photo #2

Description:

Crest



Notes:

Typical Crest in Good

Condition.

Location:

North Dike. Between Pond 6

and Make-Up Water Pond



Photo #3

Description: Crest



Notes: Typical Crest in Good

Condition.

Location:

South Dike

Photo #4

Description: Interior Slope



Notes: Typical Interior Slope in

Good Condition.

Location: Pond 6 Raised Dike



Plant Name:

Oklaunion

Observation #:

2

Unit:

Pond 6

November 1, 2017

Photo #1

Description:

Exterior Slope



Notes:

West Exterior Slope in Good

Condition.

Location:

West Exterior Slope

Photo #2

Description:

Exterior Slope



Notes:

Typical South Exterior Slope

in Good Condition

Location:

South Exterior Slope.



Photo #3

Description:

Exterior Slope



Notes:

East Exterior Slope in Fair Condition. Note that the channel receives run off from surrounding area.

Plant to Monitor

Location:

Pond 6 East Exterior Slope

Photo #4

Description:

Exterior Slope

Notes:

Typical Exterior Slope and Retaining wall in Good Condition



Location:

Exterior Slope after 2015 Dike Raising



Plant Name:

Oklaunion

Observation #:

Unit:

Pond 21

November 1, 2017

Photo #1

Description:

Interior Slope



Notes:

Interior Slopes in Good

Condition

Location:

South of Pond 21. Looking

North.

Photo #2

Description:

Interior Slope



Interior Slope in Good Notes:

Condition

Location:

Interior Slope of Pond 21.

Looking West



Photo #3

Description:

Interior Slope



Notes:

Pond 21Exterior Slope and Interior Slope of Makeup

Water Pond

Location:

Makeup Water Interior Slope Looking West.

Photo #4

Description:

Exterior Slope

Notes:

Damage on the Makeup Water Pond Slope. Plant to install rip rap to prevent future Slope failure.

Location:

Pond 21 Exterior Slope





Plant Name:

Oklaunion

Observation #:

4

Unit:

Pond 21

November 1, 2017

Photo #1

Description:

Crest



Notes:

Crest in Good Condition

Location:

Dike between Pond 21 and Pond 22. Looking South

Photo #2

Description:

Crest



Notes:

Crest in Good Condition

Location:

Between Pond 21 and Makeup Water Pond. Looking South.



Photo #3

Description: Other



Notes: Discharge Pipe

Location: East Slope of Pond 21

Photo #4

Description: Other



Notes: Bottom Ash Sluice Discharge Pipe

Location: South Side of Pond 21



Plant Name:

Oklaunion

Observation #:

5

Unit:

Pond 22

November 1, 2017

Photo #1

Description:

Interior Slope



Notes:

Typical Interior Slope in Good Condition.

Location:

North Side of Pond 22

Photo #2

Description:

Crest



Notes:

Typical Crest in Good Condition

Location:

Dike between Pond 22 and

Pond 23.



Photo #3

Description:

Interior Slope



Typical Interior Slope in Good Condition Notes:

Location:

West Interior Slope

Photo #4

Description:

Other



Discharge Pipe Notes:

Location

South End of Pond



Plant Name:

Oklaunion

Observation #:

5

Unit:

Pond 23

November 1, 2017

Photo #1

Description:

Interior Slope



Notes: Interior

Interior Slope in Good

Condition

Location:

South Side Interior Slope

Photo #2

Description:

Interior Slope



Notes:

Interior Slope in Good Condition

Location:

East Interior Slope. Looking

North



Photo #3

Description:

Interior Slope



Notes:

Interior Slope in Good Condition

cation:

West Interior Slope. Looking North

Photo #4

Description:

Crest

Notes:

Typical Crest in Good Condition



Location: Dike between Pond 23 and **WWSP**



Plant Name:

Oklaunion

Observation #:

7

Unit:

WWSP

November 1, 2017

Photo #1

Description:

Interior Slope



Notes: Interior Slope in Good

Condition

Location:

South Interior Slope

Photo #2

Description:

Interior Slope



Notes: Interior Slope in Good

Condition

Location:

West Interior Slope Looking

South.



Photo #3

Description:

Interior Slope



Interior Slope in Good Notes:

Condition

Location:

North Interior Slope. Looking East

Photo #4

Description:

Crest

Notes:

Typical Crest in Good Condition

Location:

Dike between WWSP and Pond 7