



# Periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessment

## *Chesterfield Power Station CCR Surface Impoundment: Lower Ash Pond*

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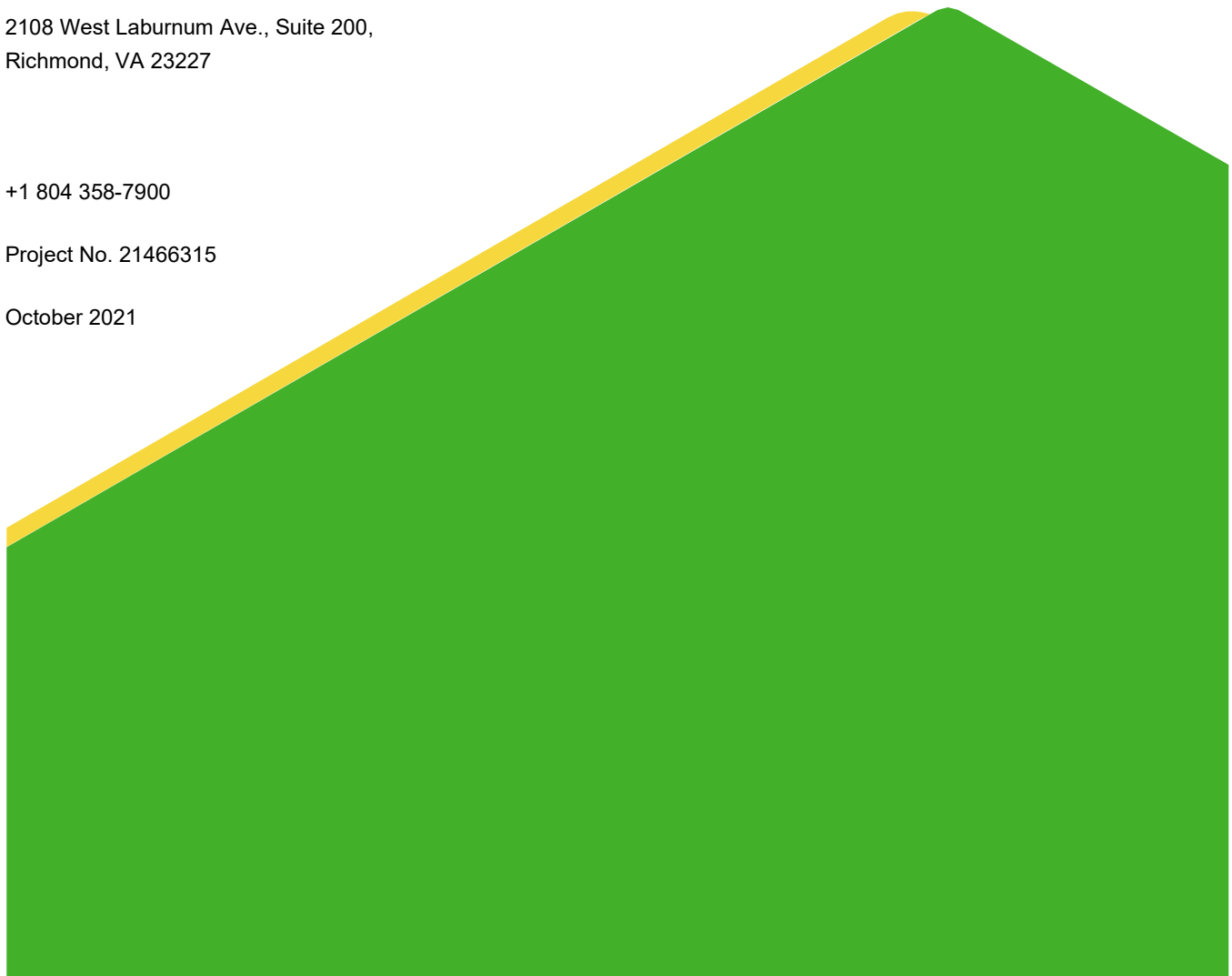
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## 1.0 CERTIFICATION

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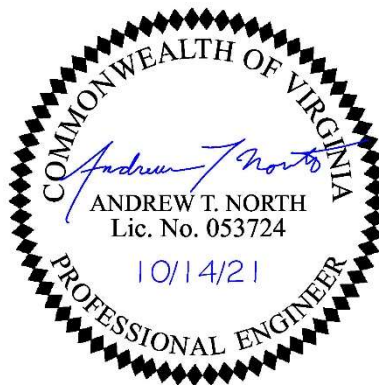
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## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

This Periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessment was prepared for the Chesterfield Power Station's (Station) existing Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) surface impoundment known as the Lower Ash Pond (LAP). This Periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessment (Assessment) was prepared in accordance with 40 CFR Part §257, Subpart D and is consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR §257.73(a)(2).

The Station, owned and operated by Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Virginia (Dominion), is located in Chesterfield County, Virginia, at 500 Coxendale Road, east of I-95 (Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike) and south of the James River. The Station includes an existing CCR surface impoundment, the LAP, as defined by the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Final Rule (40 CFR §257; the CCR rule). The LAP is also regulated as a dam by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) with Inventory Number 041031 (DCR Dam Permit).

## 3.0 PURPOSE

This certification and assessment is required under 40 CFR §257.73(a)(2), Periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessments, regarding the hazard potential classification assessment of the LAP at the Chesterfield Power Station. The initial hazard potential classification was completed on October 17, 2016. The Periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessments are to be updated every five (5) years pursuant to 40 CFR §257.73(f)(3).

## 4.0 HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

According to § 257.53 of the CCR Rule [40 CFR § 257.53], the hazard potential classifications are:

- Low hazard potential - "failure or mis-operation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the surface impoundment owner's property."
- Significant hazard potential - "failure or mis-operation results in no probable loss of human life, but can cause economic loss, environmental damage, disruption of lifeline facilities, or impact other concerns."
- High hazard potential - "failure or mis-operation operation will probably cause loss of human life."

The LAP was assigned an initial hazard potential classification of "significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment" [40 CFR § 257.53, 40 CFR § 257.73(a)(2)]. The LAP is assigned a hazard potential rating of "significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment" [40 CFR § 257.53, 40 CFR § 257.73(a)(2)] in this periodic Assessment.

## 5.0 PERIODIC HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION ASSESSMENT

The references listed in Section 6.0 of this Assessment were used as the basis to make this periodic "significant hazard" potential classification. The following items are noted:

1. The LAP is located within close proximity of the James River and the Dutch Gap Conservation Area.
2. Geosyntec's April 2021 Dam Breach Inundation Analysis for the Lower Ash Pond and Upper Ash Pond Embankments evaluated the predicted inundation from the LAP for the following scenarios:
  - "Sunny day" breach scenario;
  - Structure breach during Spillway Design Flood (SDF);

- Baseline outflow of the SDF with no structure breach; and
  - Structure breach with Probable Maximum Flood (PMF).
3. Pursuant to DCR regulations at 4VAC50-20-40(B)(2), the dam associated with the LAP is currently listed as a Significant Hazard Potential classification; however, Dominion maintains and operates the unit as a High Hazard structure.

Geosyntec's 2021 analysis concluded that inundation from the LAP dam breach does not affect existing structures or roads.

There is a potential for environmental damage and economic loss due to release of CCR material through a breach into the James River, and loss of human life is not probable. These criteria correspond to a Significant Hazard Potential designation per the CCR Rule [40 CFR § 257.53]. Therefore, reliance is made on the previous analysis and existing known site conditions to make a current determination of a significant hazard potential classification.

## 6.0 REFERENCES

Code of Virginia, 4VAC50-20-40. Hazard potential classifications of impounding structures; effective November 8, 2012.

Geosyntec Consultants. Coal Combustion Residuals Initial Hazard Potential Classification Assessment for Virginia Electric and Power Company Chesterfield Power Station Lower Ash Pond. October 2016.

Geosyntec Consultants. Dam Breach Inundation Analysis Lower Ash Pond and Upper Ash Pond Embankments. April 2021.

Virginia DCR Dam Permit, Inventory No. 041031.



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