

DOMINION ENERGY

# PERIODIC HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION ASSESSMENT

## POSSUM POINT POWER STATION INACTIVE CCR SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT: POND E

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# 1 CERTIFICATION

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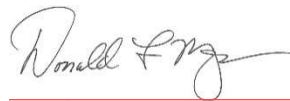
This periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessment for the Possum Point Power Station's Pond E was prepared by WSP USA Inc. (WSP; formerly d/b/a Golder Associates USA Inc.). The document and Certification/Statement of Professional Opinion are based on and limited to information that WSP has relied on from Dominion Energy and others, but not independently verified, as well as work products previously produced by Golder.

On the basis of and subject to the foregoing, it is my professional opinion as a Professional Engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia that this document has been prepared in accordance with good and accepted engineering practices as exercised by other engineers practicing in the same discipline(s), under similar circumstances, at the same time, and in the same locale. It is my professional opinion that the document was prepared consistent with the requirements in §257. 73(a)(2) of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's "Standards for the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals in Landfills and Surface Impoundments," published in the Federal Register on April 17, 2015, with an effective date of October 19, 2015 (40 CFR §257. 73(a)(2)), as well as with the requirements in §257.100 resulting from the EPA's "Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System: Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Extension of Compliance Deadlines for Certain Inactive Surface Impoundments; Response to Partial Vacatur" published in the Federal Register on August 5, 2016, with an effective date of October 4, 2016 (40 CFR §257.100).

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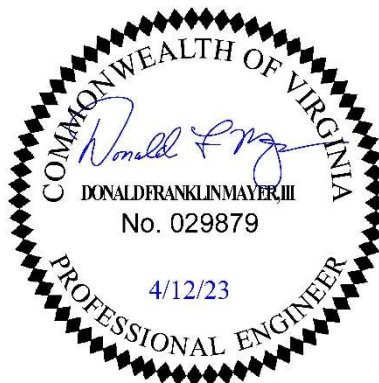
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## 2 INTRODUCTION

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This Periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessment was prepared for the Possum Point Power Station's (Station) inactive Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) surface impoundment known as Pond E. This 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 Energy), is in Prince William County at 19000 Possum Point Road, east of Route 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway), and bounded to the south and east by Quantico Creek and the Potomac River. The Station includes an inactive CCR surface impoundment, Pond E, as defined by the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities; Final Rule and Direct Final Rule (40 CFR §257; the CCR Rule).

Dominion Energy performed closure by removal activities in Pond E by removing the stored CCR and over-excavating soil pursuant to its solid waste permit closure plan (SWP 617) and subsequently breaching the impoundment structure. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) verified removal activities in August 2019. The Pond remains subject to the CCR Rule requirements due to observed groundwater impacts that prevent full closure of the unit under the rule even though the Pond no longer impounds CCR materials.

## 3 PURPOSE

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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 Pond E at the Possum Point Power Station. The initial hazard potential classification was completed in April 2018 and is required to be updated every five (5) years pursuant to 40 CFR §257.73(f)(3). The Hazard Potential Classification Assessment was updated in September 2020 following removal of CCR materials. Pond E remains subject to the CCR Rule requirements, including this periodic hazard potential classification assessment update, even though all CCR materials have been removed.

# 4 HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

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As defined in 40 CFR §257.53 of the CCR rule [40 CFR §257.53], the hazard potential classifications are:

- 1) *High hazard potential CCR surface impoundment* means a diked surface impoundment where failure or mis-operation will probably cause loss of human life.
- 2) *Significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment* means a diked surface impoundment where 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.
- 3) *Low hazard potential CCR surface impoundment* means a diked surface impoundment where 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.

Pond E was assigned an initial hazard potential classification of “significant” [40 CFR §257.53, 40 CFR §257.73(a)(2)]. Following removal of CCR materials in 2019, the hazard potential classification was updated in 2020 to a “low” hazard potential. Pond E is assigned a hazard potential rating of “low” [40 CFR §257.53, 40 CFR §257.73(a)(2)] in this periodic Assessment.

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## 5.1 ASSESSMENT

The analyses conducted within the previous Periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessment were reviewed for consistency and applicability based on the current site conditions at Pond E. Additionally, the following sources of data used in the hazard potential classification were accessed for confirmation of use of current information.

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panel #51153C0316E, dated 8/3/2015. (<https://hazards-fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html>). Accessed February 27, 2023.
  - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Precipitation Frequency Data Server. (<https://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/>). Accessed February 3, 2023.
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## 5.2 HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION DETERMINATION

Based on the hazard classification definitions, review of the site and surroundings, and review of the prior hazard potential classification analysis, WSP recommends that Pond E remain classified as a Low Hazard Potential CCR surface impoundment. This recommended designation is based on the following:

- The potential inundation zone downstream of Pond E embankment does not contain occupied structures, nor is the embankment regularly occupied by plant personnel, resulting in no probable loss of human life.
- Due to removal of all CCR materials from Pond E, environmental impact of a failure or mis-operation of Pond E has been minimized. All CCR materials were removed in accordance with the Solid Waste Permit (SWP #617) *CCR Surface Impoundment Closure Plan* prepared by Golder and documented in the Closure by Removal certification letter (Golder, 2020).

## 6 CONCLUSIONS

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Pond E is subject to a periodic hazard potential classification assessment update (due every 5 years from the original assessment performed in April 2018). The pond remains subject to the CCR rule requirements, even though it no longer impounds CCR materials, due to observed groundwater impacts that prevent full closure of the units under the rule. In addition, subsequent to CCR material removal the impoundment structure was breached in preparation for delisting the unit as a registered dam.

The review conducted for the hazard potential of Possum Point Power Station's Pond E shows that a failure or misoperation of Pond E would have no impact to manmade structures and would be unlikely to result in a loss of human life or environmental damage. Therefore, Pond E in its current condition is assigned a hazard potential rating of "low" as defined under 40 CFR §257.53.



# REFERENCES

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panel #51153C0316E, dated 8/3/2015. (<https://hazards-fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html>). Accessed February 27, 2023.
- Golder Associates. Initial Hazard Potential Classification Assessment, Possum Point Power Station CCR Surface Impoundments: Pond E. April 2018.
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