



January 25, 2024

Ms. Ceci DeRobertis, Deputy Director
Materials Recovery and Waste Management Division, Office of Land Management
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460

Request to Withdraw Part B Application for the Monroe Power Plant Fly Ash Basin

Ms. DeRobertis,

On November 30, 2020, DTE Electric Company (DTE) submitted a complete Part B application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that requested approval to perform and submit an Alternate Liner Demonstration (ALD), pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.71(d) for the Fly Ash Basin (FAB) located at the Monroe Power Plant located in Monroe, Michigan. A final determination on the application has not been made.

DTE has ceased receipt of waste and is initiating closure at the FAB in accordance with 40 C.F.R § 257.102(e)(1), as documented in the enclosed Notice of Intent to Close filed in the operating record on January 25, 2024. DTE is therefore withdrawing the Part B application for the Monroe Power Plant Fly Ash Basin that was submitted on November 30, 2020, as DTE is no longer pursuing approval of the Part B application and it is no longer necessary for EPA to issue a further extension of the April 11, 2021, deadline to cease receipt of waste at this unit.

DTE is requesting that EPA acknowledge this withdrawal and update the Part B webpage to show that the Monroe Fly Ash Basin has ceased receipt of waste and withdrawn the application.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at (313) 235-0153.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Scieszka
Environmental Management & Safety
DTE Electric Company

Enclosed:

Notice of Intent to Close CCR Unit – DTE Monroe Power Plant Fly Ash Basin and Vertical Extension Landfill



January 25, 2024

Phil Roos
c/o Delegated Representative Margie Ring, State Solid Waste Coordinating Engineer
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
Materials Management Division
Constitution Hall, Floor 4
525 West Allegan Street Lansing, MI 48913

Notice of Intent to Close CCR Unit – DTE Monroe Power Plant Fly Ash Basin and Vertical Extension Landfill

Dear Mr. Roos:

DTE Electric Company (DTE) is providing a Notice of Intent to Close (NOI) for the DTE Monroe Power Plant Fly Ash Basin (FAB) and Vertical Extension Landfill (VEL), as required by 40 CFR §257.102(g).

The FAB and VEL are closing under the requirements of 40 CFR §257.101(a)(1). As specified in paragraph §257.101(a)(3), the timeframes specified in paragraph §257.101(a)(1) do not apply if the owner or operator complies with the alternate liner demonstration (ALD) provisions specified in §257.71(d). DTE has complied with the ALD provisions of §257.71(d) and received notice from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in a letter dated January 11, 2022, that the ALD application was deemed complete and that the deadline for the facility to cease receipt of waste had been tolled until issuance of a final decision under 40 CFR §257.71(d)(2)(iii)(C). A final decision under 40 CFR §257.71(d)(2)(iii)(C) has not been issued, however DTE ceased receipt of waste on December 29, 2023, and will initiate closure in accordance with 40 CFR §257.102(e)(1).

DTE intends to close the FAB with waste in place in accordance with 40 CFR §257.102(d) and close the VEL by removal in accordance with 40 CFR §257.102(c). Enclosed with this notice letter is the written certification by a qualified professional engineer, that the design of the final cover system meets the requirements of 40 CFR § 257.102(d)(3)(iii). Because the VEL is closing by removal, this closure notification does not necessitate a final cover design certification. Closure activities will be performed in accordance with the Closure Plans for the FAB and VEL.

Please contact Chris Scieszka at (313) 235-0153 or christopher.scieszka@dteenergy.com if you have any questions or comments regarding this NOI.

Sincerely,

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Christopher Scieszka
Environmental Management & Safety
DTE Electric Company

Enclosed: PE Certification for the Fly Ash Basin Final Cover System

Memorandum



Date: January 25, 2024

To: Phil Roos
c/o Delegated Representative Margie Ring, State Solid Waste Coordinating Engineer
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)
Materials Management Division
Constitution Hall, Floor 4
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From: Allyson Myers P.E. (Burns & McDonnell)

Subject: Certification of Alternative Final Cover System Design
DTE Monroe Fly Ash Basin

DTE Electric Company (DTE) has elected to close the Monroe Power Plant (Monroe) Fly Ash Basin. To support the Notice of Intent to Close (NOI) for the Monroe Fly Ash Basin, Burns & McDonnell is providing certification by a Qualified Professional Engineer that the design of the final cover system meets the applicable requirements of 40 CFR § 257.102(d)(3). A description of the final cover system can be found in the Fly Ash Basin Closure Plan.

Qualified Professional Engineer’s Certification

I hereby certify, as a Professional Engineer in the state of Michigan, that the design of the alternative final cover system for the DTE Monroe Fly Ash Basin as described in the Fly Ash Basin Closure Plan (Revision 2, dated January 4, 2024) meets the requirements of 40 CFR § 257.102(d)(3)(ii).



Allyson Myers

Allyson Myers, P.E.
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Date: January 25, 2024

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