DTE Energy Monroe Power Plant

Bottom Ash Impoundment CCR Rule Compliance Project

Annual Inspection Report - 2023

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A. 2023 Annual Inspection Report

1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction

The 2023 Annual Inspection Report (AIR) was prepared by AECOM for the DTE Electric Company (DTE) to summarize the results of the annual inspection of the Monroe Power Plant Bottom Ash Impoundment. This annual inspection complies with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Coal Combustion Residuals Rule (40 CFR 257.83). Under the CCR Rule, the Bottom Ash Impoundment is an "existing surface impoundment" and must be inspected by a qualified professional engineer on a periodic basis, not to exceed one year.

1.2 Background Information

The Bottom Ash Impoundment area was constructed in the late 1960's by building a perimeter dike to surround a low area of the adjacent Lake Erie; the area south of the plant was removed from the Waters of the United States by an Act of Congress prior to plant construction. CCR materials hade been placed and allowed to drain into the pond from the north end of the pond; these materials formed a delta that extended about 1/3 of the way into the pond before cessation of CCR placement occurred. Wastewater flow into the pond ceased on October 21, 2020.

Closure Construction for the impoundment began in May 2021 and continues; approx. 85% of the residuals by volume have been removed as of August 2023.

1.3 Personnel

The annual inspection was performed by Mr. Scott G. Hutsell, P.E., with assistance from DTE personnel. Weekly inspections have been and continue to be performed by DTE's plant personnel.

2. Annual Inspection Results

2.1 2022/2023 Inspections

DTE performed the following visual inspections in 2023:

- The annual inspection on August 14, 2023 (provided in Appendix A)
- Weekly inspections during 2022 and 2023

Prior to the physical inspection on August 14th, AECOM reviewed the updated available information about the condition of the Bottom Ash Impoundment

The annual and weekly inspections included the embankment crest, exterior slopes of the embankment, discharge structures, and discrete observations of the interior of the basins based on accessibility. In addition to the annual and weekly inspections, the general condition of the site and embankment was visually inspected by DTE on a daily basis.

No sign of vegetative distress or structural issues were observed during the annual inspection on the embankment crest, exterior slopes of the embankment and discharge structure. These structures appeared to be in good condition. No changes to the exterior geometry of the impoundment have occurred since the last inspection, however closure construction continues as described below. Instrumentation related to geotechnical monitoring of the impoundment slopes is not present at the impoundment.

The water elevation of the pond is approximately ~574.5 MSL as noted in the inspection report in Appendix A. Water depth ranges from zero along the northern shore to 3 feet along the eastern and southern perimeter and up to 25 feet in depth near the weir. The storage capacity of the impoundment has been estimated to be 15.8M cubic feet ("CCR Impoundment Inflow Design Flood Control System Plan: Bottom Ash Impoundment, Monroe Power Plant", AECOM revised August 30, 2021). CCR materials have not been placed in the impoundment since 2015.

Closure construction in the Bottom Ash Impoundment commenced in March 2021. As of August 14, 2023, approximately 85% of the volume of CCR residuals in the pond has been removed through wet excavation and transported off-site. The northern third of the impoundment has been regraded to accommodate the construction contractor's equipment, access roads, settling basins, and a geotube field.

Noteworthy observations are listed below; these conditions do not represent an immediate concern for the safe operation or stability of the Bottom Ash Impoundment and will be addressed through the closure of the Bottom Ash Impoundment.

The northern/upstream face side of the separation berm is showing signs of sloughing; especially on the western edge for a length of 100-150' where plastic bollards have been impacted. Repair of this upstream section will occur either with completion of the closure project or immediately after – the sloughing is not an immediate threat (a width of over 20+ feet of the separation berm still exists and DTE has limited vehicle traffic over the berm)

• The downslope sides of portions of the Impoundment (especially the western side) are vegetated and/or below the water surface. A thorough inspection of the entire surface processes the surface of the					
	of the impoundment is not practical.				

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3. Maintenance Activities in 2023

3.1 Maintenance Activities

Site access roads have been repaired/improved as part of the ongoing closure construction.

4. Conclusion and Certification

4.1 Conclusion

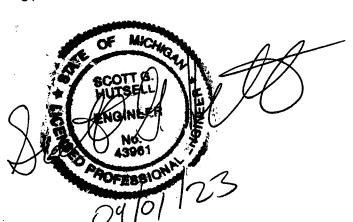
The annual inspection did not identify any evidence of structural weakness or instability in the Bottom Ash Impoundment at DTE's Monroe Power Plant. Observations included continued inspections of the perimeter of the impoundment as well as a review of closure construction that began in March 2021.

Based on the annual inspection results and review of available data (including design documents and weekly inspection documentation) the Bottom Ash Impoundment was designed and constructed with generally accepted good engineering standards. Additionally, the Bottom Ash Impoundment is operated and maintained using generally accepted good engineering practice.

4.2 Certification

Certified by:

Scott G. Hutsell, P.E. Michigan License #43961 Senior Project Manager



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	n/Owner ne Bottom Ash Impoundment / DTE Energy	Count Monro	•				State Michigan				
_	ted By 6. Hutsell, P.E.			Date 08/14/23			Phone No. 517-505-1301				
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	2. Trashguard	9. Misalignment	16. Undermining	23. Sloughing								
	3. Debris	10. Joints leaking	17. Voids	24. Scarps	⊠Vegetation							
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	Plugged/Clogged	13. Conduit collapsed	20. Spalling	27. Outlet erosion	Asphalt							
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PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY	Comments /Action Items	<u> </u>	ı	ı	<u> </u>							
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	1.	Is discharge system oper	rating properly?							Yes			N/A	
	2.	Valves and operators	in good conditio	า?						Yes		No 🏻	⊠N/A	4
	3.	Walkway in good condit	ion?						\square	∐Yes		No [N/ <i>F</i>	4
ш	4.	Is there any turbidity ob	served at the outle	t?						Yes	\boxtimes	No [N/A	4
Ë	5.	Seepage at pipe outlet								Yes		No 🏻	⊠N/A	4
O	6.	No Bottom Drain								Yes		No 🏻	⊠N/A	4
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Ei .	8.	Subsurface Drain Dry							Ε	Yes		No [N/A	Α
Ę	9.	Subsurface drain muddy	flow						Ε	Yes		No [N/A	4
DRAINS/OUTLET STRUCTURE	10.	Subsurface drain obstru	cted							Yes		No	N/A	4
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RESERVIOR/POOL	Comments /Action Items Pool level has been relatively steady since observations were first begun by this inspector in late 2015; however, with the cessation of waste water inflow to the pond in October 2020 the water level has dropped 4.5" and stabilized. The surrounding waters (Lake Erie, Discharge Canal) were observed to be lower than documented in the 2022 inspection. Actions None Maintenance Monitoring Minor Repair Engineering													
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	leachate/stormwater (RCP; CMP) drain pipes that pass through or under an ash basin intact?							intact?	Г	Yes	П	No D	N/A	<u> </u>
	Drainage/ diversion ditches/riprap-lined channels in good condition?							Ħ	Yes			N/A		
	Other steel structures/steel reinforcement in concrete structures in good condition?							Ť	Yes			<u> </u>		
	4. Other concrete structures in good condition?						Ħ	Yes			N/A			
	5. Overflow pipes and flap gates on filter dam/ drain pipe filter zone in good condition?						F	Yes			_			
	6. Howell Bunger Valves in good condition?						F	Yes			<u></u> N/A			
	7.							<u> </u>	Yes			<u></u> N/A		
~	8.									Yes			N/A	
OTHER	9.	-								Yes			N/ <i>F</i>	
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	11. Instrumentation in good condition							닏	Yes					
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environment or natural resource	onditions at the impoundment that could pose a risk to public health, safety or welfare; the second
	Scott S. Jutsell
Inspector Signature	
Date: 08/14/23	





Photo 1: Looking south at discharge weir; heavily vegetated at discharge as water levels continue to decrease along the discharge canal

Photo 2: Area of sloughing along discharge canal that was augmented by rip-rap placement in previous years. Slope looks stable; DTE personnel monitor suspect areas without rip-rap on a weekly basis





Photo 3: The south separation berm (looking southeast) – this northern slope has experienced significant sloughing due to construction activities; plastic bollards placed by DTE on both sides of the berm have been impacted on the northern edge.

Photo 4: Another view of the southern separation berm (looking west) showing the area affected by increased sloughing



Photo 5: Sloughing along separation berm – material appears to be at angle of repose below the water surface and stable.



Photo 6: Looking west from the eastern edge of the southern separation berm



Photo 7: Looking northwest from the south separation berm; dredging activities associated with impoundment closure continue.



Photo 8: Heavy rip-rap along the eastern shore of the perimeter dike facing Lake Erie. No changes are noted in this area.