

**Certification Statement
Completion of Closure by Removal
Cross Generating Station, Closed Gypsum Pond**

The South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) is implementing the April 17, 2015, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Federal Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule (40 CFR §§257 and 261) for the Cross Generating Station, located in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

In accordance with §257.102(f)(3), the owner or operator of the CCR unit must obtain a certification from a qualified professional engineer verifying that closure has been completed in accordance with the closure plan specified in §257.102(b) and the requirements of §257.102. This Certification Statement is provided to document that Santee Cooper has completed CCR, non-CCR, and underlying soil removal to visual extents for the above-referenced CCR unit as an interim milestone to closure by removal of CCR in accordance with § 257.102(c). §257.102(c) requires the owner or operator of the CCR unit to meet two criteria for determining completion when closing by removal:

1. When constituent concentrations throughout the CCR unit and any areas affected by releases from the CCR unit have been removed; and
2. Groundwater monitoring concentrations do not exceed the groundwater protection standards established pursuant to §257.95(h) for constituents listed in Appendix IV of 40 CFR Part 257.

This certification only applies to item 1 above with the removal and decontamination of the CCR unit and any affected areas. Upon completion of the groundwater corrective action remedy, Santee Cooper will obtain a separate and severable certification from a qualified professional engineer attesting that item 2 above has been achieved.

CCR removal was completed in accordance with the closure plan specified in §257.102(b) and a state-approved closure plan. On November 4, 2016, South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) approved the closure on the basis of samples taken from the underlying soil confirming adequate decontamination with the condition of implementing a land use control. On March 11, 2017, a Santee Cooper qualified professional engineer (QPE) certified the completion of closure in accordance with state requirements. SCDHEC approved the completion of closure on March 22, 2017, on the basis of the QPE's certification and a site visit.

CERTIFICATION

I, John Browning, being a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of South Carolina, do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, that the information contained herein is true and correct and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted good engineering practices.


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