**Certification/Demonstration for 2-Year Extension of Time to Complete Closure**
**40 CFR §257.102(f)**
**Winyah Generating Station**
**CCR Unit: Slurry Pond 3&4**

The South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) is implementing the federal Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 17, 2015 (40 CFR Part 257) for the Slurry Pond 3 & 4 CCR unit located at the Winyah Generating Station in Georgetown County, South Carolina.

In accordance with the closure requirements of 40 CFR §257.102(e), Santee Cooper initiated closure of Slurry Pond 3 & 4 on April 11, 2021. Closure of this approximately 106-acre CCR surface impoundment is being conducted by removal of CCR consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR §257.102(c)(1) and the facility's written closure plan.

Closure-by-removal is complete as stated in §257.102(c) when:

- CCR has been removed;
- Any areas affected by releases from the CCR unit have been removed or decontaminated; and
- Groundwater monitoring concentrations of the constituents listed in Appendix IV to 40 CFR Part 257 do not exceed groundwater protection standards established pursuant to §257.95(h).

CCR removal activities began following the initiation of closure in April 2021. Excavated materials are either beneficially reused or disposed of in the facility's on-site Class 3 Landfill. Prior to transport for beneficial use or disposal, CCR material must be sufficiently dewatered so that it passes the Paint Filter Liquids Test (Method 9095B) as required under 40 CFR §264.314.

Due to the significant volume of CCR contained within the unit and the physical characteristics of the slurry material, extended time is required to adequately dewater, excavate, and transport the material for disposal or reuse. The high moisture content and fine-grained nature of the CCR material necessitate staged dewatering and material handling operations to ensure compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and landfill acceptance standards.

Despite Santee Cooper's ongoing efforts to conduct closure activities in an efficient and timely manner, these conditions have resulted in closure activities requiring additional time beyond the initial five-year closure period. Specifically, the time required to sufficiently dewater the CCR material and prepare it for transport and disposal represents a factor beyond the reasonable control of the owner/operator.

Therefore, pursuant to 40 CFR §257.102(f), Santee Cooper is demonstrating that completion of closure of Slurry Pond 3 & 4 by the current deadline of April 11, 2026 is not feasible due to factors beyond the facility's control. Based on this demonstration, Santee Cooper is certifying a two-year extension of the closure deadline, extending the completion date to April 11, 2028.

Santee Cooper will continue to actively conduct closure activities and will maintain compliance with all applicable requirements of the CCR Rule for Slurry Pond 3 & 4 during the extended closure period.

**Certification:**

I, William Stevick, certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this demonstration and all attached documents, and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.

William D Stevick II

Signature

4/8/2026

Date