DTE Energy Monroe Power Plant

Inactive Bottom Ash Impoundment
CCR Rule Compliance Project

Annual Inspection Report - 2017

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1. Introduction

1.1 Introduction

The 2017 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 Inactive Bottom Ash Impoundment. This annual inspection complies with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Coal Combustion Residual Rule (40 CFR 257.73). Under the CCR Rule, the Inactive 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 inactive Bottom Ash CCR 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 have been placed and allowed to drain into the pond from the north end of the pond; these materials currently form a delta that extends about 1/3 of the way into the pond.

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 2017 Inspections

DTE performed the following visual inspections in 2017:

- The annual inspection on June 28, 2017 (provided in Appendix A)
- Weekly inspections during 2017

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.

In general, 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. Areas of concern are listed below; these conditions do not represent an immediate concern for the safe operation or stability of the Inactive Bottom Ash Impoundment

- The downslope sides of the Impoundment are heavily vegetated and a thorough inspection of the entire surface area of the impoundment is not practical.
- The downstream side of the spillway is heavily vegetated and flow through the spillway is redirected preferentially due to this vegetation. Flow through the spillway is not impeded due to the vegetation at this time.

3. Maintenance Activities in 2017

3.1 Maintenance Activities

DTE installed additional security fencing along the northern edge of the Bottom Ash Impoundment in March of 2017.

4. Conclusion and Certification

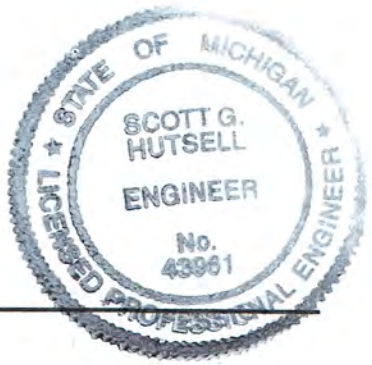
4.1 Conclusion

The annual inspection did not identify and evidence of structural weakness or instability in the Inactive Bottom Ash Impoundment at DTE's Monroe Power Plant.

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:



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Appendix A

CCR Impoundment Inspection Report

Station/Owner	**County**	**State**
Monroe Area 15 Bottom Ash Basin / DTE Energy	St. Clair	Michigan

Inspected By	**Date**	**Phone No.**
Scott G. Hutsell, P.E.	06/28/2017	517-505-1301

Type of Impoundment: ☐ Concrete Gravity ☒ Embankment ☐ Concrete Arch ☐ Stone Masonry ☐ Concrete Buttress ☐ Other	**Type of Inspection** ☒ Initial ☐ Periodic ☐ Follow up ☐ Other	**Weather** ☐ Wet ☒ Dry ☐ Snow Cover ☐ Other

Hazard Description	**Condition Assessment**
The Area 15 Bottom Ash Basin is an 108-acre surface impoundment; the northern half is deposited sluiced ash while te southern half contains from 3 to 25 ft of water surrounded by an embankment.	☒ Satisfactory ☐ Unsatisfactory ☐ Poor ☐ Not rated ☐ Fair

Remarks	**Actions**	**Recommendations**
	☐ None ☐ Maintenance ☒ Monitoring ☐ Minor Repair ☐ Engineering	☒ Inspection letter ☐ ☐ Deficiency letter ☐ ☐ EOR notice ☐ ☐ Engineering study ☐ Periodic reinspection ☐ Inspection by EOR

Pool Level (ft)	**Total Precipitation since last inspection**
~575 ft MSL	n/a

UPSTREAM SLOPE/FACE

Problems				**COVER:**
☐ 1. None ☒ 2. Vegetation >2" dia. ☒ 3. Veg. height >6" ☒ 4. High bushes ☒ 5. Animal Burrows ☐ 6. Livestock damage	☐ 7. Wave Erosion ☐ 8. Slides ☐ 9. Depressions ☐ 10. Bulges ☐ 11. Cracks ☐ 12. Spalling	☐ 13. Scarps ☐ 14. Sloughing ☐ 15. Holes ☐ 16. Undermining ☐ 17. Displaced joints ☐ 18. Deteriorated joints	☐ 19. Exposed reinforcement ☐ 20. Veg. or sediment in rip rap ☐ 21. Displaced rip rap ☐ 22. Sparse rip rap ☐ 23. Other Erosion ☐ 24. Other	☒ Vegetation ☒ Rip rap ☐ Concrete ☐ Asphalt ☐ Other

Comments /Action Items

The embankments surrounding the Bottom Ash Basin is typically 20' wide at the crest – while the access road is made up of crushed rock and rip-rap the interior sideslopes are heavily vegetated. The southern embankment is a rip-rap separation berm built in 2015.

Actions ☒ None ☐ Maintenance ☐ Monitoring ☐ Minor Repair ☐ Engineering

TOP OF DAM/CREST

PROBLEMS				**COVER:**
☐ 1. None ☐ 2. Vegetation >2" dia. ☐ 3. Veg. height >6" ☒ 4. High bushes ☒ 5. Animal Burrows ☐ 6. Livestock damage	☒ 7. Ruts ☐ 8. Depressions ☐ 9. Unlevel ☐ 10. Misalignment ☐ 11. Signs of overtopping	☐ 12. Cracks ☐ 13. Deteriorated joints ☐ 14. Displaced joints ☐ 15. Exposed reinforcement ☐ 16. Settlement	☐ 17. Scarps ☐ 18. Spalling ☐ 19. Sinkholes ☐ 20. Puddles ☐ 21. Other	☒ Vegetation ☒ Rip rap ☐ Concrete ☐ Asphalt ☐ Other

Comments /Action Items

The embankments surrounding the Bottom Ash Basin is typically 20' wide at the crest; the access road is made up of crushed rock and rip-rap. While the access road is in fairly good condition there are some potholes and ruts along the perimeter. The southern embankment is a rip-rap separation berm built in 2015.

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DOWNSTREAM SLOPE/FACE

Actions ☒None ☐Maintenance ☐Monitoring ☐Minor Repair ☐Engineering

PROBLEMS				COVER:
☐1. None ☒2. Vegetation >2" dia.\ ☒3. Veg. height >6" ☒4. High bushes ☐5. Poor grass cover ☒6. Animal Burrows ☐7. Livestock damage	☐8. Wetness ☐9. Seepage ☐10. Boils ☐11. Puddles ☐12. Erosion ☐13. Slope instability ☐14. Scarps	☐15. Sloughs/bulges ☐16. Depressions ☐17. Undercutting ☐18. Rutting/rills ☐19. Cracks ☐20. Scour ☐21. Spalling	☐22. Displaced joints ☐23. Deteriorated joints ☐24. Exposed reinforcement ☐25. Riprap needs attention ☒26. Veg. or sediment in rip rap ☐27. Other	☒Vegetation ☐Rip rap ☐Concrete ☐Asphalt ☐Other

28. Does standing water or seepage contain sediment?	☐Yes ☒No ☐NA
29. Is there natural hillside seepage in in embankment area?	☐Yes ☒No ☐NA

Describe seepage with regard to quantity and clarity (turbidity). Note changes:

None

Comments /Action Items

Along the outside embankment large trees (1-2' in diameter) are visible. The southern embankment is a rip-rap separation berm built in 2015.

Actions ☒None ☐Maintenance ☐Monitoring ☐Minor Repair ☐Engineering

TOE CONTACT

PROBLEMS				COVER:
☐1. None ☒2. Vegetation >2" dia. ☐3. Veg. height >6" ☒4. High bushes ☐5. Poor grass cover ☐6. Animal Burrows ☐7. Livestock damage	☐8. Wetness ☐9. Seepage ☐10. Boils ☐11. Puddles ☐12. Erosion ☐13. Slope instability ☐14. Scarps	☐15. Sloughs/bulges ☐16. Depressions ☐17. Undercutting ☐18. Rutting/rills ☐19. Cracks ☐20. Scour ☐21. Spalling	☐22. Displaced joints ☐23. Deteriorated joints ☐24. Exposed reinforcement ☐25. Riprap needs attention ☐26. Veg. or sediment in rip rap ☐27. Other	☒Vegetation ☐Rip rap ☐Concrete ☐Asphalt ☐Other

28. Does standing water or seepage contain sediment?	☐Yes ☒No ☐NA

Describe seepage with regard to quantity and clarity (turbidity). Note changes:

None

Comments /Action Items

Toe is inaccessible to direct inspection due to heavy vegetation. Portions of the toe of slope that are visible from the south bank and other slopes look to be in good condition.

Actions ☐None ☐Maintenance ☐Monitoring ☐Minor Repair ☐Engineering

ABUTMENT CONTACTS

PROBLEMS				COVER:
☐1. None ☐2. Vegetation >2" dia. ☐3. Veg. height >6" ☐4. High bushes ☐5. Poor grass cover ☐6. Animal Burrows ☐7. Livestock damage	☐8. Wetness ☐9. Seepage ☐10. Boils ☐11. Puddles ☐12. Erosion ☐13. Slope instability ☐14. Scarps	☐15. Sloughs/bulges ☐16. Depressions ☐17. Undercutting ☐18. Rutting/rills ☐19. Cracks ☐20. Scour ☐21. Spalling	☐22. Displaced joints ☐23. Deteriorated joints ☐24. Exposed reinforcement ☐25. Riprap needs attention ☐26. Veg. or sediment in rip rap ☐27. Other	☐Vegetation ☐Rip rap ☐Concrete ☐Asphalt ☐Other

Comments /Action Items

Not applicable

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PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY

Actions ☒None ☐Maintenance ☐Monitoring ☐Minor Repair ☐Engineering

OBSERVATIONS

☐No Spillway

Is spillway control system operating properly? ☒**Yes** ☐**No**

PROBLEMS				CHANNEL LINING
☐1. None ☐2. Trashguard ☒3. Debris ☒4. Obstructed ☒5. Plugged/Clogged ☐6. Gates Damaged ☐7. Gates leaking ☐8. Gates Rusted	☐9. Misalignment ☐10. Joints leaking ☐11. Joint deterioration ☐12. Joint displacement ☐13. Conduit collapsed ☐14. Exposed reinforcement ☐15. Erosion	☐16. Undermining ☐17. Voids ☐18. Cracks ☐19. Holes ☐20. Spalling ☐21. Slides ☐22. Outlet undercutting	☐23. Sloughing ☐24. Scarps ☐25. Deteriorated lining ☐26. Boils ☐27. Outlet erosion ☐28. Displaced rip rap ☐29. Sparse rip rap ☐30. Other	☒Vegetation ☐Rip rap ☐Concrete ☐Asphalt ☐Other

Comments /Action Items

Spillway appears to be in good repair although the downstream weir is overgrown with vegetation; there are no control systems so the spillway acts as both principal and emergency.

Actions ☐None ☐Maintenance ☐Monitoring ☐Minor Repair ☐Engineering

EMERGENCY SPILLWAY

OBSERVATIONS

☐No emergency spillway ☒Same as primary spillway

PROBLEMS				CHANNEL LINING
☐1. None ☐2. Debris in channel ☐3. Gates ☐4. Misalignment	☐5. Joint deterioration ☐6. Joint displacement ☐7. Exposed reinforcement ☐8. Erosion	☐9. Undermining ☐10. Voids ☐11. Cracks ☐12. Holes ☐13. Outlet erosion	☐14. Displaced rip rap ☐15. Sparse rip rap ☐16. Outlet undercutting ☐17.Inadequate capacity ☐18. Other	☐Vegetation ☐Rip rap ☐Concrete ☐Asphalt ☐Other

Comments /Action Items

See Principal Spillway Above

Actions ☒None ☐Maintenance ☐Monitoring ☐Minor Repair ☐Engineering

DRAINS/OUTLET STRUCTURE

Observations			
1.	Is discharge system operating properly?	☒**Yes**	☐**No** ☐**N/A**
2.	Valves and operators in good condition?	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☒**N/A**
3.	Walkway in good condition?	☒**Yes**	☐**No** ☐**N/A**
4.	Is there any turbidity observed at the outlet?	☐**Yes**	☒**No** ☐**N/A**
5.	Seepage at pipe outlet	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☒**N/A**
6.	No Bottom Drain	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☒**N/A**
7.	Bottom Drain Operable	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☒**N/A**
8.	Subsurface Drain Dry	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☒**N/A**
9.	Subsurface drain muddy flow	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☒**N/A**
10.	Subsurface drain obstructed	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☒**N/A**
11.	Animal guard	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☒**N/A**
12.	other	☐**Yes**	☐**No** ☐**N/A**

Comments /Action Items

None

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	Actions	☒None	☐Maintenance	☐Monitoring	☐Minor Repair	☐Engineering

RESERVIOR/POOL

OBSERVATION				
Has there been a sudden drop in the content level of the Impoundment				☐Yes ☒No
PROBLEMS				
☒1. None ☐2. Inadequate freeboard	☐3. Skimmer ☐4. Depressions	☐5. Whirlpools	☐6. Sinkholes	☒7. Unwanted growth in pond water

Comments /Action Items

Pool level has been steady since observations were first began by this inspector in late 2015. Southern separation berm has 2 pipes and a lowered section to allow for equalization of water levels between the Bottom Ash Basin and the Coal Pile Runoff Basin.

Actions ☒None ☐Maintenance ☐Monitoring ☐Minor Repair ☐Engineering

OTHER

OBSERVATIONS		
1.	leachate/stormwater (RCP; CMP) drain pipes that pass through or under an ash basin intact?	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
2.	Drainage/ diversion ditches/riprap-lined channels in good condition?	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
3.	Other steel structures/steel reinforcement in concrete structures in good condition?	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
4.	Other concrete structures in good condition?	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
5.	Overflow pipes and flap gates on filter dam/ drain pipe filter zone in good condition?	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
6.	Howell Bunger Valves in good condition?	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
7.	Weirs in good condition?	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
8.	Perimeter Fences and Gates in good condition?	☒**Yes** ☐**No** ☐**N/A**
9.	Security devices in good condition	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
10.	Signs in good condition	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
11.	Instrumentation in good condition	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
12.	Reference monuments/Survey Monuments in good condition	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**
13.	other	☐**Yes** ☐**No** ☒**N/A**

Comments /Action Items

	Actions	☒None	☐Maintenance	☐Monitoring	☐Minor Repair	☐Engineering

Are there any other abnormal conditions at the Impoundment that could pose a risk to public health, safety or welfare; the environment or natural resources ☐Yes ☒No

Inspector Signature Scott G. Hutsell

Date: 06/28/17

Photo 1: Looking South from access road

Photo 2: Looking west from east access road at sluiced ash area

Photo 3: Looking west from east access road at south separation berm

Photo 4: Looking north along west access road north of separation berm

Photo 5: Looking north at walkway for spillway

Photo 6: Looking north from spillway walkway

Photo 5: Looking west at discharge from spillway into canal