

# GENON BRANDYWINE ASH STORAGE SITE BRANDYWINE, MARYLAND 2018 ANNUAL CCR FUGITIVE DUST CONTROL REPORT

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RE: Annual CCR Fugitive Dust Control Report

Brandywine Ash Storage Site Operating Cell Phase 2

#### 1.0 Introduction

As of April 17, 2015, the Brandywine Ash Storage Site has been regulated by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) under 40 CFR §257 Subpart D – Standards for Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) in Landfills and Surface Impoundments. Section §257.80 required GenOn to prepare a CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan and place it into GenOn's operating record by October 19, 2015. Section §257.80(c) requires GenOn to prepare an annual CCR Fugitive Dust Control Report that includes a description of the actions taken by the owner or operator to control CCR fugitive dust, a record of all citizen complaints, and a summary of any corrective measures taken. The first annual report was completed and placed in GenOn's operating record by December 19, 2016 – as required under the regulations – 14 months after placing the Initial CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan in the facility's operating record. Subsequent Annual Reports are required to be completed and placed in GenOn's operating record one year after the date of completing the previous report. This 2018 Annual Report will be completed and placed in the GenOn operating record by December 19, 2018.

## 2.0 Summary of Current CCR Fugitive Dust Control Measures

The Brandywine Ash Storage Site receives and stores CCRs produced at GenOn's Morgantown and Chalk Point Generating Stations. CCR transferred to the Brandywine Site is offloaded and stored in the currently operational Phase 2 area (Phase 2A). During the period from December 1, 2017 to December 1, 2018, GenOn has fully implemented the measures described in the Initial CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan to control all sources of CCR fugitive dust resulting from GenOn operations at the two generating stations and at the Brandywine site. During the reporting period, AECOM professional staff have routinely been on site at the Brandywine site to monitor construction activities, including CCR fugitive dust control measures being implemented by GenOn.

GenOn has not received any citizen input or complaints during this reporting period, and thus no corrective measures have been required to be implemented.

#### **GenOn Generating Stations**

All CCR that is shipped to the Brandywine Ash Site from the Morgantown and Chalk Point Generating Stations is conditioned with water before loading and leaving the station.

 Fly ash generated at these two generating stations is stored in large diameter concrete silos, and then is released through closed systems into a conditioning mixer system located on a superstructure above the haul truck loading area.

- Fly ash is mixed with water until the GenOn operator determines that the ash has the
  appropriate moisture content to be transported to the Brandywine site. The ash is
  then loaded in the semi-trucks or dump trucks for hauling to the Brandywine Ash
  Site.
- Bottom ash generated at the two plants is mixed with water as part of its transfer process to the haul truck loading area. The GenOn operator at the loading area ensures that the bottom ash is of an acceptable consistency to load into trucks for hauling to the Brandywine Ash Site.

### Transportation of CCRs to the Brandywine Ash Site

CCRs are transported from GenOn's Morgantown and Chalk Point Generating Stations by means of semi-trucks and dump trucks that are fully enclosed on all four sides and have been completely covered with a firmly secured tarp system to prevent loss of CCR and to minimize dust emissions during transportation.

- Before leaving the respective generating stations, vehicles transporting CCRs are inspected by the transporter and cleaned of any excess material or debris that could blow off, fall off, or spill during transportation. The transporter maintains an inspection log in the truck for 30 days for each of these inspections.
- Trucks are washed at the plant's truck washing station to control tracking of CCRs onto plant roads and onto public roads.
- Truck speeds are limited to 15 mph on site haul roads.

# Offloading and Emplacement of CCRs

- When the CCR haul trucks arrive at the Brandywine Site, they are routed to the active fill area in Phase 2A. Haul roads are posted with a maximum speed limit of 15 mph as a safety measure and to minimize the generation of dust.
- CCRs are deposited at the working face under the direction of a site operator also serving as a spotter. CCRs are spread over the current working face with a bulldozer in uniform lifts and compacted with a smooth-drum roller.
- The active CCR working areas are routinely watered by the facility's dedicated mobile water truck to maximize ash compaction and for dust suppression. The water truck is permanently on site and refills from the onsite ponds and other resources.
- Trucks and equipment are cleaned inside Phase 2A and all trucks are cleaned and/or washed at the facility's truck wash station prior to leaving the Brandywine Site.

#### **Road Watering**

During hauling operations, tracking of CCRs onto the site access roads is controlled at all times to prevent transport of CCRs beyond the active area of Phase 2 by periodic washing of trucks and equipment, and scraping material from tires and equipment tracks. GenOn currently controls the presence of CCRs, dust, and mud on the paved and unpaved access roads by frequent wetting of the roads by way of the site's dedicated mobile water truck.

- Water trucks apply water at regular intervals during daily operations and construction beginning at the start of each day's activities and at routine intervals thereafter (approximately once every three hours as needed based on daily site conditions, but typically more frequently during the warmer months).
- Paved areas and access roads are visually inspected on a daily basis during construction and operations to determine the presence of CCRs, sediment, and dust. All CCRs and sediment material are routinely removed and disposed of back into Phase 2, and roads receive water from the dedicated water truck to minimize dust generation.

 Unpaved areas that carry vehicle traffic are visually inspected on a daily basis during construction and operations, and receive water to reduce dust. CCRs and excess sediment are removed and disposed of back into Phase 2.

# 3.0 <u>Citizen Input</u>

The Site Supervisor maintains a formal log dedicated to citizen input and complaints regarding fugitive dust emissions from the Brandywine Site and public roads leading to the site. This form was included as part of the Initial CCR Fugitive Dust Control Plan. During the reporting period from December 1, 2017 to December 1, 2018, there were no citizen complaints or input provided by citizens recorded by the Site Supervisor. As a result, no corrective measures were required to be implemented.

## 4.0 Summary

During the reporting period from December 1, 2017 to December 1, 2018, GenOn implemented the measures presented in the Initial CCR Fugitive Dust control Plan to control fugitive CCR dust from the Brandywine Ash Site and from the generation and transport of CCRs from the Chalk Point and Morgantown Generating Stations to the Brandywine site. During the reporting period, there were no citizen complaints or input recorded by the Site Supervisor and no corrective measures were required.

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