



**INITIAL HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION ASSESSMENT
40 C.F.R. 257.100(e)(3)(v)
PLANT HAMMOND ASH POND 3 (AP-3)
GEORGIA POWER COMPANY**

The Environmental Protection Agency's "Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities" Final Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 257 & Part 261) was published in the Federal Register on April 17, 2015. A direct final rule revision in response to a partial vacatur of the Final Rule became effective on October 4, 2016. This revision eliminated the exemption for inactive coal combustion residual (CCR) surface impoundments and required such units to meet the same requirements as existing CCR surface impoundments. An extended timeline was given to inactive CCR surface impoundments that had prepared Notification of Intent to Initiate Closure compliant with 40 C.F.R. §257.105(i)(1), 40 C.F.R. §257.106(i)(1) and 40 C.F.R. §257.107(i)(1). 40 C.F.R. § 257.100(e)(3)(v) for inactive CCR surface impoundments requires an initial hazard potential classification to be completed as set forth by 40 C.F.R. § 257.73(a)(2).

40 C.F.R. §257.73(a)(2) requires the owner or operator of an existing CCR surface impoundment to conduct initial and periodic hazard potential classification assessments. The owner or operator must classify the hazard potential of the CCR surface impoundment as either a high hazard potential CCR surface impoundment, a significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment or a low hazard potential CCR surface impoundment and document the basis for this classification.

AP-3 is capped with construction to be completed in Q2 2018. AP-3 closure construction is substantially complete in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §257.102(d), no longer impounds free water nor receives CCR or other wastestreams, and no longer meets the definition of a CCR Surface Impoundment. Georgia Power Company is also in the process of obtaining a solid waste permit for AP-3 under the Georgia Rules for Solid Waste Management, 391-3-4-.10. This closure method has eliminated the future impoundment of water, sediment, or slurry. As such, associated hazard potential classification is not applicable.

I hereby certify that the documentation above is accurate based on current available information.


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