BIG SANDY FLY ASH POND CLOSURE PROJECT

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

| AEP | American Electric Power |
|---------|---|
| APE | Area of Potential Effect |
| BMPs | Best Management Practices |
| CWA | Clean Water Act |
| ССР | Coal combustion product |
| EIP | Ecosystem Investment Partners |
| FEMA | Federal Emergency Management Agency |
| HEC-RAS | Hydrologic Engineering Center River Analysis System |
| KDFWR | Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources |
| KDOW | Kentucky Division of Water |
| КНС | Kentucky Heritage Council |
| KPDES | Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System |
| KSNPC | Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission |
| KYDEP | Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection |
| msl | Mean sea level |
| MW | Megawatt |
| NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| PEM | Palustrine emergent wetland |
| PFO | Palustrine forested wetland |
| PSS | Palustrine scrub/shrub wetland |
| SDC | Seismic design category |
| SWP3 | Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan |
| URS | URS Corporation |
| U.S. | United States |
| USACE | United States Army Corps of Engineers |
| USFWS | United States Fish and Wildlife Service |
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Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond Closure Project

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| 13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNO | WN (if applicable) | 14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable) | | | | |
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| 16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN (see Instructions) | | | | | | |
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| 26. List of Other Certifica | ates or Approvals/Denials rec | elved from other Federal, f | State, or Local Agencies for | or Work Described in This A | pplication. | | |
| AGENCY | TYPE APPROVAL* | IDENTIFICATION NUMBER | DATE APPLIED | DATE APPROVED | DATE DENIED | | |
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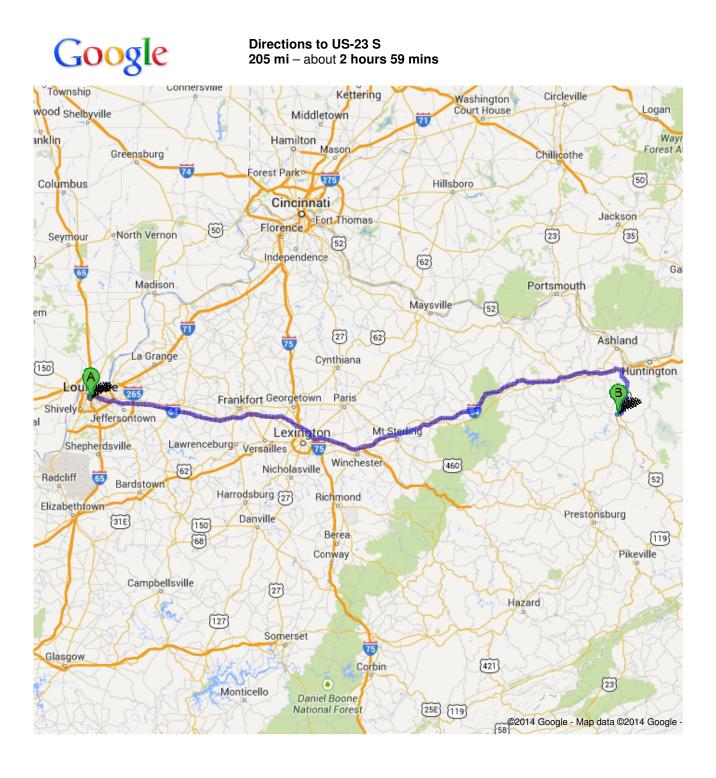
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| 4. Turn right onto S 9th St/Roy Wilkins Ave | go 0.1 mi total 0.7 mi |
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BLOCK 18. NATURE OF ACTIVITY

Kentucky Power Company dba American Electric Power (AEP) is proposing to permanently close the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond located in Lawrence County, Kentucky in mid-2015. Kentucky Power owns and operates the 1,097 megawatt (MW) coal combustion Big Sandy Plant on the west bank of the Big Sandy River near Louisa, Kentucky. Currently, coal combustion fly ash and other wastewaters from the power generation facility are wet-sluiced to the Big Sandy Fly Ash pond for treatment and disposal. The pond is impounded by the Horseford Creek Dam located approximately 0.75-miles northwest of the plant.

Kentucky Power is currently in the process of permitting closure of the Plant's 130-acre fly ash pond with the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KYDEP); which is referred to as the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond Closure Project ("Project"). The lead federal agency for the Project is the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District (USACE). An overall site boundary (Figure 1) is provided in Appendix A.

The pond will be closed by draining free water, followed by site grading and capping existing ash within the footprint in place. Based on the extent of work required for this Project, the proposed construction of the Project is divided into four phases, which spans multiple years. The four construction phase areas are designated on the Site Development Phasing Plan, Figure 2A provided in Appendix A.

In Phase 1, the closure construction activities include grading/excavation of fly ash, installation of pore water drain pipes and installation of the closure cap in the western portion of the pond. Fly ash will be excavated in the areas designed for the pore water drain pipes throughout the fly ash pond. In the western portion of the fly ash pond, the drain pipes will be installed and the excavated ash will be used to create the cap system subgrades and closure cap. Bottom ash from the Plant along with soil from borrow areas will be used as needed in the western portion of the fly ash pond.

In Phase 2, the closure construction activities include continuing installation of pore water drain pipes and installation of the closure cap in the central portion of the pond. Fly ash within the existing footprint of the pond will continue to be regraded to the cap system subgrades and the cap system will be installed for the central portion of the fly ash pond. Additional soil material from the borrow areas will be used for contouring as needed.

In Phase 3, the closure construction activities include continuing installation of pore water drain pipes and installation of the closure cap in the eastern portion of the pond. Fly ash within the existing footprint of the pond will continue to be regraded to the cap system subgrades and the cap system will be installed for the eastern portion of the fly ash pond. Additional soil material from the borrow areas will be used for contouring as needed.



Phase 4 will consist of lowering the Horseford Creek Dam (i.e., main dam) and existing emergency saddle dam, constructing the cap system berm, regrading ash/placement of borrow material for cap system subgrades in the northern portion of the pond, dewatering remaining water within the footprint, construction of spillways, installation of a forcemain, if necessary, and installation of the remainder of the cap system. Contouring material for the northern portion of the fly ash pond will primarily consist of regraded fly ash and bottom ash obtained from the lowered dams and Plant stock pile.

In order to complete closure, Kentucky Power will need to conduct certain construction activities that require discharge of fill materials into streams and wetlands determined to be jurisdictional waters of the United States (U.S.). As such, Kentucky Power is requesting that the USACE issue Kentucky Power a permit to undertake such activities.

As part of the Project, Kentucky Power proposes to perform the following activities that affect jurisdictional waters of the U.S.

1. Installation of Fly Ash Pond Cap System:

In order to complete the closure of the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond, the existing fly ash pond will be required to be graded and filled as part of construction of the fly ash pond cap system.

2. Excavation of Borrow Area:

Additional fill material may be needed for the completion of the fly ash pond cap system. A borrow study was performed by URS to identify a borrow site suitable for the potential needs of the Project. It was concluded that the hillsides to the north and south of the fly ash pond would provide adequate soil materials.

3. <u>Reconstruction of the Main Dam and Saddle Dam Spillways:</u>

The main dam will be lowered to final elevation of 656 feet above mean sea level (msl) and a new spillway to manage post-construction stormwater will be constructed. The saddle dam will be completely removed and replaced with a combination rock-cut and concrete-lined spillway. Lowering the main and saddle dams along with constructing new spillways will require various surrounding areas to be filled and graded.



BLOCK 19. PROJECT PURPOSE

The Big Sandy Plant currently plans to decommission Unit 2 and convert Unit 1 to natural gas in 2016. As a result, the Plant will discontinue wet-sluicing to the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond and, the pond will no longer be needed for wastewater or fly ash management. In an effort to effectively close the fly ash pond in accordance with Federal Regulations for wet coal combustion product (CCP) impoundments, Kentucky Power will permanently close the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond by draining free water and capping ash in place.

An anticipated Project schedule for the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond closure is provided below.

| | Created: BAO Reviewed: MDT | | | | | |
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| | Timeline | | | | | |
| Action Item | 2015 | | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
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| Construction | | | | | | Finish |
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| Construction Phases | (| Clearing | Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Phase 3 | Phase 4 |

BLOCKS 20/21. REASON FOR DISCHARGE/TYPE OF MATERIALS DISCHARGED

In order to complete the closure of the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond, Kentucky Power will need to undertake certain construction activities that require discharge of fill materials into waters determined to be jurisdictional streams and wetlands. Specifically, the following activities will occur:

1. Installation of Fly Ash Pond Cap System:

The existing fly ash pond will be required to be graded and filled as part of construction of the fly ash pond cap system. Based on the design of the fly ash pond cap system, no jurisdictional wetlands will be filled as a result of the construction activities associated with the closure cap. A total of 38 jurisdictional streams outside the permitted pool level for the fly ash pond, totaling approximately 2,349 feet in length, need to be filled as a result of the closure cap construction. Contouring fill for the streams will primarily consist of regraded fly ash and bottom ash from the existing fly ash pond, excavated materials from the lowered dams, and the Big Sandy Plant fly ash stock pile. Additional soil material from the borrow areas will be used as contouring fill, as needed. An estimated 70.4 cubic yards of fill will be needed within the streams within the cap system.

2. Excavation of Borrow Area:

Fill material beyond what is available within the existing fly ash pond footprint, lowered dams, or bottom ash stock pile at the Plant will be needed for the completion of the fly ash pond cap system. Available soil material from the hillside borrow areas to the north and south of the Project site is estimated to total approximately 604,000 cubic yards. No wetlands or streams will be impacted as a result of borrow area and excavation. A portion of a jurisdictional pond, totaling 0.1 acres, is located within the borrow area and will be impacted as a result of excavation of soil.

3. <u>Reconstruction of the Main Dam and Saddle Dam Spillways:</u>

Lowering the main and saddle dams along with constructing new spillways will require the surrounding areas to be filled and graded. The main dam spillway will require an overcut of two feet be made, and the entire top surface will be covered with 18 inches of compacted clay followed by 6 inches of vegetative cover soil. The main dam spillway will completed with a combination of rip-rap and concrete. The saddle dam will be completely removed and replaced with a combination rock-cut and concrete-lined spillway. A total of seven jurisdictional wetlands, totaling 0.41 acres, will be filled due to construction of the Project's new spillways. A total of five jurisdictional streams, totaling approximately 1,722 feet in length, will be filled at the new main dam and saddle dam construction areas. The wetlands and streams in this area will be filled with a combination of excavated materials from the lowering of the dams, rip-rap, and concrete. An estimated 227.7 cubic yards of fill will be needed within the streams for the grading and spillway construction.



BLOCK 22. SURFACE AREAS IN ACRES OF WETLANDS/OTHER WATERS FILLED

Within the limits of disturbance of the Project site, seven wetlands will be impacted by the Project. A cumulative total of approximately **0.41 acres** of wetland will be impacted; the individual impact to each wetland is documented in Table 1 below. Wetland 8 is within the limits of disturbance; however, it is also located within the permitted limits of the maximum operating pool elevation for the Fly Ash Pond (i.e., non-jurisdictional water). Detailed descriptions of the wetlands delineated onsite, including Wetland 8, are included in Section 4.0 of the Project Summary and the attached Wetland Delineation Report provided in Appendix B of this application.

| INITACTED JURISDICTIONAL WEILANDS WITHIN THE IROJECT LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Wetland Name | Cowardin Wetland Type ^a | ORAM Score ^b | ORAM Category | Impacted Acreage within Limits of Disturbance | | |
| Wetland 10 | PEM | 23 | 1 | 0.02 | | |
| Wetland 11 | PEM | 23 | 1 | 0.05 | | |
| Wetland 12 | PEM | 22 | 1 | 0.02 | | |
| Wetland 13 | PEM | 29 | 1 | 0.03 | | |
| Wetland 14 | PEM/PSS | 47 | 2 | 0.21 | | |
| Wetland 15 | PEM | 21.5 | 1 | 0.06 | | |
| Wetland 16 | PEM/PSS | 32.5 | 2 | 0.02 | | |
| Total: 7 Wetlands | 5 PE | 0.41 | | | | |

 TABLE 1

 IMPACTED JURISDICTIONAL WETLANDS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE

^a: PEM = palustrine emergent, PSS = palustrine scrub/shrub

^b: ORAM= Ohio Rapid Assessment Method

Within the limits of disturbance, a portion of a jurisdictional pond, totaling 0.1 acres, is located within the borrow area and will be impacted as a result of excavation of soil. A description of the pond is included in and the attached Wetland Delineation Report provided in Appendix B of this application.

Within the limits of disturbance, 43 streams will be impacted by the Project. A cumulative total of approximately **4,071 linear feet** of stream will be impacted. The 43 streams are comprised of 29 ephemeral stream (totaling approximately 1,848 feet), 12 intermittent streams (totaling 1,536 feet), and two perennial streams (totaling 687 feet).

Impacted streams are summarized in Table 2 below. Detailed descriptions of the streams delineated onsite are included in Section 4.0 of the Project Summary of this application and the attached Wetland Delineation Report provided in Appendix B.



| Stream Name | Flow Regime | RBP Score ^a | Stream Quality or Description | Linear Feet of Stream Impact within Limits of Disturbance |
|-------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Stream 01 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 43 |
| Stream 02 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 45 |
| Stream 03 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 43 |
| Stream 04 | Intermittent | 103 | Marginal | 436 |
| Stream 05 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 70 |
| Stream 06 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 27 |
| Stream 07 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 23 |
| Stream 08 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 48 |
| Stream 09 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 57 |
| Stream 10 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 28 |
| Stream 11 | Intermittent | NA | High Gradient Stream | 201 |
| Stream 11a | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 61 |
| Stream 11c | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 72 |
| Stream 11e | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 55 |
| Stream 12 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 49 |
| Stream 13 | Intermittent | 96 | Marginal | 142 |
| Stream 17 | Intermittent | NA | High Gradient Stream | 1 |
| Stream 18 | Intermittent | 112 | Sub-Optimal | 191 |
| Stream 18a | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 59 |
| Stream 18b | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 56 |
| Stream 19 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 36 |
| Stream 20 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 273 |
| Stream 20a | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 40 |
| Stream 22 | Intermittent | NA | High Gradient Stream | 38 |
| Stream 23 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 84 |
| Stream 23a | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 61 |
| Stream 30 | Perennial | 89 | Marginal | 540 |
| Stream 31 | Intermittent | 62 | Marginal | 364 |
| Stream 32 | Intermittent | 80 | Marginal | 312 |
| Stream 33 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 1 |
| Stream 34 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 90 |
| Stream 34a | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 30 |
| Stream 35 | Intermittent | NA | High Gradient Stream | 7 |
| Stream 35b | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 1 |

TABLE 2 IMPACTED JURISDICTIONAL STREAMS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE





| IMPACTED JURISDICTIONAL STREAMS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Stream Name | Flow Regime | RBP Score ^a | Stream Quality or Description | Linear Feet of Stream Impact within Limits of Disturbance | |
| Stream 39 | Intermittent | NA | High Gradient Stream | 36 | |
| Stream 40 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 16 | |
| Stream 41 | Intermittent | NA | High Gradient Stream | 103 | |
| Stream 43 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 84 | |
| Stream 44 | Perennial | 142 | Sub-Optimal | 147 | |
| Stream 46 | Intermittent | NA | High Gradient Stream | 71 | |
| Stream 48 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 9 | |
| Stream 55 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | 20 | |
| Stream 64 | Ephemeral | NA | High Gradient Stream | <1 | |
| Total: 43 Streams | 29 Eph | 4,071 | | | |

TABLE 2 IMPACTED JURISDICTIONAL STREAMS WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE

^a: RBP = Rapid Bioassessment Protocol, NA = Not Applicable

BLOCK 23. DESCRIPTION OF AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND COMPENSATION

Since the beginning of the Project, Kentucky Power has sought to avoid and minimize impacts to the onsite wetland and waterbody resources. Due to the nature of the Project and proximity of delineated ecological features, impacts to some of the wetlands and streams onsite are unavoidable. Where impacts were avoidable, Kentucky Power considered design alternatives that reduced the impacts to the extent possible. For example, Kentucky Power worked with contractors to minimize the extent of the overall closure cap size and amount of fill needed from borrow areas. The downsizing or relocation of borrow areas and closure cap size has allowed for avoidance or significant minimization of the overall impacts to wetlands and streams throughout the Project boundary. Particularly, no jurisdictional wetlands will be filled as a result of grading/filling activities associated with the cap, and no wetlands or streams will be impacted as a result of the borrow area excavation. This avoidance and minimization is further depicted with the successively smaller boundaries of planned limits of disturbance that were conceptually designed in April 2013, July 2014, and December 2014, respectively, shown in Figure 3 in Attachment A.

Ecological surveys identified 17 wetlands totaling approximately 1.64 acres, 154 streams totaling 42,421 linear feet, and a 0.24-acre pond within the Project survey boundary. Following avoidance and minimization, approximately 0.41 acres of wetland, approximately 4,071 linear feet of stream, and 0.01 acres of pond will be unavoidably impacted for construction of the Project. The tables in Section 4.1.1 provide a summary of jurisdictional waters within the Project survey boundary and a comparison of areas that were avoided or where impacts were minimized.

Wetland, pond, and stream impacts will be mitigated through a wetland and stream mitigation program determined to be acceptable by the Agency. Kentucky Power is currently evaluating several options in collaboration with Ecosystem Investment Partners (EIP), owner of the USACE approved Eastern Kentucky Stream Mitigation Bank, for stream and wetland mitigation within the Big Sandy Watershed. At this time, credits are not available from the Eastern Kentucky Stream Mitigation Bank, but are planned to become available for use for mitigation associated with this Project in 2016. Therefore, Kentucky Power requests the 404 permit is conditionally approved pending this conceptual mitigation plan for the approximately 0.41 acres of unavoidable wetland, 4,071 linear feet of jurisdictional stream, and 0.1 acres of pond impacts from the Project.

A stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWP3) will be developed for the Project prior to start of construction activities. The plan will include provisions for placement of sediment and erosion controls at all locations where soil disturbance activities will be conducted in and adjacent to waters of the U.S. These erosion controls will be designed to prevent sediment laden water from flowing offsite into adjacent waterways. Kentucky Power is committed to the use of appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize stormwater pollution and any erosion/sedimentation-related impacts at the site. As a





result, there should be little to no adverse impact to the environment related to development and operation of the proposed Project.

BLOCK 25. ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS/LESSEES

| Property Index | Name | Address | City, State, Zip | Telephone Number | Source |
|---|---|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------|
| 089-00-00-001.00 | Crabtree, Bill R. & Phyllis L. | 1564 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-002.00 | Ross, Bill & Kathy | 1746 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41231 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-002.01 | Pelfrey, Paula G. | 7415 S. Dayton Brandt Rd. | Tipp City, OH 45371 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-003.00 | Gilliam, Deborah Sue (Rice) | 2045 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-004.00 | Smith, John W. & Patricia M. | PO Box 887 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-004.01 | Smith, John Michael | 10 Fort Bishop Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-005.00 | Rice, Jack A. | 2014 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-006.00 | Caudill, Sandra & Michael Anthony | 2363 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-007.00 | Caudill, Michael Anthony & Sandra L. | 2363 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-008.00 | Longstreth, Robert F. & Cindy | 2481 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-009.00 | West, North & Sarah Estate c/o Noah West | 109 S Boone St. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-009.01 | West, Freddie & Ruth Ann | 2484 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-009.02 | Hylton, Gary | 186 Rhubens Branch Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-009.03 | Longstreth, Ryan D. & Rebecca | 2539 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-009.05 089-00-00-009.05 L001 | Longstreth, Ryan D. | 2539 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-010.00 | Caudill, Katherine | 2575 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-011.00 | West, Freddie & Ruth Ann | 2741 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-012.00 | West, Larry & Kathy | 2805 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-012.00 L002 | West, Bobby or Shawna | 2831 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-013.00 | West, Sandy & et al. | 2889 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-014.00 | Marshall, Michael B. & Diannia L. | 2955 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | |
| 089-00-00-015.00 | Compton, Ted R. | 3339 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-016.00 | Compton, Cemetery | 2nd Rad Road | Athens, OH 45701 | - | PVA |

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| | c/o Ted Compton | | | | |
| 089-00-00-020.00 | Brooks, August SR & Norma F. | 4144 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-025.00 | Holbrook, Allen S. & Melissa | 1071 Mill Branch Rd. | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-028.00 | Courtney, Nellie | 54 Buchanan Chapel Rd. | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| 089-00-00-029.00 | Arnett, Samuel J. Tilden | 3200 Louisa Heights | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-000.00 | Walker, Jeff | 20754 Highway 23 | Louisa, KY 41230 | 606-686- 3310 | KPCo/PVA |
| 090-00-00-001.00 | Sunrise Development Inc. | PO Box 889 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-001.01 | Herbert Wells Trust "A" DBA Wells Building | PO Box 28 | West Liberty, KY 41472 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-001.02 | WasteQuip Manufacturing Co. | 1901 Roxborough Rd Ste 300 | Charlotte, NC 28211 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-001.03 | Wells Building | PO Box 28 | West Liberty, KY 41472 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-001.04 | Page, Ashley T. & Jasmine J. | PO Box 317 | Lucasville, OH 45648 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-001.05 | Big Sandy Resouces, Inc | 31 Emerald Lane | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-001.06 | Horn, Brian A & Melissa L | 7844 Tucker Rd | Ashland, KY 41102 | _ | PVA |
| 090-00-00-001.07 | McElfresh, Donald & Jackie | 365 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-002.00 | Kanawha River Terminals | PO Box 308 | Ceredo, WV 25704 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-002.01 | | 10 Dox 500 | | | 1 1 1 |
| 090-00-00-006.00 | Meek, Phillip K. II & Tasina Sparks | 623 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-006.00 L001 | Holbrook, Shawn | 595 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-006.01 | Mollette, Eric | 2294 Rockhouse Rd. | Tomahawk, KY 41262 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-007.02 | Brown, Sharon | 7820 N Hwy 201 | Webbville, KY 41180 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-007.02 L001 | Howard, Sonya R | 26 Horseford Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-007.03 | Hall, Clina & Vada & Delsie Paulson | PO Box 1217 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-007.03 L002 | Hall, Clina & Vada | PO Box 1217 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-007.04 | Spillman, Crystal | 1038 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-007.05 | Kazee David & Crystal S. | 1038 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-007.50 | Waller, William Jeff | 20754 Hwy 23 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-008.00 | Hogston, Vickie G. | 202 Bishop Knob Rd. | Webbville, KY 41180 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-012.00 | Fry, Anne Thompson& Mary Beth | 5156 Salem Hills Lane | Cincinnati, OH 45230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-012.02 | Hall, Earnest | #7 Twin Oaks Ln. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-012.03 | Bowen, William H. & Judith | 201 Twin Oaks Ln. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-012.04 | Howell, Kevin & Pamela | 22 Twin Oak Ln. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-012.05 | Howell, Kevin22 Twin Oak Ln.Louisa, KY 41230 | | - | PVA | |
| 090-00-00-013.00 | Maynard Cemetery c/o Melinda Christian | 2634 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-013.01 | Guy, Troy & Tanya Copley | 2134 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-013.02 | Maynard, Ellen | 1584 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-013.03 | Fissler, Steve & Ruth | 1612 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |





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| 090-00-00-013.04 | Maynard, Donnie | 4211 Boxwood Ln. | Independence, KY 41051 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-013.05 | Elliot, Fonnie | 14947 Brown Rd. | Verona, KY 41092 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-013.06 | Elliott, Allen Wayne | 14947 Brown Rd. | Verona, KY 41092 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-013.07 | Christian, Melinda | 2637 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-013.08 | Moore, Teresa | 266 Sundown Ln. | Louisa, KY 41230 | _ | PVA |
| 090-00-00-013.11 | Ward, Ryan | 256 Twin Oak Ln. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.00 | Saul, Danny & Frances | 4347 Left Fork Little Blaine Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.01 | Messer, Homer C. & Amanda Lou | 3597 Fullers Ridge Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.02 | Kidd, George B. & Angela | PO Box 71 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.03 | Blankenship, Larry & Naomi | 1655 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.05 | Spiert, Jeffery & Lisa | 1597 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.06 | Burton, Charley J. & Misty M. | 703 Horseford Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.07 | Fallsburg Fire Department | 116 Horseshoe Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.08 | Kidd, George B. | PO Box 71 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.11 | Holt, Joe E. & Debbie K. | 1147 Fallsburg Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-015.20 | Belcher, Jerry & Irene | 751 Old Horseford Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-017.00 | Kanawha River Terminals, Inc. | PO Box 308 | Ceredo, WV 25507 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-023.00 | Michael, Eddie W. & Susan | 206 Perry St. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-028.00 | Branham Construction Co | 7724 Johnson Fork | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-029.00 | Cox, Jason & Julia | P.O. Box 135 | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-030.00 | Kirk, Robert W & Bonnie L. Estate c/o Sandy Riddle | 401 Four Mile Rd. | Rush, KY 41168 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-031.00 | Darby, James A. & Helen V. | 959 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-032.00 | Brooks, Byrd & Barbara | 1059 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-033.00 | Maynard, Charles & Linda Sue | 1115 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-034.00 | Lowe, George A. & Dianne Lynne | 1148 Blaine Creek | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-035.00 | Robinson, Thomas & Barbara | 1117 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-036.00 | Smith, Richard M. | 1300 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-037.00 | Workman, Keith Allen & Aimee J. | 1165 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-037.01 | Workman, Keith Allen & Aimee J. | 1165 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-037.01 L001 | Workman, Richard | 1191 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 090-00-00-039.00 | Kitts, Brandon C. & Brittany | 1382 Blaine Creek | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |

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Caudill, John M. & Trinka

Moore, Timothy & Laura

Caudill, Brad & Jessica

Darby, James A. & Helen

Cordle, Camra & Brandon

Feltner, Kimberly Joann

Marcum, Joseph E. &

King, Johnnie Dale Jr.

Kinner, Sharon Hinkle

Smith, Gregory A.

Newsome, Gene & Paulette

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Jenkins, Earl J. & Bobbie L.

Darby, James A. & Helen

Cordle, Dianne

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| | R. | Rd. | | |
| 090-00-00-039.01 | Smith, Richard M. | 1300 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-039.02 | Smith, Richard Mark | 1300 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-040.00 | Skaggs, Buell E. & Bobby c/o Ronald Skaggs | 101 Chippiwa Trail | Crestview, FL 32536 | - |
| 090-00-00-040.01 | Johnson, Donald E. & Sharon K. | 1407 Moss Court | Mt. Sterling, KY 40353 | - |
| 090-00-00-041.00 | Mabry, James II & Summer | 1410 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-042.00 | Layne Cemetery | | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-043.00 | Butcher, Belinda | PO Box 413 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-044.00 | Ward, Lester | 1500 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-044.01 | West, Freddie & Ruth Ann | 2741 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-045.00 | Hamilton, Carol Sue | 1487 Blaine Creek Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-049.00 | Fry, Anne Thompson& Mary Beth | 5156 Salem Hills Lane | Cincinnati, OH 45230 | - |
| 090-00-00-049.01 | Bevins, James Robert & Cheryl Louise | PO Box 1205 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-049.02 | Crum, Brian K & Stephanie L. | 815 Old Horseford Rd. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |
| 090-00-00-049.03 | Caudill, Minard Bruce | PO Box 161 | Louisa, KY 41230 | - |

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533 Blaine Creek Rd.

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184 Woodbine Dr.

7011 Durbin Rd.

557 Blaine Creek

PO Box 1526

3139 Fullers Ridge

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| 104-00-00-005.18 | Unknown | | | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-005.20 | Hatten, Elizabeth L. | 1438 Louise Dr. | Ashland, KY 41102 | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-006.00 | Carter, Joseph E. Revocable Trust & Teresa M. Carter | 15927 Ivywood Dr. | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-007.00 | R&J Development Co. | PO Box 301 | Warfield, KY 41267 | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-007.00 L001 | R&J Development Co. | PO Box 301 | Warfield, KY 41267 | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-008.00 | Caltapa Church c/o Larry G. Maynard | 195 Heron Dr. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-009.00 | Caltapa Church (Cemetery) c/o Larry G. Maynard | 195 Heron Dr. | Louisa, KY 41230 | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-010.00 | Unknown | | | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-014.00 | Hart, Joe A. | 24555 Highway 23 | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-014.01 | Riverside Generating Company LLC | 1000 Louisiana St. Ste. 5800 | Houston, TX 77002 | - | PVA |
| 104-00-00-015.00 | Hart, Joe & Patton R. | 24555 Highway 23 | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| 130-00-00-001.00 | Hart, Joe A. | 24555 Highway 23 | Catlettsburg, KY 41129 | - | PVA |
| | Commonwealth of Kentucky | 120 Limestone St. | Frankfort, KY 40620 | 502-564- 8338 | KPCo |
| | | Main Street and River | | - | |
| | Kanawha River Terminals | PO Box 309 | Ceredo, WV 25704 | 304-526- 0700 | KPCo |

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BLOCK 26. OTHER AGENCIES APPROVALS/PERMITS NEEDED

Kentucky Power has not started any portion of closure activities to date. The closure activities are currently in the final design stage. As such, Kentucky Power is currently pursuing permits and regulatory approvals needed for construction and closure. Listed below are the environmental permit applications that Kentucky Power is in the process of obtaining:

| LIST OF OTHER CERTIFICATES AND APPROVALS | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|--|--|
| AGENCY/PERMIT | TYPE APPROVAL | IDENTIFICATION NUMBER | DATE APPLIED | DATE APPROVED | DATE DENIED | | |
| KYDEP Special Waste Landfill Permit | Permit | APE20130002 | 7/9/2013 | Ongoing | | | |
| KYDEP Permit to Construct Across or Along a Stream and/or Water Quality Certification- Dam Modification | Permit | 20872 | 2/24/2014 | 5/8/2014 | | | |
| KYDEP Permit to Construct Across or Along a Stream and/or Water Quality Certification- Floodplain, Wetlands, and Stream Impacts | Permit | | 2/2015 Concurrently with 404 Application | Ongoing | | | |
| KYDEP Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) Permit KY0000221 Modification | Permit | KY0000221 | by 12/31/2015 | | | | |
| US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Section 7 of Endangered Species Act Consultation | Concurrence | FWS 2012-B-0544 | 2/11/2015 | Ongoing | | | |
| Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Consultation | Concurrence | KHC # 42219-3 | 7/23/2014 | 8/14/2014 | | | |

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| LIST OF OTHER CERTIFICATES AND APPROVA | LS |

A Permit to Construct Across or Along a Stream and/or Water Quality Certification was submitted to the KYDEP on February 24, 2014 for work strictly related to lowering the main dam as part of this Project. A separate Permit to Construct Across or Along a Stream and/or Water Quality Certification will be submitted concurrently with this application for the remainder of the work related to impacts to wetlands, streams, and work within the floodplain.

A renewal application for the KPDES permit was submitted in 2005. A draft permit has yet to be issued. Therefore, the facility is currently operating under the permit that became effective in 2003. As part of





this Project, a modification will be submitted to the agency to account for changes to process operations and outfalls at the facility. Particularly, the modification will include information relating to this Project, as well as the conversion of the facility from coal burning to gas burning. Because major planning and engineering is still ongoing with the gas conversion project, the KPDES permit modification is anticipated to be submitted to the Agency no later than December 31, 2015.



Project Summary



1.0 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Kentucky Power Company, an operating company for AEP, URS is submitting an Individual Permit Application Packet in compliance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for construction activities associated with the permanent closure of the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond located in Lawrence County, Kentucky. Kentucky Power owns and operates the 1,097 MW coal combustion Big Sandy Plant on the west bank of the Big Sandy River. Currently, coal combustion fly ash and other wastewaters from the power generation facility are wet-sluiced to the Big Sandy Fly Ash pond for treatment and disposal. The pond is impounded by the Horseford Creek Dam located approximately 0.75-miles northwest of the plant. In accordance to Federal Regulations for wet CCP impoundments, Kentucky Power will permanently close the Plant's 130-acre wet fly ash pond; which is referred to as the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond Closure Project (Project). A Site Vicinity Map (Figure 1) is provided in Appendix A.

The Big Sandy Plant currently plans to decommission Unit 2 and convert Unit 1 to natural gas in 2016. As a result, the Plant will discontinue wet-sluicing to the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond and, the pond will no longer be needed for wastewater or fly ash management. Kentucky Power will permanently close the Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond by draining free water and capping ash in place.

1.1 SITE SUMMARY

The Big Sandy Fly Ash Pond is a reservoir that was created by damming the valley of Horseford Creek prior to 1970. The fly ash pond is impounded by the Horseford Creek Dam (main dam) and a saddle dam on the right upstream abutment. The main dam is identified as Kentucky Dam ID 0367 (National Inventory of Dams ID KY00367). According to Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 151, KYDEP Engineering Memo No. 5 (adopted 02-01-1975), Section B and KAR 401:030 – Design Criteria for Dams Associated Structures, the KYDEP has classified the main dam as a high hazard. The saddle dam has not been classified by the KYDEP as a separate structure. The saddle dam contains the existing emergency spillway to the main dam.

The Horseford Creek valley is relatively steeply incised and has three distinct segments trending in different directions. The pond is a U-shape configuration starting in the upstream portion, the valley trend is first to the southeast, then east, and finally north as it contributes to the larger Blaine Creek valley. The central, east-trending portion of the valley/pond receives sluiced coal combustion products (CCPs) and wastewater from the Plant, leaving open water in the main upstream and the downstream segments as well as in a small contributory branch to the east-southeast (saddle dam).





CCPs generated by the plant are transported by wet sluicing methods to the 130-acre pond, which is retained by the main dam (crest elevation approximately 711 feet msl). The pond began receiving CCPs and wastewater in 1970, and has been regulated under the CWA through the KPDES program.

The current length of the pond centerline from the crest of the earthen embankment to the upstream end of the upper pool is approximately 7,800 feet. The pond, as currently configured, covers a total of approximately 140 acres consisting of approximately 40 acres of open water and 100 acres of exposed or vegetated ash (please note, only 130 acres is jurisdictional).

The upstream surface water pool elevation is roughly 685 feet msl, whereas the downstream pool elevation is roughly 670 feet msl. The depth of the water within the open water portions of the pond is reported up to 42 feet, with the thickness of the ash deposits documented up to approximately 130 feet. Vegetated ash in the central portion ranges in elevation from approximately 670 to 685 feet msl.

The final elevation of CCP material at closure is highly dependent on the amount of coal burned between now and the time of closure. This is directly related to electricity demand, balancing of loads with other regional power plants, and the ash content of the coal burned. All of these factors will vary as the Big Sandy Plant continues to burn coal. CCP elevations for the closure design are conservative and based on the most recent surveys conducted to date.

2.0 PROPOSED SITE ACTIVITIES

2.1 CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

The proposed construction of the Project is divided into four phases, which spans multiple years. Refer to Block 18 for detailed information on each construction phase.

For descriptive purposes, the Project can be divided into five discrete construction activities:

Installation of Fly Ash Pond Cap System:

Groundwater generally follows existing surface topography towards the Horseford Dam (down valley), roughly mimicking the current process water flow. The dam restricts and retains water (surface and subsurface) from the facility. A clay cut-off wall was incorporated into the dam during its original construction and subsequent raisings, which impedes water from leaving the impoundment.

The installation of the closure cap system is intended to restrict water from percolating into the CCP mass by providing an engineered barrier to stormwater. A geosynthetic cap system was selected for use to minimize concerns due to settlement and compaction.





The Geosynthetic cap system consists of:

- Flexible membrane liner
- Geocomposite drainage layer
- 24 inches of protective cover soil, with the top 6 inches capable of supporting vegetative cover

The closure cap system detail drawing is provided in Figure 2B within Appendix A.

Mass Grading and Excavation of Borrow Areas:

Fly ash excavated from deep cut areas will be placed in the western end of the pond to create the cap system berm. Existing fly ash will regraded to create the cap system subgrades. Excavated material from the main dam and saddle dam will be separated; clay material will be used in the cap system and bottom ash from the dams and Plant stockpile will used to meet cap system subgrades. Additional material may be needed for completion of the fly ash pond cap system. A borrow study was performed by URS to identify a borrow site(s) suitable for the potential needs of the Project. It was concluded that the hillsides to the north and south of the fly ash pond would provide adequate soil materials for the Project. Available soil material from the borrow areas site is estimated to total approximately 604,000 cubic yards. The borrow area location is provided in Figures 2A and 2B within Appendix A.

Installation of Ash Pond Pore Water Management System:

The Project design incorporates a piping system to manage surges in pore water pressure caused by water levels rising below the cap system. This passive system will assist in mitigating soft areas from developing in the area of the pipes, thereby aiding in the construction of the cap system.

Six-inch pore water drain pipes, located in the middle of a two-foot bottom ash layer in the proposed stormwater channels, will direct water to a sump and pump station near the saddle dam. Water collected in the sump will be pumped to the main dam pool using a forcemain. The water level at the main dam will subsequently be lowered by removing stop logs at the existing Outfall 001 inlet structure or by the use of pumps and siphons.

Following construction, pore water drain pipes will continue to collect seepage beneath the cap system. The current design conveys collected pore water to the sump located near the existing saddle dam. Pore water will then be pumped via forcemain and stored in an area conceptually located adjacent to the main dam. Future engineering evaluations will determine the final capacity, location, and necessary treatment, if any, for pore water. The location of the pore water drainage pipe system is provided in Figure 2A within Appendix A.





Modification to Main and Saddle Dams:

The main dam will be lowered to final elevation of 656 feet msl and a new spillway to manage postconstruction stormwater will be constructed. The main dam spillway will require that an overcut of two feet be made, and the entire top surface will be covered with 18 inches of compacted clay, followed by 6 inches of vegetative cover soil. The main dam spillway will be completed with a combination of rip-rap and concrete. The saddle dam will be completely removed and replaced with a combination rock-cut and concrete-lined spillway to also manage post-construction stormwater. The main dam spillway and saddle dam spillway plan and profiles are provided in Figures 2D-2E within Appendix A.

Interim Stormwater Management:

Stormwater will continue to be directed to the main dam for discharge via Outfall 001 under the current KPDES permit until the main spillway and the saddle dam spillway are constructed. Specifically, during construction, stormwater collected in the sump near the saddle dam will be pumped to the main dam pool for discharge.

3.0 GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY

3.1

PHYSIOGRAPHY AND TOPOLOGY

The Project area is located in the Cumberland Plateau Region of Eastern Kentucky. The Cumberland Plateau is characterized by relatively steep mountain ravines eroded by water through flat-lying sequences of Pennsylvanian age sedimentary rocks (USGS, 2001). The Project site is comprised of valley and ridges along the flanks of Horseford Creek, a tributary of Blaine Creek. According to the Fallsburg, Kentucky 7.5-minute series topographic map, site elevations range from approximately 900 feet msl near the southwest corner of the site to approximately 540 feet msl along the floodplain of Blaine Creek.

3.1.1 Site Geology

According to the geologic maps of the Fallsburg Quandrangle, Kentucky-West Virginia and the Pritchard Quadrangle in Kentucky, the area below the fly ash pond consists of Quaternary age alluvial deposits of sand and silt. The flanks of the impoundment are mapped as siltstone, limestone, and sandstone of the Middle Pennsylvanian age Breathitt Formation, which is overlain by similar material of the Upper Pennsylvanian Conemaugh and Monongahela Formations. The Princess Number 7 coal bed (approximately 2 feet thick) is mapped within the Breathitt Formation, with outcrops occurring at an elevation of approximately 600 feet msl (USGS, 1967).





3.1.2 Soils

At the lowest elevations of the property, along Blaine Creek, soils are mapped as Grigsby fine sandy loam. Grigsby soils are described as very deep and well-drained with moderately rapid permeability. Grigsby soils are formed from alluvium and occur on floodplains.

Along the flanks of the ridges, above the floodplain and valley floors, soils are mapped as Vandalia-Beech complex 20 to 60 percent slopes. Vandalia-Beech soils are described as very deep, well-drained, with slow permeability. These soils form along mountainsides from colluvium of shale, siltstone, and sandstone.

Soils higher up along the flanks of the hills are mapped as Upshur-Reardon complex. These soils are described as deep, well-drained with slow permeability. These soils form along mountainsides from residuum of shale and siltstone.

Soils along a small area of the Project site near the southwest corner of the property are mapped as Shelocta-Hazleton-Fredscreek complex. These soils are described as deep, well-drained with moderate permeability. Shelocta soils form from mixed colluvium and residuum of acid shale, siltstone, and sandstone (USDA, 2005).

According to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Grigsby soils (mapped along Blaine Creek), are the only soils in the study area listed as hydric. Distribution and locations of mapped soils across the property are illustrated in Figure 2 of the Wetland Delineation Report within Appendix B.

3.1.3 Hydrology

The Project area is located in the Big Sandy River watershed area. As previously discussed, the Project site is centered around Horseford Creek, which empties into Blaine Creek located downstream of the dam of the ash pond. Blaine Creek, in turn, meanders approximately two miles to the east, where it empties into the Big Sandy River.

The primary source of groundwater in the region is identified as the Appalachian Plateaus aquifer system (Lloyd and Lyke, 1995). The lithology of this aquifer is described as primarily shale associated with the Conemaugh Formation grading with increasing occurrences of sandstone, siltstone, and some coal measures associated with the Breathitt Formation. Groundwater occurrence within the Pennsylvanian aquifer is primarily in fractures recharged by precipitation. Coal seam underclays and other low permeability lithologic units may serve as barriers to downward migration of groundwater. As a result, groundwater in the area will travel laterally on top of these units until commonly expressed as groundwater fed streams, springs, and seeps at locations where these lower permeability lithologic units are expressed at or near the ground surface. In





contrast, the uppermost groundwater in the region generally occurs relatively near the ground surface (generally within the upper 15 to 50 feet) in the porosity of the residual soil, the weathered bedrock, and/or the somewhat deeper fractured bedrock, depending on the local dynamics of groundwater recharge and discharge. Groundwater in this environment generally flows in a direction parallel to the topographic slope toward the valley bottoms, and may be observed at ground surface as surface seeps or small springs where resistant beds push it laterally to the surface.

The local hydrogeology closely matches regional expectations, with uppermost groundwater encountered at the unconsolidated soil/bedrock interface or within the fractured bedrock below this interface. Movement of uppermost groundwater at the Project site is generally toward the lower topographic elevations, where the pond is located. The rate and volume of uppermost groundwater flow moving through a given location is primarily governed by the orientation and connectivity of fractures present. Surface expressions of groundwater flow within fractured bedrock were not observed with the exception of some small ephemeral seeps that flow for a period of time after rain events.

Within the valley bottom environment, groundwater may be found in the weathered/fractured bedrock, but it may also occur in the alluvial deposits, if they are porous and thick enough. Groundwater in the valley bottom environment is anticipated to generally flow in the downstream direction.

3.1.4 Seismicity

There are no major surface fault systems mapped in the Project area. The Kentucky River fault system is located east of Lawrence County and the Irvine-Paint Creek fault system is located southwest of Lawrence County (USGS, 2001).

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, has created an earthquake hazard map of the United States. Hazards are measured as the likelihood of experiencing earthquake shaking of various magnitudes. The study area is located in a seismic design category (SDC) zone B and near the border of Zone A. SDC B designates is an area that may experience shaking of a moderate degree. An SDC A is an area with a very small probability of experiencing earthquake damage.

Deep-seated seismic stability was evaluated for the most critical slope of the cap system, estimated as the 2H:1V slope assigned to the separator berm proposed to be installed north of the saddle dam, separating the upper pond from the lower pond. The seismic stability was performed to model an earthquake event with a 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years with a value of 0.12g acceleration used as the seismic coefficient in the psuedostatic analysis. Results of the seismic stability analyses indicate a factor of safety





of 1.94 for the separator berm. The factor of safety (1.94) exceeds the typical guidance value of 1.1, as provided in the U.S. Corps of Engineers' EM-1110-2-1902 "Slope Stability" manuals.

4.0 WETLANDS AND WATERBODIES

URS conducted a wetland delineation and stream assessment of the proposed Project area in May, June, and October 2012. The ecological surveys identified a total of 17 wetlands, totaling approximately 1.64 acres, 154 streams, totaling 42,420 linear feet, and one 0.24-acre pond within the approximately 602-acre Project survey boundary. Detailed descriptions of these features are included in the attached Wetland Delineation Report provided in Appendix B. The locations are shown on Figure 3 in Appendix B.

URS also prepared an addendum report to the original Wetland Delineation Report in January 2014 for the inclusion of an approximately 16 acre area to the north of the fly ash pond. URS did not identify any wetlands, streams, or ponds within the addendum survey area. The approximately 16-acre addendum survey area was observed as an upland ridge that primarily consisted of steep slopes with an oak-hickory canopy and moderate to heavy undergrowth. Copies of the initial Wetland Delineation Report and Addendum Report are provided in Appendix B.

On September 18, 2014, the USACE Louisville District approved the jurisdictional determination for the Project survey boundary submitted by Kentucky Power. The USACE verified that all 154 streams possess a significant nexus and are considered jurisdictional "waters of the U.S.". In addition, 12 wetlands and one open water feature were identified as adjacent to these tributaries and are also considered jurisdictional "waters of the U.S.". The USACE also determined that four isolated wetlands (Wetland 3, Wetland 4, Wetland 5, and Wetland 7) are not jurisdictional. A copy of the USACE Jurisdictional Determination is provided in Appendix C.

Based on subsequent conversations with the USACE following issuance of the determination, Kentucky Power would like to request an amendment to the Jurisdictional Determination verified by the Louisville District on September 18, 2014. Portions of various streams and one wetland (Wetland 8) delineated within the Project survey boundary are located within the permitted limits of the maximum operating pool elevation of the Fly Ash Pond. Therefore, the submitted lengths of several streams and Wetland 8 as originally provided in the delineation were inaccurately reported. The area within the maximum operating pool elevation was determined to be non-jurisdictional, and therefore some stream segments and Wetland 8 within these limits should not be considered jurisdictional or require mitigation for impacts. As such, we are requesting the USACE amend the determination to account for these inaccuracies. Table 4.0.1 contains both the original approved stream length within the Jurisdictional Determination and the newly revised stream lengths for all 154 streams that were delineated within the Project survey boundary.





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| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Latitude | Longitude | Original Approved Stream Length (linear feet) ^a | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b |
|----------------|----------------|--|-----------|------------|---|--|
| Stream 01 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18278 | -82.642085 | 402 | 365 |
| Stream 01a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18292 | -82.642209 | 176 | 176 |
| Stream 02 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182358 | -82.641507 | 411 | 389 |
| Stream 02a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182345 | -82.641158 | 157 | 157 |
| Stream 03 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182731 | -82.642327 | 313 | 289 |
| Stream 04 | Intermittent | Unnamed Intermittent (RPW) Tributary to Blaine Creek | 38.179875 | -82.625015 | 3,343 | 3,343 |
| Stream 05 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.179566 | -82.625246 | 70 | 70 |
| Stream 06 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.180497 | -82.640554 | 170 | 156 |
| Stream 07 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18074 | -82.64076 | 278 | 256 |
| Stream 08 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182257 | -82.642054 | 101 | 68 |
| Stream 09 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182792 | -82.64174 | 479 | 459 |
| Stream 09a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182594 | -82.641687 | 119 | 119 |
| Stream 09b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182694 | -82.64161 | 194 | 194 |
| Stream 10 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183665 | -82.644132 | 95 | 28 |
| Stream 11 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184825 | -82.643639 | 491 | 462 |
| Stream 11a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18441 | -82.643544 | 117 | 106 |
| Stream 11b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184944 | -82.643781 | 104 | 104 |
| Stream 11c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184638 | -82.64308 | 381 | 373 |
| Stream 11d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184545 | -82.64252 | 129 | 129 |
| Stream 11e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184364 | -82.644005 | 62 | 55 |
| Stream 12 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184279 | -82.644254 | 95 | 95 |
| Stream 13 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185593 | -82.648905 | 816 | 747 |
| Stream 13a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185804 | -82.648927 | 56 | 56 |
| Stream 13b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.186405 | -82.648953 | 306 | 306 |
| Stream 13c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.186111 | -82.649453 | 185 | 185 |

TABLE 4.0.1 ADJUSTED JUSIDICTIONAL DETERMINATION STREAM LENGTH WITHIN PROJECT SURVEY AREA





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|----------------|----------------|--|-----------|------------|---|--|
| Stream 14 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.177507 | -82.639347 | 183 | 183 |
| Stream 15 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.17573 | -82.642819 | 895 | 895 |
| Stream 15a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.176481 | -82.642261 | 47 | 47 |
| Stream 15b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.176163 | -82.642182 | 104 | 104 |
| Stream 15c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.176046 | -82.642318 | 173 | 173 |
| Stream 15d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.175778 | -82.642329 | 245 | 245 |
| Stream 15e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.175752 | -82.642651 | 61 | 61 |
| Stream 15f | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.175687 | -82.643729 | 646 | 646 |
| Stream 15g | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.175682 | -82.643372 | 275 | 275 |
| Stream 16 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.17767 | -82.642599 | 132 | 132 |
| Stream 17 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.179089 | -82.645326 | 797 | 797 |
| Stream 17a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.179664 | -82.644962 | 111 | 111 |
| Stream 17b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.179373 | -82.645296 | 112 | 112 |
| Stream 17c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.178786 | -82.646264 | 233 | 233 |
| Stream 18 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18225 | -82.648104 | 1,120 | 1,051 |
| Stream 18a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182426 | -82.64647 | 93 | 79 |
| Stream 18b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182388 | -82.646877 | 100 | 100 |
| Stream 18c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182425 | -82.647548 | 113 | 113 |
| Stream 18d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182362 | -82.647975 | 87 | 87 |
| Stream 18e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182258 | -82.648736 | 43 | 43 |
| Stream 18f | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182427 | -82.64916 | 114 | 114 |
| Stream 18g | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182275 | -82.649426 | 69 | 69 |
| Stream 19 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183625 | -82.646425 | 182 | 165 |
| Stream 20 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184248 | -82.649346 | 740 | 725 |
| Stream 20a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184416 | -82.648381 | 81 | 81 |

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|----------------|----------------|--|-----------|------------|---|--|
| Stream 20b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183988 | -82.649448 | 138 | 138 |
| Stream 20c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183736 | -82.64961 | 294 | 294 |
| Stream 21 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183258 | -82.637508 | 84 | 45 |
| Stream 22 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183653 | -82.63824 | 186 | 163 |
| Stream 23 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183783 | -82.638926 | 165 | 157 |
| Stream 23a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183776 | -82.63877 | 77 | 77 |
| Stream 24 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.181997 | -82.635548 | 177 | 75 |
| Stream 25 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182203 | -82.63839 | 415 | 386 |
| Stream 26 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.179403 | -82.624443 | 178 | 178 |
| Stream 27 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.179562 | -82.624478 | 154 | 154 |
| Stream 28 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.18034 | -82.624501 | 185 | 185 |
| Stream 29 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.180985 | -82.624289 | 138 | 138 |
| Stream 30 | Perennial | Unnamed tributary to Blaine Creek | 38.188125 | -82.633499 | 558 | 558 |
| Stream 31 | Intermittent | Unnamed Intermittent (RPW) Tributary to Blaine Creek | 38.188061 | -82.630791 | 371 | 371 |
| Stream 32 | Intermittent | Unnamed Intermittent (RPW) Tributary to Blaine Creek | 38.188102 | -82.631772 | 315 | 315 |
| Stream 33 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183828 | -82.6441 | 64 | 1 |
| Stream 34 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184202 | -82.643787 | 141 | 111 |
| Stream 34a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184134 | -82.643645 | 100 | 100 |
| Stream 35 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185591 | -82.646285 | 561 | 471 |
| Stream 35a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185921 | -82.645834 | 211 | 211 |
| Stream 35b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185204 | -82.6465 | 78 | 78 |
| Stream 36 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.177545 | -82.638531 | 280 | 280 |
| Stream 37 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.176969 | -82.642526 | 171 | 171 |
| Stream 38 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.17922 | -82.644498 | 279 | 279 |
| Stream 39 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.181365 | -82.645372 | 169 | 169 |





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|----------------|----------------|---|-----------|------------|---|--|
| Stream 40 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.1813 | -82.645778 | 157 | 157 |
| Stream 41 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.181378 | -82.645992 | 652 | 514 |
| Stream 41a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18117 | -82.646067 | 56 | 56 |
| Stream 42 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182146 | -82.648394 | 114 | 114 |
| Stream 43 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184011 | -82.647594 | 368 | 329 |
| Stream 44 | Perennial | Horseford Creek | 38.1842 | -82.649991 | 2,379 | 2,266 |
| Stream 44a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18488 | -82.650217 | 554 | 554 |
| Stream 44b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182484 | -82.653843 | 633 | 633 |
| Stream 44c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.181227 | -82.653997 | 232 | 232 |
| Stream 45 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183078 | -82.637348 | 93 | 37 |
| Stream 46 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18363 | -82.638883 | 432 | 245 |
| Stream 47 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182258 | -82.635048 | 48 | 48 |
| Stream 48 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183095 | -82.638419 | 73 | 46 |
| Stream 49 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.181963 | -82.637701 | 109 | 67 |
| Stream 50 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185788 | -82.635826 | 116 | 116 |
| Stream 51 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185756 | -82.635877 | 75 | 75 |
| Stream 52 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.181211 | -82.628042 | 47 | 47 |
| Stream 53 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182467 | -82.627866 | 64 | 64 |
| Stream 54 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182315 | -82.627723 | 39 | 39 |
| Stream 55 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184567 | -82.629622 | 88 | 68 |
| Stream 56 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.178126 | -82.633154 | 36 | 36 |
| Stream 57 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.178022 | -82.630229 | 43 | 43 |
| Stream 58 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.174032 | -82.647949 | 604 | 604 |
| Stream 59 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.174786 | -82.646863 | 881 | 881 |
| Stream 59a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.174412 | -82.646894 | 304 | 304 |





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|----------------|----------------|---|-----------|------------|---|--|
| Stream 60 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.176137 | -82.646625 | 692 | 692 |
| Stream 60a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.175762 | -82.647063 | 149 | 149 |
| Stream 61 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.180213 | -82.627552 | 31 | 31 |
| Stream 62 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182122 | -82.627641 | 70 | 66 |
| Stream 63 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.182254 | -82.627658 | 77 | 77 |
| Stream 64 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.184825 | -82.629898 | 77 | 51 |
| Stream 65 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185999 | -82.630599 | 19 | 19 |
| Stream 66 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.186103 | -82.630655 | 30 | 30 |
| Stream 67 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.178037 | -82.63036 | 51 | 51 |
| Stream 68 | Perennial | Unnamed Perennial Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.175615 | -82.647681 | 1,381 | 1,381 |
| Stream 68a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.174678 | -82.648721 | 92 | 92 |
| Stream 68b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.17473 | -82.648255 | 62 | 62 |
| Stream 68c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.17447 | -82.648223 | 224 | 224 |
| Stream 68d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.175023 | -82.647836 | 158 | 158 |
| Stream 68e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.174797 | -82.648466 | 69 | 69 |
| Stream 68f | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.175329 | -82.647784 | 68 | 68 |
| Stream 68g | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.174959 | -82.648427 | 130 | 130 |
| Stream 68h | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.17541 | -82.647479 | 200 | 200 |
| Stream 68i | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.17517 | -82.648242 | 104 | 104 |
| Stream 68j | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.175685 | -82.647456 | 102 | 102 |
| Stream 68k | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.175554 | -82.647476 | 139 | 139 |
| Stream 681 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.177244 | -82.647641 | 65 | 65 |
| Stream 68m | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.177145 | -82.647626 | 85 | 85 |
| Stream 68n | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.177322 | -82.647374 | 204 | 204 |





| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Latitude | Longitude | Original Approved Stream Length (linear feet) ^a | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b |
|----------------|----------------|---|-----------|------------|---|--|
| Stream 680 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.176957 | -82.647088 | 256 | 256 |
| Stream 68p | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.1764 | -82.647351 | 58 | 58 |
| Stream 68q | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.176428 | -82.646887 | 251 | 251 |
| Stream 68r | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.176653 | -82.647099 | 266 | 266 |
| Stream 69 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 38.176948 | -82.648002 | 412 | 412 |
| Stream 70 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183888 | -82.650984 | 442 | 442 |
| Stream 70a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183487 | -82.651216 | 75 | 75 |
| Stream 70b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.183499 | -82.650664 | 310 | 310 |
| Stream 71 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185572 | -82.653279 | 1,816 | 1,816 |
| Stream 71a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185856 | -82.652998 | 262 | 262 |
| Stream 71b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.18583 | -82.653492 | 131 | 131 |
| Stream 71c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.186375 | -82.654015 | 548 | 548 |
| Stream 71d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.1858 | -82.654716 | 440 | 440 |
| Stream 71e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185899 | -82.655866 | 81 | 81 |
| Stream 71f | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 38.185596 | -82.655933 | 222 | 222 |
| Stream 72 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.181433 | -82.624959 | 175 | 175 |
| Stream 73 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.182305 | -82.625104 | 210 | 210 |
| Stream 74 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.184755 | -82.626268 | 336 | 336 |
| Stream 75 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.185768 | -82.626399 | 108 | 108 |
| Stream 76 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.186226 | -82.626544 | 385 | 385 |
| Stream 77 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.185364 | -82.625733 | 36 | 36 |
| Stream 78 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.183861 | -82.624616 | 354 | 354 |
| Stream 78a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.183771 | -82.624265 | 120 | 120 |
| Stream 78b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.183921 | -82.62445 | 61 | 61 |
| Stream 78c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.184067 | -82.624865 | 96 | 96 |





| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Latitude | Longitude | Original Approved Stream Length (linear feet) ^a | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|-----------|------------|---|--|
| Stream 79 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.182304 | -82.623863 | 542 | 542 |
| Stream 79a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.182473 | -82.623487 | 391 | 391 |
| Stream 79aa | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.182373 | -82.622941 | 53 | 53 |
| Stream 80 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.186308 | -82.626727 | 132 | 132 |
| Stream 80a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 38.18624 | -82.62678 | 80 | 80 |
| Total: 154 Streams | | | | | 42,421 | 40,907 |

TABLE 4.0.1 ADJUSTED JUSIDICTIONAL DETERMINATION STREAM LENGTH WITHIN PROJECT SURVEY AREA

^a: Length approved by USACE Jurisdictional Determination in September 2014

^b: Based on linear feet of jurisdictional stream outside the permitted maximum operating pool limits of the Fly Ash Pond.

Of the 17 delineated wetlands, only seven wetlands, totaling **0.41 acres**, will be impacted as a result the Project. A cumulative total of approximately **4,071 linear feet** of jurisdictional stream will be impacted by the Project. Within the limits of disturbance of the Project site, approximately **0.01-acres** of pond will be impacted. Refer to the discussion under Block 22 for detailed information on Project impacts. An overview of the limits of disturbance for the Project and locations of delineated features within this area is illustrated on Figures 4 and 5 in Appendix A.

4.1 MITIGATION

4.1.1 Avoidance and Minimization

Refer to the discussion under Block 23 for detailed information on Project avoidance and minimization. Table 4.1.1.1 provides a list of the wetlands identified within the Project survey boundary. Information regarding Cowardin class, delineated acreage, and the acreage either avoided or minimized is provided. Similar tables are also provided for delineated streams and pond avoidance and minimization.

| DELINEATED WETLANDS WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Wetland Name | Cowardin Wetland Type ^a | Acreage within Project Survey Area | Impacted Acreage within Limits of Disturbance ^b | | | |
| Wetland 01 | PEM/PSS | 0.06 | NI | | | |
| Wetland 02 | PEM | 0.03 | NI | | | |

TABLE 4.1.1.1 DELINEATED WETLANDS WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA





| Wetland Name | Cowardin Wetland | Acreage within | Impacted Acreage within Limits of Disturbance ^b |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| | Type ^a | Project Survey Area | Limits of Disturbance |
| Wetland 03 | PEM | 0.08 | Not Jurisdictional |
| Wetland 04 | PEM | 0.14 | Not Jurisdictional |
| Wetland 05 | PEM | 0.11 | Not Jurisdictional |
| Wetland 06 | PEM/PSS | 0.03 | NI |
| Wetland 07 | PEM | 0.07 | Not Jurisdictional |
| Wetland 08 | PEM | 0.04 | Not Jurisdictional |
| Wetland 09 | PEM/PSS | 0.06 | NI |
| Wetland 10 | PEM | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Wetland 11 | PEM | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Wetland 12 | PEM | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Wetland 13 | PEM | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Wetland 14 | PEM/PSS | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| Wetland 15 | PEM | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Wetland 16 | PEM/PSS | 0.08 | 0.01 |
| Wetland 17 | PFO | 0.55 | NI |
| Total: 17 Wetlands | | 1.64 | 0.41 |

 TABLE 4.1.1.1

 DELINEATED WETLANDS WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA

 a : PEM = palustrine emergent, PSS = palustrine scrub/shrub, PFO = palustrine forested

^b: NI = No Impact

| DELINEATED STREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b Within Project Survey Area | Impacted Linear Feet within Limits of Disturbance ^c | |
| Stream 01 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 365 | 43 | |
| Stream 01a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 176 | NI | |
| Stream 02 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 389 | 45 | |
| Stream 02a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 157 | NI | |
| Stream 03 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 289 | 43 | |
| Stream 04 | Intermittent | Unnamed Intermittent (RPW) Tributary to Blaine Creek | 3,343 | 436 | |
| Stream 05 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 70 | 70 | |
| Stream 06 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 156 | 27 | |
| Stream 07 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 256 | 23 | |

TABLE 4.1.1.2 DELINEATED STREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA





| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b Within Project Survey Area | Impacted Linear Feet within Limits of Disturbance ^c |
|-------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Stream 08 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 68 | 48 |
| Stream 09 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 459 | 57 |
| Stream 09a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 119 | NI |
| Stream 09b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 194 | NI |
| Stream 10 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 28 | 28 |
| Stream 11 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 462 | 201 |
| Stream 11a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 106 | 61 |
| Stream 11b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 104 | NI |
| Stream 11c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 373 | 72 |
| Stream 11d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 129 | NI |
| Stream 11e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 55 | 55 |
| Stream 12 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 95 | 49 |
| Stream 13 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 747 | 142 |
| Stream 13a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 56 | NI |
| Stream 13b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 306 | NI |
| Stream 13c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 185 | NI |
| Stream 14 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 183 | NI |
| Stream 15 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 895 | NI |
| Stream 15a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 47 | NI |
| Stream 15b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 104 | NI |
| Stream 15c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 173 | NI |
| Stream 15d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 245 | NI |
| Stream 15e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 61 | NI |
| Stream 15f | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 646 | NI |
| Stream 15g | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 275 | NI |

 TABLE 4.1.1.2

 DELINEATED STREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA





| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b Within Project Survey Area | Impacted Linear Feet within Limits of Disturbance ^c |
|-------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Stream 16 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 132 | NI |
| Stream 17 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 797 | 1 |
| Stream 17a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 111 | NI |
| Stream 17b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 112 | NI |
| Stream 17c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 233 | NI |
| Stream 18 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 1,051 | 191 |
| Stream 18a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 79 | 59 |
| Stream 18b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 100 | 56 |
| Stream 18c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 113 | NI |
| Stream 18d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 87 | NI |
| Stream 18e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 43 | NI |
| Stream 18f | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 114 | NI |
| Stream 18g | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 69 | NI |
| Stream 19 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 165 | 36 |
| Stream 20 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 725 | 273 |
| Stream 20a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 81 | 40 |
| Stream 20b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 138 | NI |
| Stream 20c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 294 | NI |
| Stream 21 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 45 | NI |
| Stream 22 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 163 | 38 |
| Stream 23 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 157 | 84 |
| Stream 23a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 77 | 61 |
| Stream 24 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 75 | NI |
| Stream 25 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 386 | NI |
| Stream 26 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 178 | NI |

 TABLE 4.1.1.2

 DELINEATED STREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA





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|-------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b Within Project Survey Area | Impacted Linear Feet within Limits of Disturbance ^c |
| Stream 27 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 154 | NI |
| Stream 28 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 185 | NI |
| Stream 29 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 138 | NI |
| Stream 30 | Perennial | Unnamed tributary to Blaine Creek | 558 | 540 |
| Stream 31 | Intermittent | Unnamed Intermittent (RPW) Tributary to Blaine Creek | 371 | 364 |
| Stream 32 | Intermittent | Unnamed Intermittent (RPW) Tributary to Blaine Creek | 315 | 312 |
| Stream 33 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 1 | 1 |
| Stream 34 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 111 | 90 |
| Stream 34a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 100 | 30 |
| Stream 35 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 471 | 7 |
| Stream 35a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 211 | NI |
| Stream 35b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 78 | 1 |
| Stream 36 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 280 | NI |
| Stream 37 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 171 | NI |
| Stream 38 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 279 | NI |
| Stream 39 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 169 | 36 |
| Stream 40 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 157 | 16 |
| Stream 41 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 514 | 103 |
| Stream 41a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 56 | NI |
| Stream 42 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 114 | NI |
| Stream 43 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 329 | 84 |
| Stream 44 | Perennial | Horseford Creek | 2,266 | 147 |
| Stream 44a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 554 | NI |
| Stream 44b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 633 | NI |
| Stream 44c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 232 | NI |

 TABLE 4.1.1.2

 DELINEATED STREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA





| - | DELINEATEDS | TREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE | I KOJECI SUKVET A | |
|-------------|--------------|---|--|--|
| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b Within Project Survey Area | Impacted Linear Feet within Limits of Disturbance ^c |
| Stream 45 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 37 | NI |
| Stream 46 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 245 | 71 |
| Stream 47 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 48 | NI |
| Stream 48 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 46 | 9 |
| Stream 49 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 67 | NI |
| Stream 50 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 116 | NI |
| Stream 51 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 75 | NI |
| Stream 52 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 47 | NI |
| Stream 53 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 64 | NI |
| Stream 54 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 39 | NI |
| Stream 55 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 68 | 20 |
| Stream 56 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 36 | NI |
| Stream 57 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 43 | NI |
| Stream 58 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 604 | NI |
| Stream 59 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 881 | NI |
| Stream 59a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 304 | NI |
| Stream 60 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 692 | NI |
| Stream 60a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 149 | NI |
| Stream 61 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 31 | NI |
| Stream 62 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 66 | NI |
| Stream 63 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 77 | NI |
| Stream 64 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 51 | 1 |
| Stream 65 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 19 | NI |
| Stream 66 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 30 | NI |

 TABLE 4.1.1.2

 DELINEATED STREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA





| | DELINEATED | IKEAWI LENGIH WIIHIN IHE | I ROJECI SURVEI A | |
|-------------|--------------|---|--|--|
| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b Within Project Survey Area | Impacted Linear Feet within Limits of Disturbance ^c |
| Stream 67 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 51 | NI |
| Stream 68 | Perennial | Unnamed Perennial Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 1,381 | NI |
| Stream 68a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 92 | NI |
| Stream 68b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 62 | NI |
| Stream 68c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 224 | NI |
| Stream 68d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 158 | NI |
| Stream 68e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 69 | NI |
| Stream 68f | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 68 | NI |
| Stream 68g | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 130 | NI |
| Stream 68h | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 200 | NI |
| Stream 68i | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 104 | NI |
| Stream 68j | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 102 | NI |
| Stream 68k | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 139 | NI |
| Stream 681 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 65 | NI |
| Stream 68m | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 85 | NI |
| Stream 68n | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 204 | NI |
| Stream 680 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 256 | NI |
| Stream 68p | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 58 | NI |
| Stream 68q | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 251 | NI |
| Stream 68r | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 266 | NI |
| Stream 69 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Fuller's Branch | 412 | NI |
| Stream 70 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 442 | NI |
| Stream 70a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 75 | NI |
| Stream 70b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 310 | NI |

 TABLE 4.1.1.2

 DELINEATED STREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA





| Report Name | Flow Regime | Description/Tributary Name | Revised Stream Length (linear feet) ^b Within Project Survey Area | Impacted Linear Feet within Limits of Disturbance ^c |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Stream 71 | Intermittent | Tributary to fly ash pond | 1,816 | NI |
| Stream 71a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 262 | NI |
| Stream 71b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 131 | NI |
| Stream 71c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 548 | NI |
| Stream 71d | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 440 | NI |
| Stream 71e | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 81 | NI |
| Stream 71f | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary to fly ash pond | 222 | NI |
| Stream 72 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 175 | NI |
| Stream 73 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 210 | NI |
| Stream 74 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 336 | NI |
| Stream 75 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 108 | NI |
| Stream 76 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 385 | NI |
| Stream 77 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 36 | NI |
| Stream 78 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 354 | NI |
| Stream 78a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 120 | NI |
| Stream 78b | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 61 | NI |
| Stream 78c | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 96 | NI |
| Stream 79 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 542 | NI |
| Stream 79a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 391 | NI |
| Stream 79aa | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 53 | NI |
| Stream 80 | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 132 | NI |
| Stream 80a | Ephemeral | Unnamed Ephemeral (Non-RPW) Tributary of Blaine Creek | 80 | NI |
| Total: 154 Streams | | | 40,907 | 4,071 |

 TABLE 4.1.1.2

 DELINEATED STREAM LENGTH WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA

 154 Streams
 10000
 10000

 a: Based on linear feet of jurisdictional stream outside the permitted maximum operating pool limits of the Fly Ash

 Pond. ^b: NI = No Impact





| DELINEATED PONDS WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Pond Name | Acreage within Survey Corridor | Impacted Acreage within Limits of Disturbance ^b | | | | |
| Pond 01 | 0.24 | 0.01 | | | | |
| Total: 1 Pond | 0.24 | 0.01 | | | | |

 TABLE 4.1.1.3

 DELINEATED PONDS WITHIN THE PROJECT SURVEY AREA

4.1.2 Compensatory Mitigation

Wetland, pond, and stream impacts will be mitigated through a wetland and stream mitigation program determined to be acceptable by the Agency. Kentucky Power is currently evaluating several options in collaboration with EIP for stream and wetland mitigation within the Big Sandy Watershed. Refer to the discussion under Block 23 for additional information on compensatory mitigation.

5.0 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT SURVEY

URS conducted a literature review for federally-threatened and endangered species that are known or potentially occur in Lawrence County, Kentucky. The literature review identified one federally-protected species: Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*).

Summer habitat use of roost trees by the Indiana bat is dynamic and can change over time due to a variety of environmental and human-caused factors. Summer distribution in Kentucky is concentrated in western counties bordering the Ohio River, and in east-central Kentucky within the Appalachian Mountains and their foothills. Maternity records exist for 20 counties with an additional 20 counties that contain summer records (non-maternity records) in Kentucky (USFWS, 2007). The nearest summer maternity record is west of the Project in Rowan County, Kentucky. Lawrence County does not have a documented Indiana bat summer record.

As part of initial project planning, a letter was submitted to USFWS Ecological Services Field Office on April 27, 2012, regarding potential for occurrence of threatened and endangered species near the Project site. The initial letter requested the agency consider the entire plant property boundary as the project area.

A response letter was received from the USFWS, dated May 16, 2012, stating that the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) was the only listed species that has the potential to occur within the vicinity of the Project. USFWS recommended that the project proponent only remove trees within the project area between October 15 and March 31 in order to avoid impacting summer roosting Indiana bats.



An additional letter was submitted to USFWS on November 14, 2014, regarding updates to the Project scope. In the letter, Kentucky Power agreed to perform tree clearing as proposed by the USFWS.

A response letter was received from the USFWS, dated December 12, 2014, stating that the federallylisted Indiana bat and the proposed-listed northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) are the only species that have the potential to occur within the vicinity of the Project. USFWS agreed that conducting tree clearing within the dates of October 15th and March 31st will likely avoid direct effects to the Indiana bat. However, the USFWS stated the Project may have significant indirect and cumulative effects to the bat and provided four potential options that may be implemented to ensure compliance. The four options included eliminating/reducing potential habitat impacts, conducting presence/absence surveys, assuming presence and mitigate for impacts, or conducting a site-specific habitat survey with an effects analysis. USFWS also indicated that the Project site was potentially within the summer roosting/foraging range of the proposed endangered northern long-eared bat. The USFWS indicated that a decision on the status of the proposed species would be finalized in April 2015.

An email was submitted to Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) on May 16, 2012, regarding potential for occurrence of threatened and endangered species near the Project site. KSNPC replied on May 23, 2012, that several monitored and federally-listed aquatic species have been previously reported from Blaine Creek and the Big Sandy River in the area of the Project. Because no in-water work is proposed in either Blaine Creek or the Big Sandy River, the Project will not impact these species. Furthermore, Kentucky Power is committed to the use of appropriate BMPs to minimize stormwater pollution and any erosion/sedimentation-related impacts from the site. As a result, there should be no adverse impact to Blaine Creek or the Big Sandy River related to the proposed Project. There were no records identified in the Natural History Program Database within 0.5-miles of the Project area.

Copies of the agency correspondence are provided in Appendix D.

5.1 INDIANA BAT HABITAT PLAN

Since the beginning of the Project, Kentucky Power has sought to avoid and minimize impacts to forested habitat. Due to the nature of the Project, clearing impacts to all woodlots onsite could not be avoided. USFWS has agreed that Kentucky Power's proposal of conducting tree clearing within the seasonal timeframe of October 15th through March 31st will likely avoid direct effects to the Indiana bat. Because the nature of the Project requires unavoidable clearing of forested habitat, to address the concerns regarding indirect and cumulative effects to the Indiana bat, Kentucky Power will assume presence within the Project area and mitigate potential impacts of habitat removal by entering into a Conservation Memorandum of Agreement (CMOA) with the USFWS. This approach is also expected to satisfy any necessary indirect or cumulative effects to the northern long-eared bat, should it be listed in the future. A





copy of the CMOA application letter is provided in Appendix D. Concurrence regarding Kentucky Power's bat habitat plan and CMOA has not been received to date from the USFWS; however, any additional information pertaining to the CMOA will be submitted to the USACE once it is available.

6.0 CULTURAL RESOURCES

6.1 CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEYS

URS conducted a Phase I archaeological survey for the Project from May 12-16, 2014. The Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the Phase I archaeological survey included all land that would be impacted by ground disturbance associated with the Project. As a result, the APE encompassed approximately 278 acres. The Phase I archaeological field survey only focused on the area outside of the fly ash pond footprint.

The background research conducted documented only eight archaeological sites within a two-kilometer (1.2-mile) radius of the Project, none of which occurred within the APE. In addition, no aboveground historic resources or National Register of Historic Places-listed properties were previously recorded within a two-kilometer radius of the Project.

Most of the APE was subjected to pedestrian survey with shovel probing conducted in level areas near the main dam, and along benches and ridge tops. Approximately seven acres were shovel probed. In general, the APE contains a large degree of existing ground disturbance specifically associated with dam construction in the northern portion of the APE and around the perimeter of the pond; and highly sloped land within the southern portion of the APE. As a result of the Phase I archaeological survey, no archaeological sites were identified. In addition, no structures that appeared over 50 years in age were documented within or adjacent to the APE. Therefore, URS recommended no additional cultural resources work for the Project.

Kentucky Power submitted the Phase I archaeological report for review to the KHC on June 17, 2014. The KHC replied in a letter dated August 14, 2014, stating the KHC concurs with the findings and recommendations of the submitted Phase I report. KHC also stated that they have no further comments and Kentucky Power's responsibility to consult with the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office under the Section 106 review process for this Project was fulfilled.

7.0 OTHER PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW ISSUES

In order to evaluate the aspects associated with the proposed application for the Section 404 permit, various public interest review issues were considered, including the short term and cumulative impacts. Coupled with this analysis of environmental impacts was the need to evaluate the intended use of the





facility based on public interest and need. An integral part of the analysis was the consideration of the benefits that may reasonably be expected to occur from the Project, which must be balanced against any reasonably foreseeable detriments.

7.1 CONSERVATION

Since the beginning of the Project, Kentucky Power has sought to avoid and minimize impacts to the environment. Where impacts were unavoidable, Kentucky Power considered design alternatives that would reduce the impacts to the minimum necessary.

Kentucky Power has proposed a wetland and stream mitigation plan and habitat conservation plan to compensate for unavoidable impacts to wetlands and streams and indirect impacts to threatened and endangered species resulting from this Project.

Additionally, the Project will be conducted in a manner that will reduce stormwater pollution and any erosion/sedimentation related impacts from the site. Other considerations include working with natural resource agencies to develop future planting plants for the site post-construction.

7.2 ECONOMICS

The proposed Project will have a positive impact on the local economy, as local labor will have equal access to construction employment opportunities over several years. The Project represents an estimated construction cost of \$47.4 million dollars. Increased economic activity associated with the construction activities is anticipated to benefit throughout Lawrence County, Kentucky and the surrounding area.

7.3 **AESTHETICS**

Construction of the Project will result in minor visible changes to the landscape of the immediately surrounding area. The Project is located on private property and is entirely within the Horseford Creek valley. As such, visual access for the Project area is limited. The general surrounding area is already developed to the east with a relatively high concentration of major industrial facilities along the Big Sandy River, including the adjacent Big Sandy Plant. Aesthetically, the Project could improve the limited view shed from Blaine Creek with the reduction in elevation of the main dam. These view shed changes are not considered significant based on the existing neighboring industrial and commercial properties within the area.

7.4 GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

A SWP3 will be developed for the Project prior to start of construction activities. The plan will include provisions for placement of sediment and erosion controls at all locations where soil disturbance activities





will be conducted in and adjacent to waters of the U.S. These erosion controls will be designed to prevent sediment laden water from flowing offsite into adjacent waterways. Kentucky Power is committed to the use of appropriate BMPs to minimize stormwater pollution and any erosion/sedimentation-related impacts at the site. As a result, there should be little to no adverse impact to the environment related to development and operation of the proposed Project.

7.5 FLOOD HAZARDS

According to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map for the Project area, a 10-acre portion of the Project site to the north of the main dam is located within the 100-year floodplain for Blaine Creek. The portion of the Project site within the 100-year flood zone accounts for less than ten percent of the total Project limits of disturbance. No major structures will be developed in this area; however, grading activities and spillway construction will be conducted. Activities in the floodplain will be permitted under a floodplain construction permit issued by the KYDEP and approval by the local Lawrence County Floodplain Coordinator.

7.6 FLOODPLAIN VALUES

As part of the floodplain construction permit for the Project, KYDEP will evaluate the need to utilize a model (HEC-RAS 4.0) developed by the USACE Hydraulic Engineering Center to assess the potential impacts within the Blaine Creek floodplain.

7.7 LANDUSE

The Project site is located approximately 4.2 miles northwest of the City of Louisa, Kentucky. The unincorporated area of Fallsburg is west of U.S. Route 23 and the Project site. Two other population centers are located within five miles of the proposed facility, including the city of Fort Gay, West Virginia, and Prichard, West Virginia.

Sensitive land uses, defined as major institutions, parks, and recreational areas, within the one-mile study area of the Project site includes six cemeteries, a strip mine, the Big Sandy Plant, and a gas well. Four of the identified sensitive land uses are located west of the Project area, three are located east of the Project across the Big Sandy River, and the gas well is located between the Project site and the Big Sandy River. No parks, recreational areas, or other sensitive land uses were identified within 1 mile of the proposed Project site.

7.8 NAVIGATION

The Project will not affect navigational traffic within the Big Sandy River.





7.9 DREDGING

No in-stream dredging activities will take place within Blaine Creek or the Big Sandy River.

7.10 SHORE EROSION AND ACCRETION

Shore erosion or accretion of sediment in Blaine Creek as a result of the Project will be negligible as appropriate erosion and sediment control features will be installed during construction activities.

7.11 RECREATION

The Project site is on private property and no recreational areas take place onsite. The Project will also not adversely impact known recreational activities in the vicinity of the Project or along the Big Sandy River.

7.12 WATER SUPPLY, WATER CONSERVATION, AND WATER QUALITY

The Project will not adversely impact water supply volume or quality in the area.

During construction, water will be pumped from a sump adjacent the saddle dam to the main dam pool for discharge via Outfall 001 under the current KPDES permit. URS designed floating baffles to be utilized between the discharge outlet of the construction pumping operation and Outfall 001.

Attempts to route stormwater and surface water away from the cap system proved impractical due to the configuration of the pond, surrounding terrain, and large watershed, and therefore the drainage area of 928 acres will create surface water run-on to the cap system. Following construction, runoff from the majority of the area, approximately 851 acres, will be directed into stormwater channels. The main stormwater channel is centrally located on the cap system and discharges through the saddle dam spillway. The saddle dam spillway will discharge surface water through a tributary stream to Blaine Creek. Water from the remaining 77 acres (the area located adjacent to the main dam) will be directed through the main dam spillway. The main dam spillway will discharge surface water directly into Blaine Creek. Erosion of the cap system will be minimized by the use of erosion and sediment control features around the perimeter. Stormwater flow in the channels will be controlled with check dams and reinforced matting to prevent erosion.

7.13 ENERGY NEEDS

The Project will not require a significant energy need for closure activities.





7.14 SAFETY

Public access will be restricted to the site through secure fencing and gate control. Onsite personnel will have to check-in at a guard station located at the Big Sandy Plant to enter the site. Construction and operation of the facility will comply with all applicable Occupational Safety and Health Act standards. Fire and safety response services will be coordinated with and utilize local agencies, where applicable.

7.15 FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTION

The Project site has been used as a fly ash pond since 1970 and has not historically been utilized for agricultural purposes. The Project will not adversely impact local food production.

7.16 NEEDS AND WELFARE OF PEOPLE

The needs and welfare of the people will not be adversely impacted by the Project. Alternatively, economic benefits are likely to be realized by the surrounding communities as a result of the project in terms of increased sales tax revenue and construction employment opportunities.

8.0 DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES

Section 404 of the CWA prohibits the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. unless the proposed discharge is the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative which meets the overall project purpose. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations require that a range of reasonable alternatives, including the no action alternative, be evaluated. Under NEPA, the no action alternative and action alternatives that meet the objectives or purpose and need of the preferred alternative are considered reasonable alternatives. 40 CFR 230.10(a)(2) states that, "An alternative is practicable if it is available and capable of being done after taking into consideration cost, existing technology, and logistics in light of overall project purposes."

Thus, an alternative can be eliminated if it:

- Does not meet the project purpose and need
- Is not practicable because of cost
- Is not practicable because of existing technology
- Is not practicable because of logistics, or
- Is not the alternative least-damaging to the aquatic ecosystem, or the alternative has other significant adverse impacts to the natural environment.





8.1 NO-ACTION ALTERNATIVE

Under the No-Action alternative, there is no adverse impact effect to aquatic resources or changes to existing land use. The No-Action alternative provides the least amount of impact; however, the alternative does not meet the Project purpose and need for the design closure of the Big Sandy Plant fly ash pond in accordance with Federal Regulations for CCP impoundments, so it should be eliminated from further consideration. Maintaining an inoperable fly ash pond in place would actually result in an increased risk to the environment compared to proper closure.

8.2 OFF-SITE ALTERNATIVES

An off-site alternative is not applicable, as the Project deals with closure of the existing fly ash pond onsite. An off-site alternative does not meet the Project purpose and need, so it is also eliminated from further discussion.

9.0 SUMMARY

Kentucky Power is proposing to permanently close a fly ash pond on an approximately 620-acre property in Lawrence County, Kentucky. In order to complete the closure of the fly ash pond, Kentucky Power will need to undertake certain construction activities that will require discharging fill materials into 0.41 acres of wetland, 4,072 linear feet of stream, and 0.01 acres of pond, which were determined to be jurisdictional waters of the U.S. As such, Kentucky Power is requesting that the USACE issue Kentucky Power an Individual Section 404 permit to undertake such activities.

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APPENDIX A

PROJECT FIGURES





APPENDIX B

WETLAND DELINEATION REPORT AND ADDENDUM





APPENDIX C

USACE JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION





APPENDIX D

AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE





APPENDIX E CULTURAL RESOURCE REPORT

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