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Re: Semi-Annual Update Bottom Ash Transfer (BAT) Impoundments in accordance with CCR Rule 40 CFR 257.97(a)

Ms. Barbare:

In accordance with the Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule, 40 CFR 257 Subpart D, Platte River Power Authority (Platte River) has worked with AECOM on groundwater monitoring activities at the Rawhide Energy Station. As discussed in previous correspondence, Platte River also worked with AECOM to initiate an assessment of corrective measures (ACM) for Cobalt at the bottom ash transfer (BAT) impoundments. This ACM was prepared in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 257.96 and 257.97 requirements under the CCR Rule. In addition, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance documents (EPA 1993; EPA 2000) were used in the preparation of the ACM.

Following the completion of the ACM, Platte River held an open house on November 13, 2019 at the Rawhide Energy Station to solicit public input. This open house was advertised in advanced through local media advertisements. Platte River also sent open house invitations to 47 of the facility's neighboring property owners. Since the open house, Platte River has allowed 30 days for public comment on the ACM. In the coming months, Platte River will take into consideration any public feedback and work with AECOM to select a remedy for Cobalt at the BAT impoundments. We are submitting this semi-annual update that describes the progress in selecting and designing the remedy to also meet the requirements of CFR 257.97(a). We will continue communicating the progress regarding selection and implementation of remedy in the upcoming months.

Please contact us with any questions you may have.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Cc: Lea Schneider, Environmental Health Planner, Larimer County