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RE: Semi-annual update ash monofill in accordance with CCR Rule 40 CFR 257.97(a)

Ms. Pierce:

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 Selenium at the ash monofill. 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 Nov. 13, 2019, at the Rawhide Energy Station to solicit public input. This open house was promoted in advance 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 allowed 30 days for public comment on the ACM. Platte River has been working with AECOM to continue groundwater sampling and analysis on a semi-annual basis. We will continue evaluating groundwater results from 2023 and prior to determine an appropriate remedy. 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). Additionally, Platte River worked with AECOM the second half of 2022 and into 2023 to install a liner and leachate collection system to the expansion portion (cell 2B) of the Ash Monofill providing partial source control at the monofill. The cell 2B construction was completed in March of 2023. We will continue communicating the progress regarding selection and implementation of the remedy. We are also continuing to monitor the groundwater on a semi-annual basis in accordance with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Waste Division program. As part of the CDPHE program, we also installed an additional monitoring well (ASH-09) in July 2023.

Please contact us with any questions you may have.

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