



NOVEMBER 2016 INSPECTION CCR LANDFILL TS POWER PLANT

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1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of the December 2016 Inspection of the Coal Combustion Residue (CCR) Landfill at the TS Power Plant (TSPP), which is owned and operated by Newmont Nevada Energy Investment, LLC (Newmont). The project site is located approximately three (3) miles north of the Interstate 80 Dunphy exit in Eureka County, Nevada as shown in Figure 1.

This report is intended to meet the 2015 Coal Combustion Residue Rule 40CFR Part 257.84(b) requiring an annual inspection by a qualified professional engineer for existing CCR landfills.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The TSPP facilities are located within Sections 11 and 14, Township 33N and Range 48E and includes a CCR landfill located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of the power plant. The CCR landfill is a fully geomembrane-lined facility (80-mil HDPE) with a total designed footprint of approximately 36 acres and a maximum CCR design height of 60 feet. During the operational life of the power plant, the CCR landfill will be constructed incrementally as six (6) adjoining six (6)-acre cells plus two (2) storage ponds to contain run-off from the design storm event falling on the landfill. The individual cells are to be developed in stages as needed to provide storage capacity for the planned life of the power plant facility. Each cell is hydraulically independent. The design storage can be achieved at a maximum CCR height of 60 feet. In addition to ash, the CCR landfill was designed and permitted to contain cooling tower side stream softening filter press sludge.

Currently, two cells (Cell 1 and Cell 2) and one (1) pond (Pond 1) have been constructed. Cell 1, the southwestern cell of the landfill, was part of original plant construction and has operated from 2008 to present. Cell 2, an identical six (6) acre cell immediately north of Cell 1, was constructed in 2013 and is currently accepting the designated waste streams. Based on survey information and loading quantities provided by Newmont, the landfill currently contains approximately 232,600 cubic yards of designated waste. During 2016 a total of 6,500 cubic yards of combined fly ash, bottom ash and water treatment sludge was disposed of in the landfill. Cell 1 has approximately 20 feet of material placed and the placement of ash is progressing to the north into Cell 2. Currently, Cell 2 has very little material on it.

Stormwater control consists of internal collection of precipitation falling on the landfill facility (contact water or run-off) and the diversion of external non-contact water (run-on). To provide internal storm water collection and drainage, the base of CCR landfill was graded to drain from the northwest to southeast at a slope of 1.4 percent. Internal drainage reports to the collection pond located at the down gradient end of the facility. The individual landfill cells are separated by 3-foot high and 12-foot wide (base width) internal divider berms constructed with 2:1



(horizontal to vertical) slopes. Perimeter containment is provided by 20-foot wide (base width) by 5-foot high perimeter berms with 2:1 fill or 2:1 cut slopes within natural soils.

The landfill cells are fully lined with an 80-mil HDPE geomembrane liner placed over a prepared subgrade. The lining system extends to the external containment berms. A drainage blanket with an integral network of underdrain piping overlies the geomembrane and serves as the storm water runoff and leachate collection system. The drainage blanket consists of a 2-foot thick layer of free draining gravel. The internal underdrain piping consists of perforated 4-inch and 8-inch diameter corrugated polyethylene pipe (CPEP) placed on 30-foot centers within the drainage blanket material. A collection channel is located along the eastern down gradient edge of the individual cells to collect storm water runoff and leachate. The channel discharges to the storm water pond(s) located at the southern margin of the landfill.

Two storm water collection ponds have been designed down gradient and adjacent to Cell 1 and Cell 4. The western pond, Pond 1, has been constructed and serves Cell 1 and Cell 2 and the future Cell 3. The southeastern Pond 2 (future) will serve Cells 4, 5 and 6 once they are placed into operation. The ponds are lined with an 80-mil HDPE geomembrane overlying a geosynthetic clay liner (GCL).

The landfill facilities are separated from run-on from the natural up gradient watersheds by the perimeter berms surrounding the facility and the storm water diversion system. The diversion channels have been designed to safely pass the peak flow from a 100-year, 24-hour storm event.

2.1. Site Inspection

The Inspection of the CCR Landfill was conducted on November 30th, 2016. The work items for the inspection involved the following elements:

- A site visit and inspection of the facility was performed by Kevin Lutes, P.E. of NewFields;
- The results of the inspection of the facility were briefly discussed with site personnel;
- Photographs were taken of typical and key features noted during the inspection;
- Inspection tables were completed to document the inspection; and
- This report was prepared.

Appendix A includes the tables completed for the November 2016 inspection. Selected photographs taken during the site inspection are presented in Appendix B of this report. Figure 1 provides a vicinity map and Figure 2 presents a general site plan of the CCR landfill showing the location of relevant features of the facility.



3. KEY OBSERVATIONS MADE DURING INSPECTION

3.1.1. General Condition of the Landfill Perimeter

The entire perimeter of the facility was toured as part of the inspection and appeared to be in good to excellent condition. Photographs 1, 2, 3, and 4 are illustrative of typical conditions along the facility perimeter. The perimeter containment berms were observed to be well constructed and the HDPE liner is exposed and appears to be in excellent condition. No signs of damage to the lining system were noted during the inspection. General housekeeping practices around and within the facility were good and the facility appeared to be well maintained.

No signs of leachate flow, seepage, global slope instability, or significant deformation were observed within the facility during the site inspection.

3.1.2. General Condition of the CCR

The materials placed within the landfill are predominantly contained within Cell 1 to an approximate height of 20 feet. Placement of material is proceeding to the north into Cell 2. Materials have been placed with approximate angle of repose slopes, minor sloughing on exterior slopes observed during 2015 inspection was not observed during 2016 inspection. Photograph 3 shows typical conditions of the materials contained within the landfill.

No signs of seepage, global slope instability, or significant deformation were observed within the facility during the site inspection.

3.1.3. Collection Pond

The collection pond had minor accumulated water in the base of the pond. No leachate flow from the landfill to the pond was observed at the time of the inspection. The HDPE geomembrane was in good condition and no damage or defects were noted.

3.1.4. Stormwater Controls

Stormwater is routed around the perimeter of the facility by diversion channels and/or the perimeter berms that surround the landfill. An access ramp over the perimeter berm is located near the southwest corner of Cell 1. Stormwater controls were observed to be consistent with the intent of the design and no issues were noted as part of the inspection.

4. SUMMARY

The following conclusions are formed based on the site inspection performed in December 2016 by NewFields.



The facility appears to be functioning as the design intended and appears to be well maintained. No signs of seepage, leachate, global instability or major deformation were observed. No significant engineering or operational issues were observed or identified as part of this inspection.

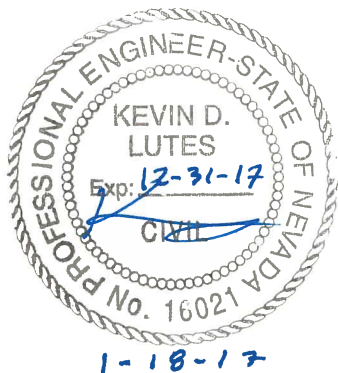
Ongoing and routine programs at the landfill include the following:

- Continue weekly site monitoring and inspection of the facility to monitor the crest, downstream slopes and exposed liner for signs of damage, instability, slumping, erosion, seepage or other abnormal conditions (ongoing by TSPP personnel).
- Document the monitoring activities, including visual inspections of the facility (ongoing by TSPP personnel).
- Periodically check drainage channels and culverts for blockage and sediment to confirm functionality (ongoing by TSPP personnel).

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

NewFields Mining Design & Technical Services



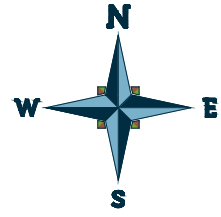
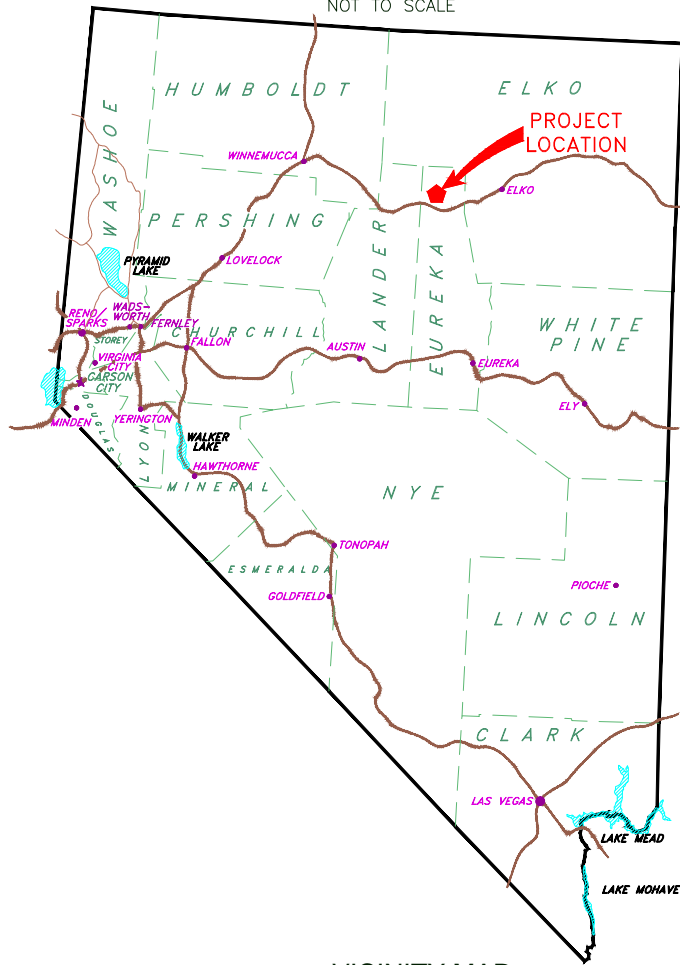
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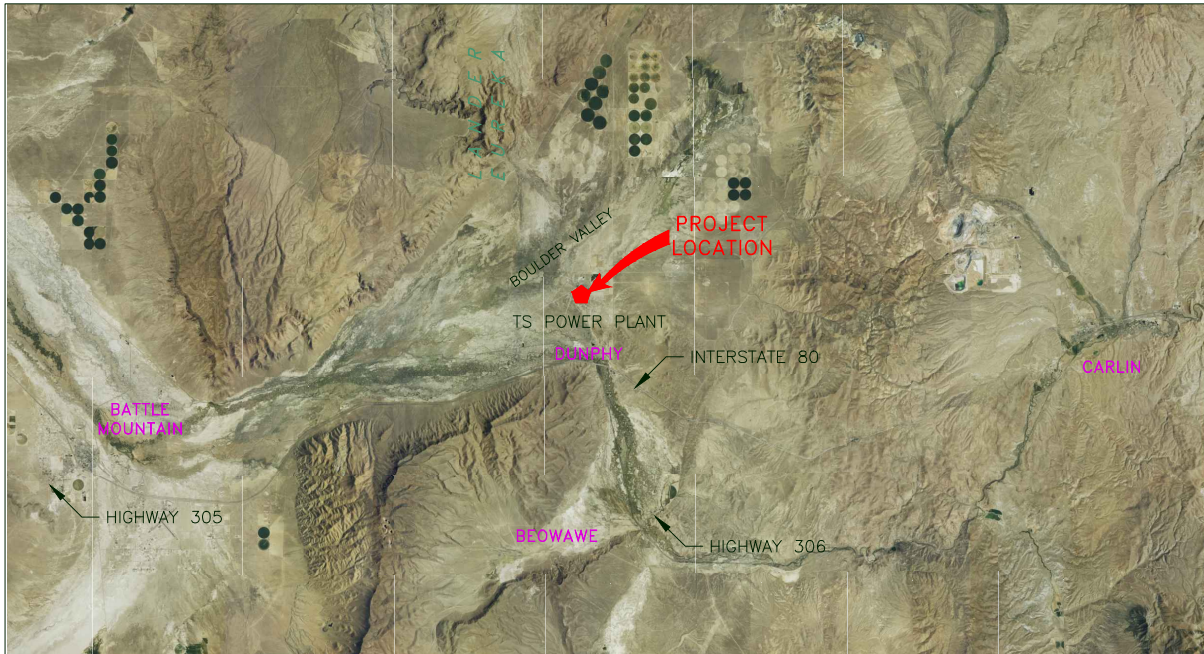


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LOCATION MAP
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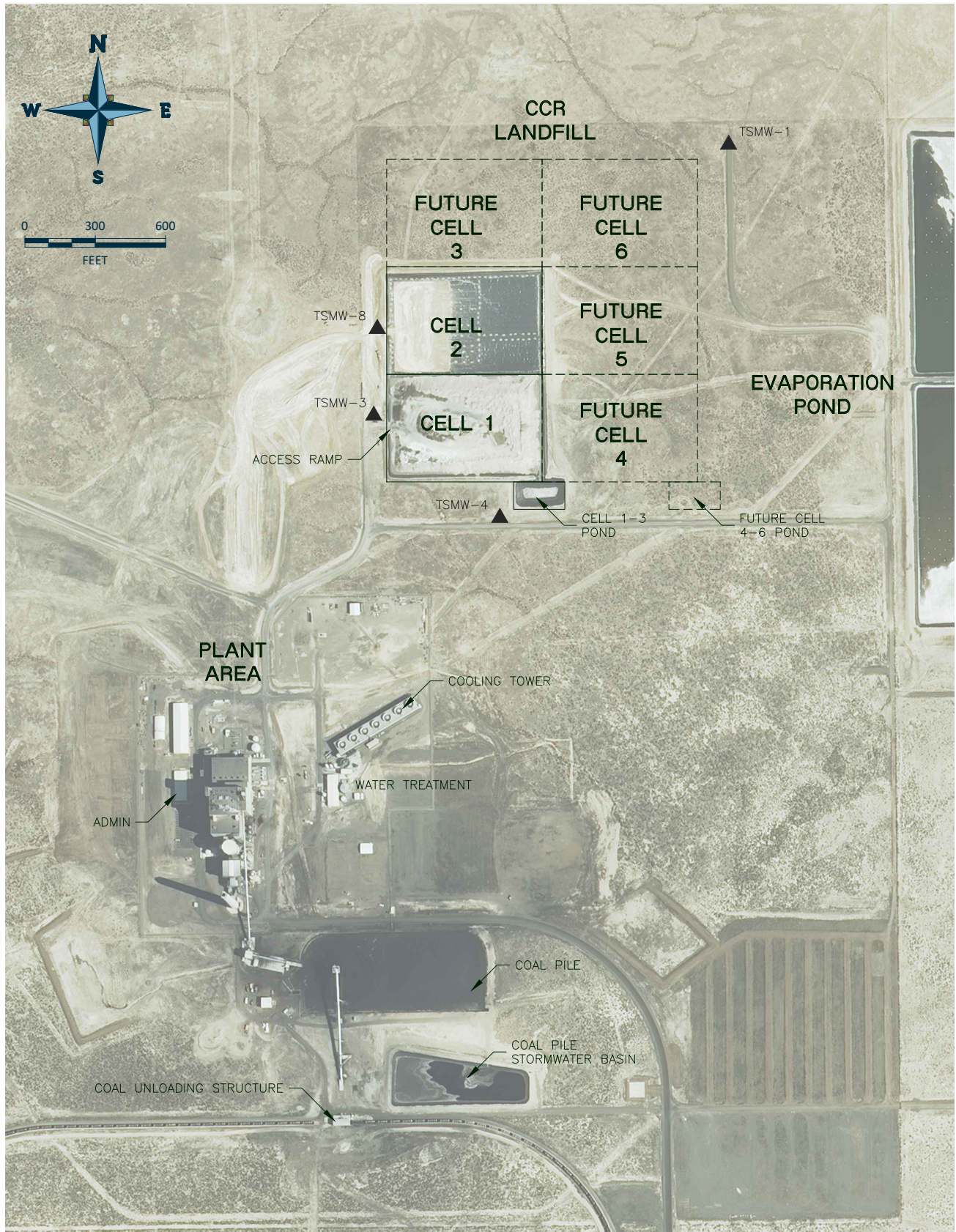
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		PROJECT	NOVEMBER 2016 INSPECTION CCR LANDFILL		
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APPENDIX A-INSPECTION TABLES

TABLE A.1
Background Information
December 2015 CCR Landfill Inspection
TS Power Plant, Eureka County, Nevada

Inspected by:	Kevin Lutes, P.E.
Inspection Date:	November 30 th , 2016
Weather conditions:	Cloudy, light winds and cool
Purpose of facility:	Storage of CCR and cooling tower side stream softening filter press sludge.
Date of last Facility Inspection by the EOR:	December 8 th , 2015
Date of last Facility Inspection Report:	January 8 th , 2016
Initial construction date:	Cell 1 - 2008 and Cell 2 - 2013
Original facility engineered by:	AMEC (2005)
Type of facility:	Non-Impounding landfill. Fully geomembrane lined with 80-mil HDPE. External stormwater/leachate collection pond lined with 80-mil HDPE over GCL.
Watershed:	The up gradient watershed is collected and routed to the east and west via stormwater diversion channels.
Monitoring:	Four groundwater monitoring wells in the area surrounding the landfill. Three down gradient and one up gradient a shown on Figure 2.
Design/as-built data available:	Yes. On-site.
Volume of solids stored:	232,600 cubic yards of solids.
CCR production rate:	5.9 tons per hour of ash (maximum).
Special 'as-built' features:	None
US features inspected/reviewed:	Yes
Perimeter walk-over conducted:	Yes
Discharge facilities inspected:	N/A
Surveillance program available:	Yes
Storage ponds/other facilities inspected:	Stormwater/Leachate Collection Pond (Pond 1) down gradient of Cell 1-2 facility.
New developments DS of facility:	None
General condition of facility:	Overall, facility is in good condition. No signs of leachate, seepage, instability or distress.
Next Inspection required:	Annually

TABLE A.2
Inspection of Facility
December 2015 CCR Landfill Inspection
TS Power Plant, Eureka County, Nevada

OBSERVED FEATURES	YES	NO	PHOTO NOS.	COMMENTS / NOTES
1.0 Facility Perimeter				
1.1 Evidence of Erosion		X	3, 4, 5,	No erosion along the perimeter of the landfill berms was noted.
1.2 Evidence of Movement		X	See 1.1	
1.3 Evidence of Sloughing		X	See 1.1	Not in the constructed perimeter berms.
1.4 Evidence of Cracking		X	See 1.1	
1.5 Vegetation	X	X	2	Minor vegetation on the liner cover material
1.6 Other Unusual Conditions		X		
1.7 Evidence of Repairs		X		
2.0 Landfill Materials				
2.1 Lateral Movement		X		
2.2 Evidence of Settlement		X		
2.3 Evidence of Cracking		X		
2.4 Erosion		X	See 2.1	Localized.
2.5 Other Unusual Conditions		X		
2.6 Evidence of Repairs		X		
2.7 Miscellaneous		X		
3.0 General				
3.1 Solution Pond(s)	X		6	External Stormwater/Leachate Collection Pond. Composite lined with 80-mil HDPE over GCL.
3.2 Embedded/buried structures		X		
3.3 Accessible by Truck	X		7	Landfill access ramp
3.4 Public Access		X		Area fenced.
3.5 Other Unusual Conditions		X		



APPENDIX B-SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Panoramic from northeast corner, looking southwest



Photograph 2: Cover Material over geomembrane



Photograph 3: East side of Cell 1 (looking north)



Photograph 04: East side of Cell 2 near northeast corner (looking south).



Photograph 5: Cell 2



Photograph 6: Collection Pond



Photograph 7: Access Ramp