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#### **Acronym List**

CCW coal combustion waste

DNR/DWR Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights

DWP Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

GEI GEI Consultants, Inc.
HDPE high density polyethylene

IDF inflow design flood

IGS Intermountain Generating Station

IPSC Intermountain Power Service Corporation

MW megawatts

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

PMF probable maximum flood
USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USBR U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
USGS U.S. Geological Survey

# 1.0 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

This report presents the results of a specific site assessment of the dam safety of coal combustion waste (CCW) impoundments at the Intermountain Generating Station (IGS) in Millard County, near Delta, Utah. The Intermountain Generating Station is owned by Intermountain Power Agency and operated by Intermountain Power Service Corporation (IPSC). The impoundments are the Bottom Ash Basin #1, #2, and #3 and the Wastewater Holding Basin. The specific site assessment was performed on October 26, 2010.

The specific site assessment was performed with reference to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines for dam safety, which includes other federal agency guidelines and regulations (such as U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [USACE] and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation [USBR]) for specific issues, and includes defaults to state requirements where not specifically addressed by federal guidance or if the state requirements were more stringent.

# 1.2 Scope of Work

The scope of work between GEI Consultants, Inc. (GEI) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the specific site assessment is summarized in the following tasks:

- 1. Acquire and review existing reports and drawings relating to the safety of the project provided by the EPA and IPSC.
- 2. Conduct detailed physical inspections of the project facilities. Document observed conditions on Field Assessment Check Lists provided by EPA for each management unit being assessed.
- 3. Review and evaluate stability analyses of the project's coal combustion waste impoundment structures.
- 4. Review the appropriateness of the inflow design flood (IDF), and adequacy of ability to store or safely pass the inflow design flood, provision for any spillways, including considering the hazard potential in light of conditions observed during the inspections or to the downstream channel.
- 5. Review existing dam safety performance monitoring programs and recommend additional monitoring, if required.
- 6. Review existing geologic assessments for the projects.
- 7. Submit draft and final reports.

#### 1.3 **Authorization**

GEI performed the coal combustion waste impoundment assessment as a contractor to the EPA. This work was authorized by EPA under Contract No. EP09W001698, Order No. EP-B10S-00018 between EPA and GEI, dated September 23, 2010.

#### 1.4 **Project Personnel**

The scope of work for this task order was completed by the following personnel from GEI:

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#### 1.5 **Limitation of Liability**

This report summarizes the assessment of dam safety of coal combustion waste impoundments Bottom Ash Basins #1, #2, and #3 and the Wastewater Holding Basin at Intermountain Generating Station, in Millard County, near Delta, Utah. The purpose of each assessment is to evaluate the structural integrity of the impoundments and provide summaries and recommendations based on the available information and on engineering judgment. GEI used a professional standard of practice to review, analyze, and apply pertinent data. No warrantees, express or implied, are provided by GEI. Reuse of this report for any other purpose, in part or in whole, is at the sole risk of the user.

#### 1.6 **Project Datum**

The project coordinate system is identified as Utah State Plane Central Zone, 1927, and the elevations are based on 1929 Mean Sea Level datum as noted on the drawing titled "Topography, Generating Station Site Intermountain Generating Station, Drawing Number SL-CM412", dated May 1985, prepared by Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP).

#### **Prior Inspections** 1.7

Inspections for the CCW impoundments are performed every five years by a State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights (DNR/DWR) inspector. Detailed inspections of the CCW impoundments are performed annually by IPSC professional engineers. Routine maintenance inspections of the CCW impoundments are performed monthly.

# 2.0 Description of Project Facilities

#### 2.1 General

IGS is a coal-fired power plant consisting of two units that generate about 1900 megawatts (MW) combined. The power plant is located approximately 11 miles north of Delta in Millard County, Utah (see Figure 1). Both generating units are owned by Intermountain Power Agency and operated by Intermountain Power Service Corporation. Unit 1 went online in 1986 and Unit 2 went online in 1987.

IGS uses raw water pumped from the raw water holding pond located on the southeast side of the site. Water used in the power plant is discharged to either the Bottom Ash Basins or the Wastewater Holding Basin, and is reused as make-up water in the ash water management system, and the sulfur dioxide removal system. IGS does not discharge water to any waterway and is not located on a waterway.

The CCW impoundments are located west of the power plant. The CCW impoundments include the Bottom Ash Basin #1, #2, and #3, and the Wastewater Holding Basin. All four basins are permitted to store fly ash/flue gas emission, bottom ash, and other process residuals. Design records and construction drawings of the impoundments were available for review during the preparation of this report.

Several other impoundments are involved in the power plant water management process, which reuses water for cooling and other processes until the total dissolved solids become unacceptable for use. The other impoundments at the IGS include the Ash Recycle Basin, the Settling Basin, six Evaporation Ponds, and the Landfill Run-Off Basin. The Ash Recycle Basin is located directly south of the Bottom Ash Basins, and the Settling Basin is located south east of the Ash Recycle Basin. The six Evaporation Ponds are located directly west of the Bottom Ash Basins. The Landfill Run-Off Basin is located north of the Evaporation Ponds, at the northwest corner of the CCW landfill.

The Settling Basin, Ashwater Recycling Basin, and Landfill Runoff Basin were not included in the site visit because they do not receive or store sluiced ash. The Evaporation Ponds were included in the site visit, however they do not receive or store sluiced ash and are not assessed in this report.

# 2.2 Impoundment Dams and Reservoirs

The embankment dams of the CCW impoundments have been assigned a Low Hazard potential by the Utah Department of Natural Resources. Hazard potential classifications for

the impoundments are described in Section 4.0 of this report. The basic dimensions and geometry of the CCW impoundments are summarized in Table 2-1.

The Bottom Ash Basins were commissioned in 1986. The Bottom Ash Basins provide decant water to the Ash Water Recycle Basin for reuse in the ash water system and the sulfur dioxide removal system. The major waste sources to the pond are the bottom ash, boiler slag, and other process materials including pulverizer rejects, and chemical clean residue. The Bottom Ash Basins were designed and constructed with a high density polyethylene (HDPE) liner (80 mil thickness) to minimize seepage from the basins. Seepage from the Bottom Ash Basins infiltrates to the underlying perched groundwater where it is collected and pumped back to the Ash Recycle Basin.

The Bottom Ash Basins cover 105 acres (three ponds at 35 acres each) and have a nominal capacity of 3,000 acre-feet (three ponds at 1,000 acre-feet) at a maximum design depth of 46 feet. The perimeter embankment is approximately 8,600 linear feet, with two 2,250-feet-long interior embankments. The Bottom Ash Basins have a minimum crest width of 20 feet and 3H:1V side slopes. The embankment slopes are either exposed earth or covered with sparse vegetation.

The Wastewater Holding Basin was commissioned in 1986. The major waste sources to the basin include flue gas emission control residuals and other process material including process water separated for re-use, wash down, coal pile run-off, boiler blowdown, cooling tower blowdown, regenerant rinsate, leachate from bottom ash, boiler slag, and pulverizer rejects. The Wastewater Holding Basin was designed and constructed with a high density polyethylene (HDPE) liner (80 mil thickness) to minimize seepage from the basins.

The Wastewater Holding Basin covers 53 acres with a storage capacity of approximately 650 acre-feet. It is impounded by approximately 6,000 linear feet of perimeter embankment dikes approximately 15 feet high with crest widths of approximately 20 feet. The embankment side slopes are 3H:1V. The embankment slopes are either exposed earth or covered with sparse vegetation.

Table 2-1: Summary Information for Impoundment Dam Parameters

Parameter	Value		
Dam	Bottom Ash Basins (3)	Wastewater Holding Basin	
Estimated Maximum Height <sup>1</sup> (ft)	46	20	
Estimated Perimeter Length <sup>2</sup> (ft)	8,600	6,000	
Minimum Crest Width <sup>1</sup> (ft)	20	20	
Crest Elevation <sup>1</sup> (ft)	4685.0	4650.0	
Design Side Slopes Upstream/Downstream (H:V) 1	3:1/3:1	3:1/3:1	
Estimated Freeboard (ft) at time of site visit (#1, #2, #3)	31.1, 35.6, 33.9	5.9	
Storage Capacity <sup>3</sup> (ac-ft)	1,000 each	650	
Surface Area <sup>3</sup> (acres)	35 each	53	

Based on drawings "Pond and Embankment Sections and Details", Drawing Number 9255-9STU-S3090, prepared by Black and Veatch Consulting Engineers, dated February 1984.

There are no records of the original geotechnical design or material properties for the embankment perimeter dikes. However, several site-specific geotechnical investigations and studies for the plant site and CCW impoundments were available for review. IPSC staff indicated to GEI during the site visit that the CCW impoundment embankments were constructed of on-site, natural soils. Based on the available data provided by IPSC personnel, the on-site soils consist primarily of silty sand and sandy silts, but may also contain clean sands and lean clay.

# 2.3 Spillways

None of the impoundments have spillways.

#### 2.4 Intakes and Outlet Works

Inlets to the Bottom Ash Basins include four 10-inch diameter steel pipes placed on the Bottom Ash Basins' north embankment crest and discharge directly into the Bottom Ash Basins' energy dissipation discharge structures. The energy dissipation discharge structures consist of a 4-foot-wide, 3-foot-high concrete rundown structure that contains several 18-inch-wide baffle blocks spaced at 3-foot on centers. When a Bottom Ash Basin approaches storage capacity, the discharge is directed by plant personnel into one of the other basins to allow for the full basin to be drained, and the bottom ash excavated and hauled to the on-site landfill. The outlet drop-inlet decant structure is provided in each Bottom Ash Basin. The outlet structure is an 18-foot by 14-foot by 47-foot high concrete structure located at the south end of each of the Bottom Ash Basins. The large concrete decant structures drain decant water by gravity through a 24-inch steel concrete encased discharge pipe to the Ash Water Recycle Basin for reuse in the ash water system and the sulfur dioxide removal system.

Estimated from Aerial Photographs.

Surface area and capacity based on CERCLA 104(e) Request for Information prepared by IPSC at the request of the EPA, dated March 23, 2009.

The inlet to the Wastewater Holding Basin is a buried and submerged inlet pipeline located near the northeast corner of the basin along the east embankment. The outlet drop-inlet decant structure is provided in the Wastewater Holding Basin. The outlet structure is a large concrete structure located at the north end of the Wastewater Holding Basin. The structure supplies water to the Wastewater Holding Basin Pump Station. From the pump station the decant water can be sent to either the Ash Water Recycle Basin or Evaporation Ponds.

# 2.5 Vicinity Map

IGS is located in Millard County approximately 11 miles north of Delta, Utah, as shown in Figure. 1. The CCW impoundments are located west of the station, as shown in Figure 2.

## 2.6 Plan and Sectional Drawings

Survey drawings for the CCW impoundments were provided by IPSC and were prepared as part of the design package. Construction record drawings from the original construction project were provided by IPSC.

## 2.7 Standard Operational Procedures

IGS is a coal-fired power plant producing a total combined capacity of 1900 MW. Coal is delivered to the power plant by train, where it is then combusted to power the steam turbines. At IGS, the majority of CCW which includes fly ash and the majority of flue gas desulfurization material is handled on a dry basis. The bottom ash CCW material is handled on a wet basis.

The CCW material handled wet includes bottom ash, boiler slag, and other process materials. The waste is sluiced to either the Bottom Ash Basins or to the Wastewater Holding Basin. Water that accumulates in the Bottom Ash Basins is decanted and conveyed to the Ash Water Recycle Basin, where it can then be pumped back to the plant for use as make-up water for the ash water system and the sulfur dioxide removal system. Water that accumulates in the Wastewater Holding Basin is decanted and either pumped to the Ash Water Recycle Basin or to the Evaporation Ponds.

When a Bottom Ash Basin approaches storage capacity, the discharge is directed by plant personnel into one of the other Bottom Ash Basins to allow for the full basin to be drained, and the bottom ash excavated and hauled to the on-site landfill. Periodically, the Wastewater Holding Pond is dewatered to allow the accumulated sludge deposits to be excavated for disposal in the on-site landfill.

According to IPSC staff, an operation and maintenance crew inspects the liner condition and water levels monthly. Once every shift or twice a day, a plant operator drives around the CCW impoundments for a visual inspection. Additionally, once every year a detailed visual inspection of the CCW impoundments is performed by IPSC professional engineers.

# 3.0 Summary of Construction History and Operation

Unit 1 at the IGS began commercial operation in June of 1986 and Unit 2 began commercial operation in May of 1987. The Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin were commissioned in 1986. The other impoundments at IGS were commissioned in 1986, with the exception of the Settling Basin which was commissioned in 1983.

During the winter of 1988, the HDPE liner was damaged due to extreme shrinkage during a period of cold weather that resulted in multiple liner tears within the storage basins. During this event, water seeped through the bottom of the ash ponds, where it currently remains perched on an underlying clay layer, as indicated by recent measurements in the groundwater monitoring wells. IPSC personnel reports that seepage or saturated areas along the embankment or at the toe of the embankment were not observed at the time of the release. Following the event, the liner was repaired and temperature expansion/contraction compensation panels were installed. In addition, groundwater recovery wells were installed to monitor, capture and pump the water perched on the underlying clay layer to the Ash Recycle Basin. IPSC personnel indicated that water is being collected and pumped back into the pond. The HDPE liners are continually observed visually and minor repairs are performed as needed by plant staff or sub-contractors. Also, IPSC personnel indicated that periodically the embankment crests or slopes are re-graded to repair minor erosion gullies that have formed due to infrequent rainfall events.

Drawings of the original design and construction of the CCW facilities were available for review. Numerous site-specific geotechnical studies for the plant site and CCW impoundments were available for review. IPSC staff indicated that the CCW impoundment embankments were constructed of on-site, natural soils. Based on the available data provided by IPSC staff, the on-site soils consist primarily of silty sand and sandy silts, but may also contain clean sands and lean clay.

The CCW embankment impoundments were constructed over a foundation consisting of the natural site soils based on the design drawings and timing of the construction relative to power plant commissioning. No evidence of prior releases, failures or patchwork construction was observed during the site visit or disclosed by plant personnel.

# 4.0 Hazard Potential Classification

#### 4.1 Overview

According to the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety, the hazard potential classification for the CCW impoundments is based on the possible adverse incremental consequences that result from release of stored contents due to failure of the dam or misoperation of the dam or appurtenances. Impoundments are classified as Low, Significant, or High hazard, depending on the potential for loss of human life and/or economic and environmental damages.

#### 4.2 Bottom Ash Basins

The Bottom Ash Basins perimeter dikes, containing a total surface area of about 105 acres, total storage capacity of 3,000 acre-feet and a height of about 46 feet would be considered an "Intermediate" sized dam in accordance with the USACE Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams ER 1110-2-106 criteria.

The Bottom Ash Basins are not located on a waterway. An uncontrolled release of the Bottom Ash Basins content due to a failure or misoperation is not considered to cause loss of human life and the economic and environmental damages would be relatively low. The flooded area would be widespread with shallow depths because of the very flat surrounding topography. Based on the pond height and volume, the inundation area would be primarily limited to IGS property, which is very large and does not have developed property within several miles of the power plant.

Based on the low potential environmental impacts to the plant site and surrounding area and consistent with the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety and the Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Rights Dam Safety Section, we recommend the Bottom Ash Basins be classified as a "Low" hazard structure.

# 4.3 Wastewater Holding Basin

The Wastewater Holding Basin perimeter dikes, containing a surface area of about 53 acres, storage capacity of 650 acre-feet and a height of about 15 feet would be considered a "Low" sized dam in accordance with the USACE Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams ER 1110-2-106 criteria.

The Wastewater Holding Basin is not located on a waterway. An uncontrolled release of the Wastewater Holding Basin content due to a failure or misoperation is not considered to cause loss of human life and the economic and environmental damages would be relatively low. The flooded area would be widespread with shallow depths because of the very flat surrounding topography. Based on the pond height and volume, the inundation area would

be primarily limited to IGS property, which is very large and does not have developed property within several miles of the power plant.

Based on the low potential environmental impacts to the plant site and surrounding area and consistent with the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety and the Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Rights Dam Safety Section, we recommend the Wastewater Holding Basin be classified as a "Low" hazard structure.

# 5.0 Hydrology and Hydraulics

#### 5.1 Floods of Record

Floods of record have not been evaluated and documented for the CCW impoundments at the IGS.

# 5.2 Inflow Design Floods

Currently the CCW impoundments at IPSC are classified as "Low" hazard structures according to the Utah Department of Natural Resources Division of Water Rights. Based on observations during the field inspection, we concur with the "Low" hazard classifications for the Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin structures (see Section 4.0). Based on the hazard classification, the State of Utah Statues and Administrative Rules for Dam Safety specifies "Low" hazard dams be capable of passing the 100-year storm event with a minimum of 3-feet of freeboard. The USACE Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams ER 1110-2-106 recommends an intermediate size "Low" hazard dam be capable of passing floods ranging from the 100-year to 50 percent probable maximum flood (PMF) without overtopping the dam. Similarly, the USACE guidelines recommend a small size "Low" hazard dam be capable of passing the 50-year to 100-year storm event without overtopping the dam. Considering the "Low" hazard rating, the scale of the economic and environmental damages that could potentially occur upon failure, and the recommended range of inflow design storms, it is reasonable to select the 100-year storm event as the inflow design storm for both the intermediate sized Bottom Ash Basins and the small sized Wastewater Holding Basin. The 24-hour 100-year precipitation at the IGS is about 2.0 inches based on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Atlas 14 precipitation data.

#### 5.2.1 Bottom Ash Basins

The Bottom Ash Basins contributing drainage area is limited to the total impoundment area (approximately 105 acres) because the perimeter dikes prevent surface water run-on from adjacent land. The Bottom Ash Basins currently have significant freeboard that ranges from about 31.1 feet to 35.6 feet, providing an available combined storage capacity of approximately 1,400 acre-feet. Based on the 24-hour 100-year precipitation, the Bottom Ash Basins would receive a total of approximately 17.5 acre-feet (5.8 acre-feet each) of stormwater assuming no losses. Based on this result, the Bottom Ash Basins are expected to meet the regulatory requirements for storing or passing of the 24-hour 100-year precipitation inflow design flood.

#### 5.2.2 Wastewater Holding Basin

The Wastewater Holding Basin contributing drainage area is limited to the impoundment area (approximately 53 acres) because the perimeter dikes prevent surface water run-on from

adjacent land. The Wastewater Holding Basin currently has approximately 5.9 feet of freeboard, providing an approximately 100 acre-feet of available storage capacity. Based on the 24-hour 100-year precipitation, the Wastewater Holding Basin would receive a total of approximately 8.8 acre-feet of stormwater assuming no losses. Based on this result, the Wastewater Holding Basin is expected to meet the regulatory requirements for storing or passing of the 24-hour 100-year precipitation inflow design flood.

#### 5.2.3 Determination of the PMF

Not applicable.

#### 5.2.4 Freeboard Adequacy

Based on a very simplified evaluation using conservative assumptions, the freeboard appears to be adequate at Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin.

#### 5.2.5 Dam Break Analysis

Dam break analyses have not been performed for the CCW impoundments at the IGS.

## 5.3 Spillway Rating Curves

Not applicable.

#### 5.4 Evaluation

Based on the current facility operations and inflow design floods documents, the CCW impoundments at the IGS appear to have adequate capacity to store the regulatory design floods with adequate freeboard based on the recommended hazard classifications for the dams.

# 6.0 Geologic and Seismic Considerations

The following geologic and seismic information is based on multiple site specific geotechnical studies performed for the IGS that were provided at the time of the inspection. The IGS site is near the center of the northern Sevier Desert in the Basin and Range Physiographic Province. The area of the plant site is located in the Sevier Lake drainage system and is located on a broad alluvial fan. The ground surface within this area is relatively flat, sloping only slightly to the west. The average ground surface gradient is about 25 feet per mile. No major drainages cross the site area.

At the CCW impoundments area there are two main subsurface units. The upper unit consists primarily of interbedded lenses of sand and silty sand. This unit is about 20 feet thick. The top few feet of this deposit is comprised of aeolian sand, fluvial sand, and fine gravel. The underlying unit consists of fine grained silts and stiff clays of lacustrine origin. This unit is thickly bedded and extends to a depth of at least one hundred feet. Both of the two major subsurface units dip slightly toward the west, paralleling the existing topographic slope.

Groundwater levels at the CCW impoundment areas were measured during the geotechnical investigations. Ground water levels indicated a relatively flat groundwater surface roughly paralleling the ground surface. The average groundwater surface gradient is about 0.5 percent to the west-southwest. The depths of the groundwater surface in the area range between 17 and 45 feet below the existing ground surface.

The site topography is dominated by the L-1 fault system which trends northeastward through the site. The fault zone consists of relatively short, predominantly down-to-the-west faults with subdued topographic expression at the ground surface. The ridge to the east is the result of the bounding L-1 fault. The topographic expression of the western bounding faults is not as dominant with the relief about half that of the eastern bounding fault. The geotechnical studies indicate the minimum amount of displacement across the fault zone is on the order of 50 to 100 feet. However, based on analysis of aerial photographs and subsurface explorations, no faults with 50 to 100 feet of movement appear to exist beneath the CCW impoundment areas. According to the 2008 U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Seismic Hazard Map of Utah, the site has a regional probabilistic peak ground acceleration of approximately 0.16g with a 2 percent Probability of Exceedance within 50 years (recurrence interval of approximately 2,500 years).

# 7.0 Instrumentation

## 7.1 Location and Type

Water level staff gauges are installed at all of the IGS CCW impoundments and are read manually. Several ground water monitoring wells are installed around the CCW impoundments perimeter to monitor water quality and for leak detection. IPSC personnel indicated the groundwater monitoring wells are sampled and measured twice a year. IPSC personnel provided the most recent records of water level readings from the CCW impoundments.

## 7.2 Readings

#### 7.2.1 Flow Rates

Discharge through the outlet structures are not recorded at any of the CCW impoundments.

#### 7.2.2 Staff Gauges

Water level staff gauges are located at the Bottom Ash Basins and Waste Water Holding Basin and are read manually.

#### 7.3 Evaluation

Staff gauges and groundwater monitoring wells are the only instruments installed at the IGS CCW impoundments. It would be beneficial to install flow measurement devices at the CCW impoundments to measure and record flows into and out of the storage basins. High level alarms should also be considered to reduce the risk of overtopping the embankments. Surveyed benchmarks and embankment settlement monuments to measure and record any movement of the dikes should also be considered.

# 8.0 Field Assessment

#### 8.1 General

A site visit to assess the condition of the CCW impoundments at the IGS was performed on October 26, 2010, by Stephen G. Brown, P.E., and Nick D Miller, P.E. of GEI. Blaine Ipson and Rand Crafts of IPSC, and Dat Quach of the Department of Water and Power City of Los Angeles assisted in the assessment.

The weather during the site visit (October 26, 2010) was sunny, with temperatures around 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The majority of the ground was dry at the time of the site visit.

At the time of inspection, GEI completed an EPA inspection checklist, which is provided in Appendix A, and photographs, which are provided in Appendix B. Field assessment of the CCW impoundments included a site walk to observe the dam crest, upstream slope, downstream slope, and intake structures.

#### 8.2 Embankment Dam

#### 8.2.1 Dam Crest

The dam crest of the Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin appeared to be in good condition. No signs of cracking, settlement, movement, erosion or deterioration were observed during the assessment. The dam crest surface is generally composed of gravel road base material.

#### 8.2.2 Upstream Slope

The upstream slope of the Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin is protected by an 80 mil HDPE liner. The HDPE liner and the upstream slopes appeared to be in satisfactory condition. No scarps, sloughs, depressions or other indications of slope instability were observed during the inspection of the CCW impoundments. The previously described lining failure at the Wastewater Holding Basin resulted in saturated embankments. The repairs included improving the saturated subgrade with flowable concrete such that repairs could be made to the lining. A result of the repair is somewhat uneven appearance of the embankment, though the subgrade is judged to be sound.

#### 8.2.3 Downstream Slope

The downstream slopes of the Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin showed no signs of scarps, sloughs, depressions or other indications of slope instability during the inspection. The downstream slopes of the Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding

Basin are sparsely covered with vegetation consisting of greasewood shrubs, wheat grass and other native vegetation. The downstream slopes showed no signs of significant erosion. However, minor erosion rill on the downstream slope of the Wastewater Holding Basin west embankment was observed, most likely due to surface runoff.

# 8.3 Seepage and Stability

No evidence of ongoing seepage or potential seepage was observed at the Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin.

# 8.4 Appurtenant Structures

#### 8.4.1 Outlet Structures

The concrete outlet structures at the Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin appeared to be in good condition. The outlet pipelines were submerged and not visible at the time of the inspections. Minor amounts of flow were discharging into the outlet structures at the Bottom Ash Basins during the time of the inspections. The Wastewater Holding Basin was discharging to the pump structure at the time of the inspection. Plant staff estimated the discharge through the Wastewater Holding Basin outlet structure to be about 200 gallons per minute (gpm). The outlet structures have been in service for approximately 24 years.

#### 8.4.2 Pump Structures

The equipment in the Wastewater Holding Basin pump structure located along the north embankment appeared to be working properly.

# 8.4.3 Emergency Spillway

There are no emergency spillways present at the CCW impoundments.

### 8.4.4 Water Surface Elevations and Reservoir Discharge

The water levels in the Bottom Ash Basins #1, #2, and #3 were at elevations 4654.4, 4649.9, and 4651.6, respectively. Freeboard at the Bottom Ash Basins ranged from 31.1 to 35.6 feet. The water level in the Wastewater Holding Basin was at El. 4644.6, providing about 5.9 feet of freeboard.

# 9.0 Structural Stability

#### 9.1 Visual Observations

The assessment team saw no visible signs of instability associated with the dikes of the CCW impoundments during the October 26, 2010 site assessment.

# 9.2 Field Investigations

Based on the design drawings and geotechnical studies, the following subsurface investigations were performed at the site:

- Preliminary investigations were performed at the IGS plant site by Dames & Moore. The reports were dated May 1978, October 1978, and April 1979.
- Multiple borings, CPT soundings and laboratory tests were performed for Waste Disposal Area by Ertech. Based on the report dated 12/19/1980, prepared by Fugro (Ertech) exploration programs appear to have been performed in 1980.
- Additional field investigations were performed for the Wastewater lagoon and landfill area, which included a total of six borings and the installation of six groundwater observation wells. According to the report, the exploration program was performed during April of 1981.
- Several groundwater monitoring wells have been installed around the perimeter of the CCW impoundments to monitor groundwater quality and for leak detection.
   Information collected during the installation of the groundwater monitoring wells was not provided.

# 9.3 Methods of Analysis

Slope stability analyses have not been performed for the CCW impoundments at the IGS.

# 9.4 Seismic Stability – Liquefaction Potential

The liquefaction potential at the CCW impoundment embankments has not been previously evaluated based on review of the available documents. However, liquefaction and dynamic settlement analyses were evaluated for the plant site and concluded that the potential for liquefaction of subsurface soil at the plant site is very low primarily based on the medium to high density condition of the soil and lack of saturation. Based on the available site analysis and construction information, we expect the liquefaction potential at the CCW impoundments is low, and possibly very low. The low rating is based on the construction method for the

impoundment embankments, which included compacted fill placement to meet specified densities, and the general lack of saturation of the embankments associated with a lined impoundment and no groundwater within a critical depth.

# 10.0 Maintenance and Methods of Operation

#### 10.1 Procedures

A detailed visual inspection of the CCW impoundments is performed annually by IPSC professional engineers. An operation and maintenance crew inspects the liner condition and water levels monthly.

# 10.2 Maintenance of Impoundments

General maintenance of the CCW impoundments is performed by IPSC staff under the guidance of IPSC managers and engineers. Maintenance repairs of the HDPE liner are performed by IPSC staff or specialty subcontractors. Dam safety inspections for the CCW impoundments are performed every five years by a State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights inspector.

#### 10.3 Surveillance

Once every shift, or twice a day, a plant operator drives around the CCW impoundments for a visual inspection. There are no automatic alarm systems at the CCW impoundments. Plant personnel are available at the power plant and on 24-hour call for emergencies that may arise.

# 11.0 Conclusions

#### 11.1 Assessment of Dams

#### 11.1.1 Field Assessment

The dams and outlet works facilities associated with the CCW impoundments at the IGS were found to be in satisfactory condition. No visual signs of instability, movement or seepage were observed. The Wastewater Holding Basin west embankment slopes show signs of minor erosion from surface runoff and a few small animal burrow holes.

#### 11.1.2 Adequacy of Structural Stability

There are no records of a structural stability evaluation of the CCW impoundments.

## 11.1.3 Adequacy of Hydrologic/Hydraulic Safety

The two CCW impoundments currently appear to have adequate freeboard and storage capacity to safely store the 24-hour, 100-year storm event inflow design flood.

#### 11.1.4 Adequacy of Instrumentation and Monitoring of Instrumentation

The CCW impoundments have staff gauges and groundwater monitoring wells. Instrumentation and monitoring programs for the CCW impoundments are considered inadequate. The facility should have surveyed benchmarks and embankment settlement monuments to measure and record any movement of the dikes. High level alarms for the impoundment contents and means of monitoring sluiced CCW inflow/outflow flow rates should be considered.

## 11.1.5 Adequacy of Maintenance and Surveillance

The CCW impoundments at the IGS have adequate maintenance and surveillance programs. The facilities are generally well maintained and routine surveillance is performed by IPSC staff. Dam safety-inspections for the CCW impoundments are performed every five years by a State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights inspector.

## 11.1.6 Adequacy of Project Operations

Operating personnel are knowledgeable and are well trained in the operation of the project. The current operations of the facilities are satisfactory.

# 12.0 Recommendations

## 12.1 Corrective Measures and Analyses for the Structures

Slope stability analyses for the CCW impoundments should be performed on the maximum section of each CCW impoundment with a phreatic surface representative of steady seepage with normal water surface conditions assuming no liner. The slope stability analysis should be presented relative to the appropriate dam analysis guidelines such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

# 12.2 Corrective Measures Required for Instrumentation and Monitoring Procedures

Daily water levels of the CCW impoundments are monitored by plant staff and recorded monthly. No piezometers or settlement monuments are installed at CCW impoundments. It is recommended that a more thorough instrumentation and monitoring program be developed and implemented that would include, at a minimum, settlement monuments installed along the perimeter dikes of the impoundments that receive wet coal combustion waste. Additionally, we recommended that high level alarms be installed and incorporated into the CCW impoundments.

# 12.3 Corrective Measures Required for Maintenance and Surveillance Procedures

We recommended IPSC personnel develop and document formal inspections of the CCW impoundments, at a minimum to be performed annually by plant staff. We recommend a brief daily check inspection be conducted by IPSC personnel and that a written record be maintained for the monthly inspections being conducted by IPSC personnel. Also, continue efforts to repair minor erosion rills observed on the embankment slopes. Due to the lack of erosion protection, minor erosion rills should be repaired promptly to prevent extensive damage to the embankment slopes.

# 12.4 Corrective Measures Required for the Methods of Operation of the Project Works

None.

# 12.5 Summary

The following factors were the main considerations in determining the final rating of the CCW impoundments at IGS.

- The dikes at the Bottom Ash Basins and Wastewater Holding Basin are Low-Hazard structures based on federal and state classifications.
- The CCW impoundments were generally observed to be in good condition in the field assessment.
- There is no stability analysis on record for the CCW impoundments.
- There is currently no instrumentation in place for the CCW impoundments, except for staff gages and groundwater monitoring wells. There is no method of accurately monitoring of perimeter dike performance (i.e., movement, settlement, etc.).
- Operational procedures are considered adequate.

# 12.6 Acknowledgement of Assessment

I acknowledge that the management units referenced herein were personally inspected by me and were found to be in the following condition:

BOTTOM ASH BASIN #1	FAIR
BOTTOM ASH BASIN #2	FAIR
BOTTOM ASH BASIN #3	FAIR
WASTEWATER HOLDING BASIN	FAIR

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

SATISFACTORY: No existing or potential management unit safety deficiencies are recognized. Acceptable performance is expected under all applicable loading conditions (static, hydrologic, seismic) in accordance with the applicable criteria. Minor maintenance items may be required.

FAIR: Acceptable performance is expected under all required loading conditions (static, hydrologic, seismic) in accordance with the applicable safety regulatory criteria. Minor deficiencies may exist that require remedial action and/or secondary studies or investigations

**POOR:** A management unit safety deficiency is recognized for any required loading condition (static, hydrologic, seismic) in accordance with the applicable dam safety regulatory criteria. Remedial action is necessary. POOR also applies when further critical studies or investigations are needed to identify any potential dam safety deficiencies.

UNSATISFACTORY: Considered unsafe. A dam safety deficiency is recognized that requires immediate or emergency remedial action for problem resolution. Reservoir restrictions may be necessary.

I acknowledge that the management unit referenced herein:

Has been assessed on October 26, 2010

Signature:

# List of Participants:

Project Engineer, GEI Consultants, Inc. Stephen G. Brown, P.E. Nick D. Miller, P.E. Project Engineer, GEI Consultants, Inc. Blaine Ipson Intermountain Power Service Corporation Intermountain Power Service Corporation Rand Crafts

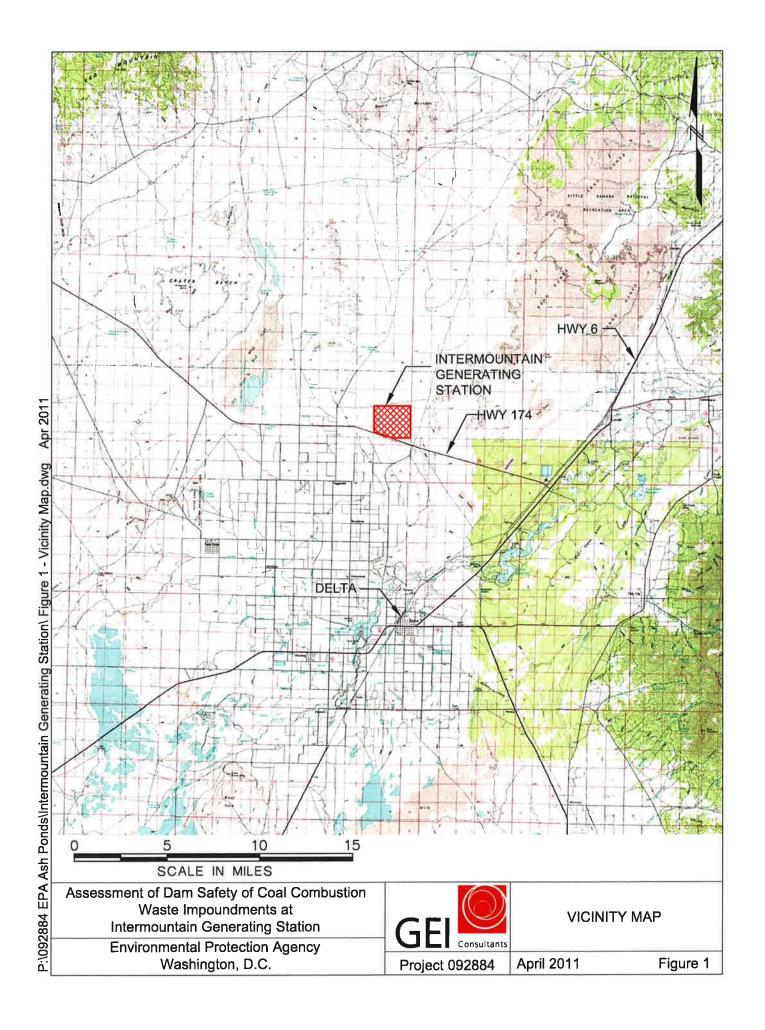
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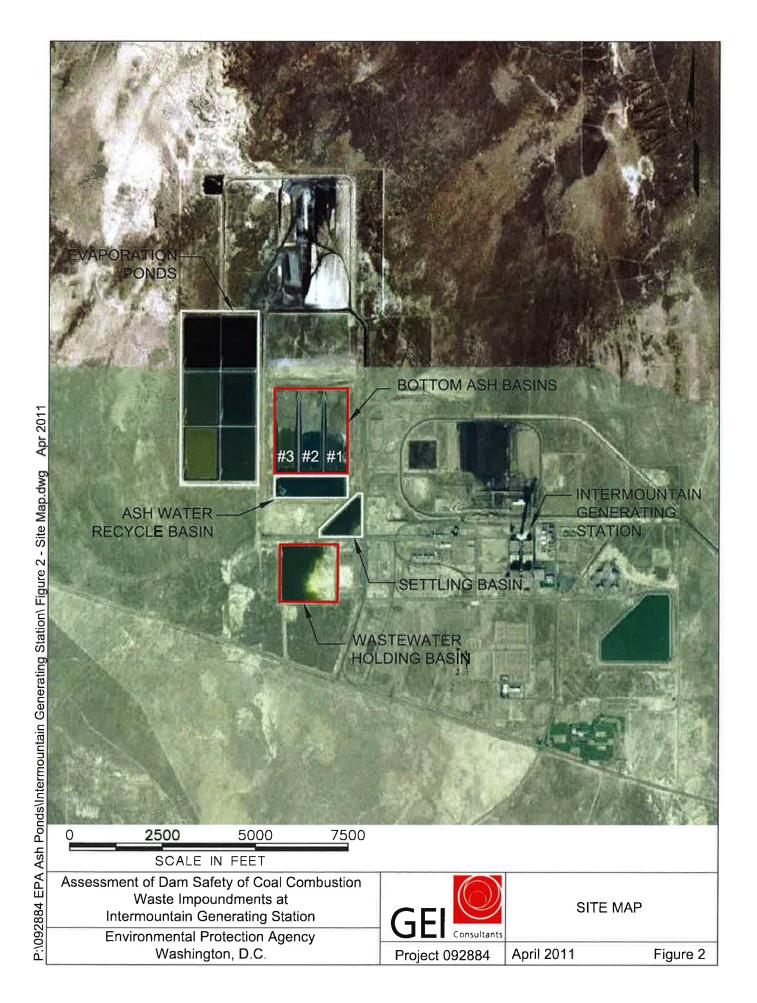
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# **Figures**





# Appendix A

**Inspection Checklists** 

October 26, 2010



Site Name: Intermountain Power Station	, Lynndyl	, UT	Date: October 26, 2010			
Unit Name: Bottom Ash Basin #1			Operator's Name: Intermountain Power Service Corp.			
Unit ID:			Hazard Potential Classification: High Sign	nificant L	ow	
Inspector's Name: Steve Brown / Nic	iate. If not appli	icable or	not available, record "N/A", Any unusual conditions or construction pract	ices that shou	ld be	
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1. Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?	Monthly		18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?	T	X	
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?	4654.4'		19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?		X	
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?	4640.0'		20. Decant Pipes			
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?	No spillw	vay	Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?		Х	
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?	4685.5'		Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?		х	
6. If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?	N/A		Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?	x		
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?		x	21. Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):			
Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?	x		From underdrain?	N/A		
Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below.)		X	At isolated points on embankment slopes?		х	
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?		X	At natural hillside in the embankment area?		X	
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?		X	Over widespread areas?		х	
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?		X	From downstream foundation area?		x	
13. Depressions or sink holes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area		х	"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		X	
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?	N/A	N/A	Around the outside of the decant pipe?		X	
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?	N/A	N/A	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		Х	
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		N/A	23. Water against downstream toe?		х	
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes		х	24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	X		
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Inspection Issue #			Comments			
12. No trashracks on intakes.						
16. Submerged outlet, could not observe.						
19. A few minor erosion gullies were observed along the east dike slopes.			19. Plant staff has an ongoing maintenance program to address these minor issues.			
20. Water in receiving pond was clear, disc	harge					

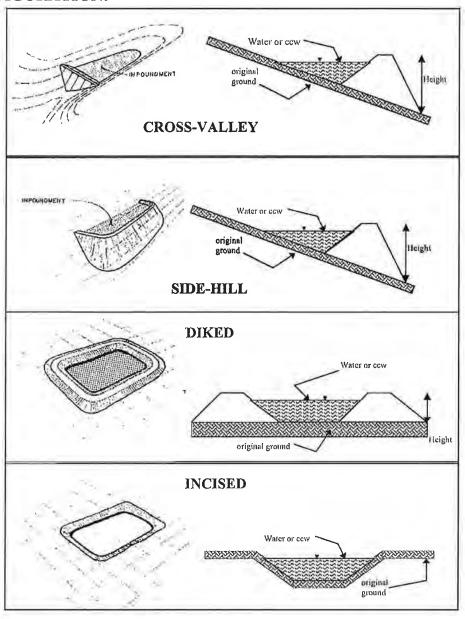
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## Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit # Permit UGW270004 INSPECTOR Steve Brown / Nick Miller
Date <b>October 26, 2010</b>
Impoundment Name Bottom Ash Basin #1
Impoundment Company Intermountain Power Service Corp.
EPA Region 8
State Agency (Field Office) Address 1595 Wynkoop St
Denver, CO 80202
Name of Impoundment Bottom Ash Basin #1
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number
NewUpdate
Yes No
Is impoundment currently under construction?  Is water or ccw currently being pumped into the impoundment?  X  X
IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Storage of bottom ash and boiler slag.
Nearest Downstream Town: Name <u>Delta, UT(impoundment is not located on a stream or drainage)</u> Distance from the impoundment <u>11 miles</u> Impoundment
Location:  Longitude 112 Degrees 35 Minutes 51.7 Seconds Latitude 39 Degrees 31 Minutes 5.4 Seconds State UT County Millard
Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES_X_ NO
If So Which Sate Agency? Utah Department of Natural Resources, Div. of Water Quality.

HAZARD POTENTIAL (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following
would occur):
LESS THAN LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Failure or misoperation of the dam results in no probable loss of human life or economic or environmental losses.
<b>X</b> LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the low hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.
SIGNIFICANT HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the significant hazard potential classification are those dams where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life but can cause economic loss, environmental damage, disruption of lifeline facilities, or can impact other concerns. Significant hazard potential classification dams are often located in predominantly rural or agricultural areas but could be located in areas with population and significant infrastructure.
HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation will probably cause loss of human life.
DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:
An uncontrolled release of the structure's contents due to a failure or misoperation
is not considered to cause loss of human life and the economic and environmental
damages would be relatively low. The flood extent would be limited by the very flat
surrounding topography. Flood waters would likely be widespread with shallow
depths. Based on the pond height and volume, the inundation area would be
primarily limited to Company property. Consistent with the Federal Guidelines for
Dam Safety, the dam should be classified as a "Low" hazard structure.



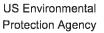
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Side-Hill	
<b>X</b> Diked	
Incised (form completion opt	tional)
Combination Incised/Diked	
Embankment Height36_ feet	Embankment MaterialEarth
Pool Area 35 acres	Liner HDPE Liner
Current Freeboard 31.1 feet	Liner Permeability 1x10-8 cm/sec for intact HDPE

### TRAPEZOIDAL TRIANGULAR None\_ Open Channel Spillway Top Width Top Width —— Trapezoidal \_\_\_\_ Triangular Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Triangular Bottom \_\_\_\_ Depth — Bottom (or average) width RECTANGULAR IRREGULAR \_\_\_\_ Top width Average Width Avg Depth X Outlet **-24 in** inside diameter Material \_\_\_\_ corrugated metal **X** welded steel Inside Diameter \_\_\_\_\_ concrete \_\_\_\_ plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.) \_\_\_\_ other (specify\_\_\_\_\_ Is water flowing through the outlet? YES X NO\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ No Outlet \_\_\_\_ Other Type of Outlet (Specify) \_\_ The Impoundment was Designed By Black & Veatch Consulting Engineers

Has there ever been a failure at this site? YES NOX	
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Has there ever been significant seepages at this site?  YES X NO
If So When? 1988-1989
If So Please Describe:
During the winter of 1988 the HDPE liner was damaged due to temperature
shrinkage that resulted in multiple liner tears within the storage basin.
During this event, water seeped through the bottom of the ash pond, where it
remained perched upon an underlying clay layer, as indicated by groundwater
monitoring wells. However, the utility reports that seepage or saturated areas
along the embankment or at the toe of the embankment were not observed at the
time. Following the event, the liner was repaired and temperature
expansion/contraction compensation panels were installed. In addition,
groundwater recovery wells were installed to capture and pump the water
perched on top of the underlying clay layer that was released during this event,
back to the Ash Recycle Basin.

Has there ever been any measures undertaken to	
Phreatic water table levels based on past seepage	
at this site?	YES NO <b>X</b> _
If So which method (e.g., piezometers, gw pump	ping,)?
f So Please Describe:	
The phreatic water table in the impoundme	ent dikes has not been affected by the
1988-89 pond leak events. As indicated pre	eviously, groundwater recovery wells
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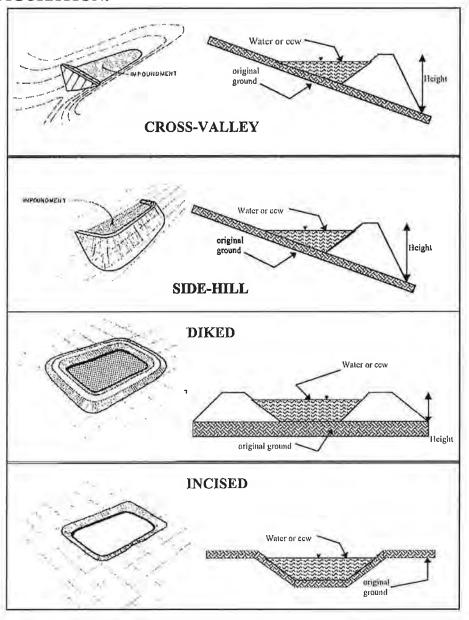
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If So When?		
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perched on top of the underlying clay layer that was released during this event,
back to the Ash Recycle Basin.

Has there ever been any measures undertaken to monitor/l	
Phreatic water table levels based on past seepages or breach	
at this site?	YES NO <b>X</b>
If So which method (e.g., piezometers, gw pumping,)?	
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If So Please Describe:	
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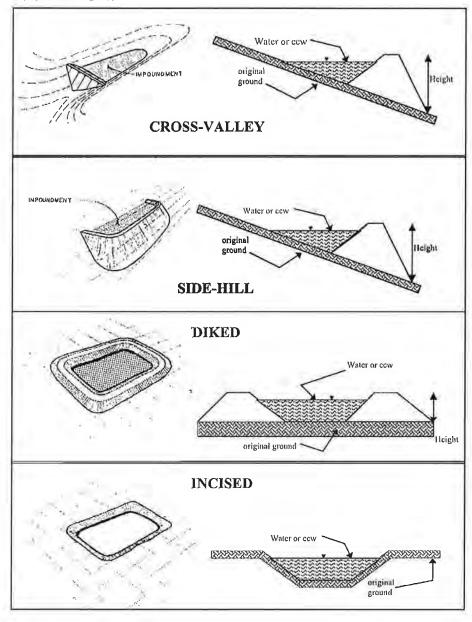
Site Name: Intermountain Power Station	, Lynndy	/I, UT	Date: October 26, 2010		
Unit Name <u>: <b>Bottom Ash Basin #3</b></u>			Operator's Name: Intermountain Power S	Service C	orp.
Unit ID:			Hazard Potential Classification: High Significant Lov		ow
Inspector's Name: Steve Brown / Nicl	k Miller				
			not available, record "N/A", Any unusual conditions or construction pract sed for different embankment areas. If separate forms are used, identify a	The second second second	
1. Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?	Monthly		18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?		X
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?	4651.6'		19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?		X
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?	4640.0'		20. Decant Pipes		
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?	No spill	way	Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?		X
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?	4685.5'		Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?		X
6. If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?	N/A		Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?	х	
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?		х	21. Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):		
8. Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?	х		From underdrain?	N/A	
Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below.)		x	At isolated points on embankment slopes?		x
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?		х	At natural hillside in the embankment area?		X
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?	х		Over widespread areas?		X
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?	x		From downstream foundation area?		X
Depressions or sink holes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area		x	"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		X
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?	N/A	N/A	Around the outside of the decant pipe?		X
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?	N/A	N/A	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		X
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		N/A	23. Water against downstream toe?		X
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes		х	24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	X	
	should r		ability and should be reported for further evalue by described (extent, location, volume, et		
Inspection Issue #			Comments		
12. No trashracks on intakes.					
16. Submerged outlet, could not observe.					
<ul><li>19. A few minor erosion gullies were obserthe west dike slopes.</li><li>20. Water in receiving pond was clear, disc submerged.</li></ul>		_	19. Plant staff has an ongoing maintenance program to address these minor issues.		0



## Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment NPDES Permit #Permit UGW270004 INSPECTOR Steve Brown / Nick Miller
Date <b>October 26, 2010</b>
Impoundment Name Bottom Ash Basin #3
Impoundment Company Intermountain Power Service Corp.
EPA Region 8
State Agency (Field Office) Address 1595 Wynkoop St
Denver, CO 80202
Name of Impoundment Bottom Ash Basin #3
(Report each impoundment on a separate form under the same Impoundment NPDES Permit number)
NewUpdate
Yes No
Is impoundment currently under construction? X Is water or ccw currently being pumped into
the impoundment?
IMPOUNDMENT FUNCTION: Storage of bottom ash and boiler slag.
Nearest Downstream Town: Name <u>Delta, UT(impoundment is not located on a stream or drainage)</u> Distance from the impoundment <u>11 miles</u> Impoundment
Location:  Longitude 112 Degrees 36 Minutes 8.7 Seconds Latitude 39 Degrees 31 Minutes 5.4 Seconds State UT County Millard
Does a state agency regulate this impoundment? YES X NO
If So Which Sate Agency? <u>Utah Department of Natural Resources, Div. of Water Quality.</u>

HAZARD POTENTIAL (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following
would occur):
LESS THAN LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Failure or misoperation of the dam results in no probable loss of human life or economic or environmental losses.  LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the low hazard potential
classification are those where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.
SIGNIFICANT HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the significant hazard potential classification are those dams where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life but can cause economic loss, environmental damage, disruption of lifeline facilities, or can impact other concerns. Significant hazard potential classification dams are often located in predominantly rural or agricultural areas but could be located in areas with population and significant infrastructure.
HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation will probably cause loss of human life.
DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:
An uncontrolled release of the structure's contents due to a failure or misoperation
is not considered to cause loss of human life and the economic and environmental
damages would be relatively low. The flood extent would be limited by the very flat
surrounding topography. Flood waters would likely be widespread with shallow
depths. Based on the pond height and volume, the inundation area would be
primarily limited to Company property. Consistent with the Federal Guidelines for
Dam Safety, the dam should be classified as a "Low" hazard structure.



——— Cross-Valley	
Side-Hill	
<b>X</b> Diked	
Incised (form completion opt	tional)
Combination Incised/Diked	
Embankment Height36 feet	Embankment MaterialEarth
Pool Area 35 acres	LinerHDPE Liner
Current Freeboard 33.9 feet	Liner Permeability 1x10-8 cm/sec for intact HDPE

### TRAPEZOIDAL TRIANGULAR None Open Channel Spillway Top Width Top Width —— Trapezoidal \_\_\_\_ Triangular Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Triangular Bottom \_\_\_\_ Depth Bottom (or average) width RECTANGULAR IRREGULAR \_\_\_\_ Top width Avg Depth X Outlet **24** in inside diameter Material \_\_\_\_ corrugated metal Inside Diameter **X**\_\_\_\_ welded steel \_\_\_\_ concrete \_\_\_\_ plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ other (specify\_\_\_\_\_ Is water flowing through the outlet? YES X NO\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ No Outlet \_\_\_\_ Other Type of Outlet (Specify) The Impoundment was Designed By Black & Veatch Consulting Engineers

Has there ever been a failure at this site? YES	NOX
If So When?	
If So Please Describe:	
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Has there ever been significant seepages at this site?  YES X NO
If So When? 1988-1989
If So Please Describe:
During the winter of 1988 the HDPE liner was damaged due to temperature
shrinkage that resulted in multiple liner tears within the storage basin.
During this event, water seeped through the bottom of the ash pond, where it
remained perched upon an underlying clay layer, as indicated by groundwater
monitoring wells. However, the utility reports that seepage or saturated areas
along the embankment or at the toe of the embankment were not observed at the
time. Following the event, the liner was repaired and temperature
expansion/contraction compensation panels were installed. In addition,
groundwater recovery wells were installed to capture and pump the water
perched on top of the underlying clay layer that was released during this event,
back to the Ash Recycle Basin.

Has there ever been any measures undertaken to Phreatic water table levels based on past seepag	
at this site?	YES NO <b>X</b>
If So which method (e.g., piezometers, gw pump	oing,)?
If So Please Describe:	
The phreatic water table in the impoundment	ent dikes has not been affected by the
1988-89 pond leak events. As indicated pro	eviously, groundwater recovery wells
were installed to capture and pump the wa	ter perched on top of the underlying
clay layer that was released during the 198	88 liner tear event back to the Ash
Recycle Basin.	
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Site Name: Intermountain Power Station	n, Lynnd	yl, UT	Date: October 26, 2010				
Jnit Name <u>: <b>Wastewater Holding Pond</b></u>			Operator's Name: Intermountain Power Service Corp.				
Unit ID:			Hazard Potential Classification: High Significant Low				
Inspector's Name: Steve Brown / Nic	k Miller						
			available, record "N/A", Any unusual conditions or construction practic				
	arate checklist	s may be used	for different embankment areas. If separate forms are used, identify ap	proximate a	rea that		
the form applies to in comments.	Yes	No		Yes	No		
Frequency of Company's Dam Inspections?	Monthly		18. Sloughing or bulging on slopes?		X		
2. Pool elevation (operator records)?	4644.6'		19. Major erosion or slope deterioration?		х		
3. Decant inlet elevation (operator records)?	Pump Controlled Discharge		20. Decant Pipes				
4. Open channel spillway elevation (operator records)?	No Spillway		Is water entering inlet, but not exiting outlet?		X		
5. Lowest dam crest elevation (operator records)?	4650.5'		Is water exiting outlet, but not entering inlet?		х		
If instrumentation is present, are readings recorded (operator records)?	N/A		Is water exiting outlet flowing clear?	X			
7. Is the embankment currently under construction?		X	Seepage (specify location, if seepage carries fines, and approximate seepage rate below):				
<ol><li>Foundation preparation (remove vegetation, stumps, topsoil in area where embankment fill will be placed)?</li></ol>	х		From underdrain?	N/A			
Trees growing on embankment? (If so, indicate largest diameter below.)		х	At isolated points on embankment slopes?		x		
10. Cracks or scarps on crest?		x	At natural hillside in the embankment area?		X		
11. Is there significant settlement along the crest?		x	Over widespread areas?		X		
12. Are decant trashracks clear and in place?	x		From downstream foundation area?		Х		
<ol> <li>Depressions or sink holes in tailings surface or whirlpool in the pool area</li> </ol>		х	"Boils" beneath stream or ponded water?		х		
14. Clogged spillways, groin or diversion ditches?	N/A	N/A	Around the outside of the decant pipe?		X		
15. Are spillway or ditch linings deteriorated?	N/A	N/A	22. Surface movements in valley bottom or on hillside?		X		
16. Are outlets of decant or underdrains blocked?		N/A	23. Water against downstream toe?		Х		
17. Cracks or scarps on slopes		х	24. Were Photos taken during the dam inspection?	х			

Major adverse changes in these items could cause instability and should be reported for further evaluation. Adverse conditions noted in these items should normally be described (extent, location, volume, etc.) in the space below and on the back of this sheet.

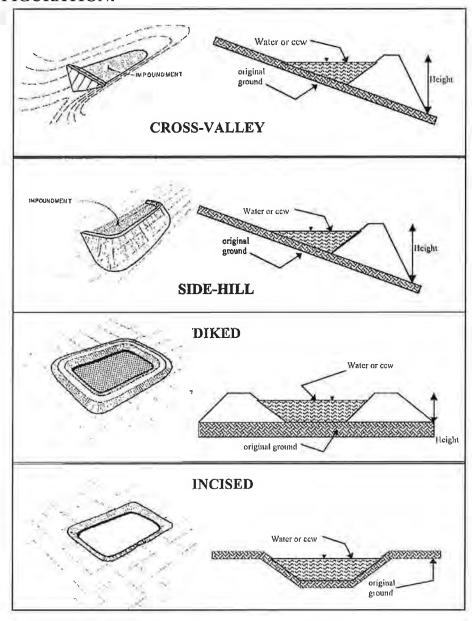
Inspection Issue #	Comments
16. Submerged outlet, could not observe.	
19. A few minor erosion gullies and a few abandoned small animal burrows were observed along the west dike slopes.	19. Plant staff has an ongoing maintenance program to address these minor issues.
20. Plant staff estimated flow through outlet to be about 200 gpm.	



# Coal Combustion Waste (CCW) Impoundment Inspection

Impoundment I	Utah Ground Wo NPDES Permit #Permit UGW270		NSPECTOR Ste	eve Brown / Nick Miller
Date October 2	26, 2010			
Impoundment N	Name <b>Wastewater Holding Pond</b>			
Impoundment (	Company Intermountain Power S	ervice Cor	p	
EPA Region 8				
State Agency (	Field Office) Address 1595 Wynko	oop St		
	Denver, CO	80202		
	indment Wastewater Holding Ponton on a separate form u			
New	Update			
		Yes	No	
•	t currently under construction?		_X_	
the impoundme	currently being pumped into ent?	X		
IMPOUNDMEN	IT FUNCTION: Storage of Flue (	Gas, boiler	slag, bottom a	sh and other process wa
	tream Town: Name <u>Delta, UT (im</u> he impoundment <u>11 miles</u>	poundment is	not located on a	stream or drainage) –
Location:	Longitude 112 Degrees Latitude 39 Degrees State UT County —	<b>30</b> M	inutes 0.8 linutes 28.7	_ Seconds _ Seconds
Does a state ag	gency regulate this impoundment?	YES <u>X</u>	. NO	
If So Which Sat	e Agency? Utah Department of I	Natural Res	ources. Div. of	Water Quality.

<u>HAZARD POTENTIAL</u> (In the event the impoundment should fail, the following would occur):
LESS THAN LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Failure or misoperation of the dam results in no probable loss of human life or economic or environmental losses.
<b>X</b> LOW HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the low hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.
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HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL: Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or misoperation will probably cause loss of human life.
DESCRIBE REASONING FOR HAZARD RATING CHOSEN:
An uncontrolled release of the structure's contents due to a failure or misoperation
is not considered to cause loss of human life and the economic and environmental
damages would be relatively low. The flood extent would be limited by the very flat
surrounding topography. Flood waters would likely be widespread with shallow
depths. Based on the pond height and volume, the inundation area would be
primarily limited to Company property. Consistent with the Federal Guidelines for
Dam Safety, the dam should be classified as a "Low" hazard structure.



——— Cross-Valley							
Side-Hill							
Diked							
Incised (form co	mple	tion op	tional)				
Combination Inc	cised/	Diked					
Embankment Height _	15	feet	Embankm	ent Materia	1	Earth	_
Pool Area 53		acres	Liner	HDPE	Liner		_
Current Freeboard	5.9	feet	Liner Pern	neability	1x10 <sup>-8</sup>	cm/sec for intact H	IDPE

		TRAPEZOIDAL	TRIANGULAR
None (	Open Channel Spillway		
	Trapezoidal	Top Width	Top Width
	Triangular	$\rightarrow$	
	Triangular	Depth	Depth
	Triangular	Bottom	
,	D 4	Width	
	Depth		
	Bottom (or average) width	RECTANGULAR	IRREGULAR
	Top width	ROCITITODIAN	Average Width
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<u>X</u>	Outlet		
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Material	1	/	1
	corrugated metal	1	)
	welded steel	Inside	Diameter
(		\	1
	plastic (hdpe, pvc, etc.)	\	/
	other (specify	\ \	
Is water	flowing through the outlet? YE	S_ <b>X</b> NO	
15 water	nowing unough the outlet: 112	5_A_ NO	
7	No Outlet		
	Other Type of Outlet (Specify)		
	Other Type of Outlet (Specify)		
The Imp	oundment was Designed By Bla	ck & Veatch Consulting Engir	neers
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Has there ever been a failure at this site? YES	NO _	X	
If So When?			
If So Please Describe:			

Has there ever been significant seepages at this site?  YES X NO
If So When? 1988-1989
If So Please Describe:
During the winter of 1988 the HDPE liner was damaged due to temperature
shrinkage that resulted in multiple liner tears within the storage basin.
During this event, water seeped through the bottom of the ash pond, where it
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monitoring wells. However, the utility reports that seepage or saturated areas
along the embankment or at the toe of the embankment were not observed at the
time. Following the event, the liner was repaired and temperature
expansion/contraction compensation panels were installed. In addition,
groundwater recovery wells were installed to capture and pump the water
perched on top of the underlying clay layer that was released during this event,
back to the Ash Recycle Basin.

Has there ever been any measures undertaken to monitor/low	
Phreatic water table levels based on past seepages or breache	
at this site?	YES NO <b>X</b>
If So which method (e.g., piezometers, gw pumping,)?	
If So Please Describe:	
The phreatic water table in the impoundment dikes ha	s not been affected by the
1988-89 pond leak events. The dike slopes underlying	the HDPE lining in the
Waste Water Holding Pond became locally saturated a	and soft and were stabilized
using concrete during the lining repair. As indicated p	oreviously, groundwater
recovery wells were installed to capture and pump the	water perched on top of
the underlying clay layer that was released during the	1988 liner tear event back
to the Ash Recycle Basin.	

## Appendix B

Inspection Photographs

October 26, 2010

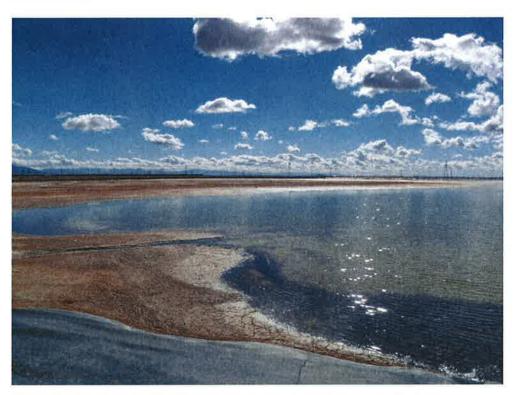


Photo 1: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking south from north dike.



Photo 2: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking west at north dike upstream slope.



Photo 3: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking west at north dike crest and downstream slope.



Photo 4: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking south at intake structure from north dike.



Photo 5: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking south at reservoir area from intake structure.



Photo 6: Wastewater Holding Pond, intake structure steel stop logs.



Photo 7: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking west at reservoir area and west dike from intake.



Photo 8: Wastewater Holding Pond, Intake structure platform and removable grate.



Photo 9: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking west at north dike liner.

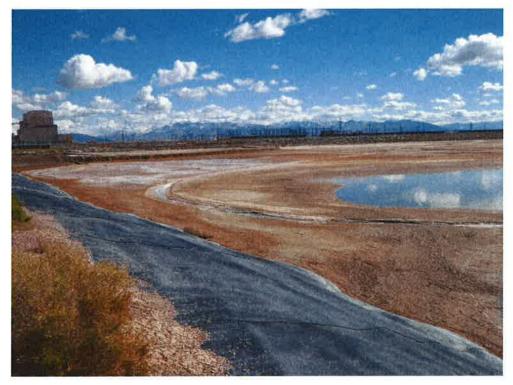


Photo 10: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking east at east dike and liner.



Photo 11: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking south from west dike at crest and entrance ramp.



Photo 12: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking south at west dike downstream slope.



Photo 13: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking south at west dike entrance ramp, note ramp gage.



Photo 14: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking at groundwater well along west dike.

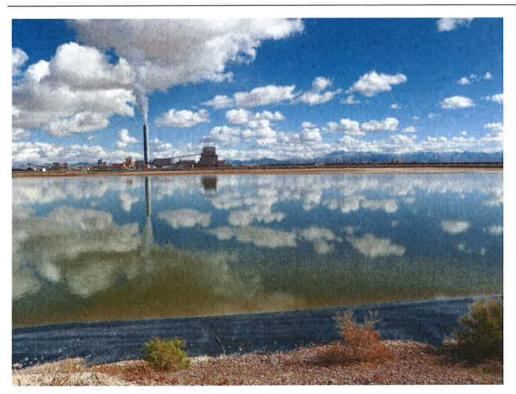


Photo 15: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking east at reservoir area and east dike from west dike.



Photo 16: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking south from south dike at stormwater channel.

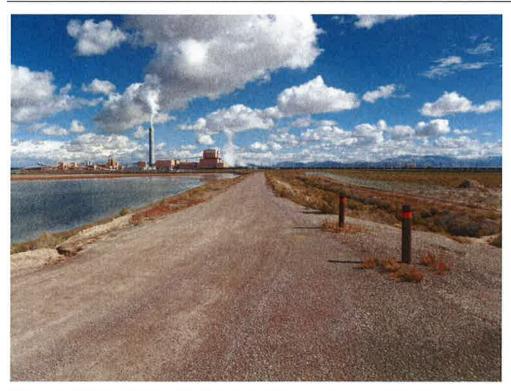


Photo 17: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking east at south dike crest.



Photo 18: Wastewater Holding Pond, looking east at south dike upstream slope and liner.

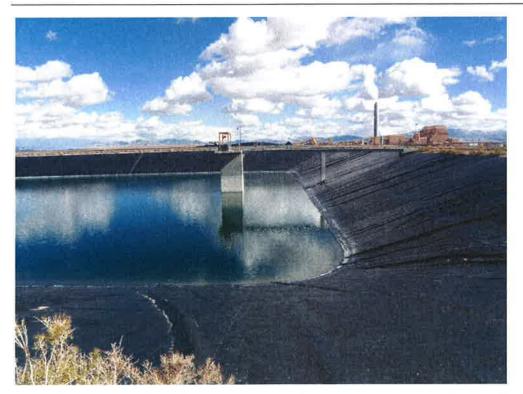


Photo 19: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking at intake and south dike upstream slope and liner.

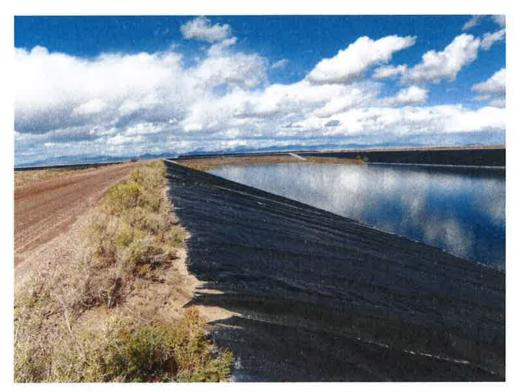


Photo 20: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking north at west dike crest, upstream slope and liner.

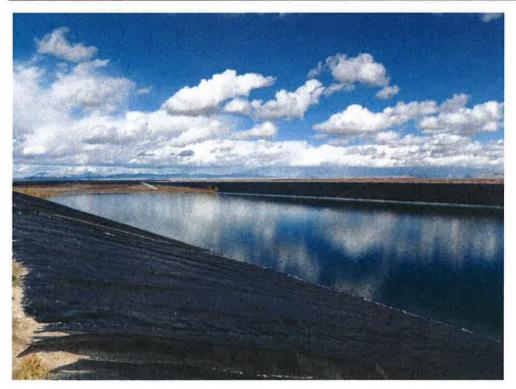


Photo 21: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking northeast from west dike at reservoir area and east inner dike.



Photo 22: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking north at west dike downstream slope.



Photo 23: Settling Basin, looking east from BA#3 south dike at settling basin reservoir area.

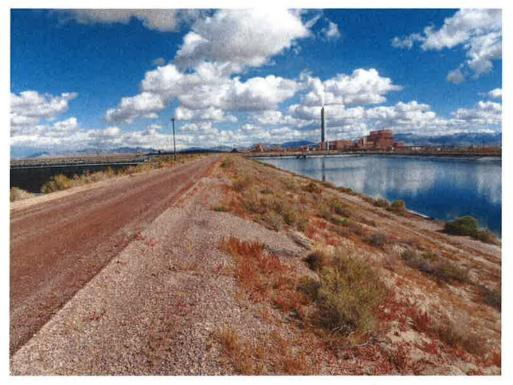


Photo 24: Bottom Ash Basin #1-3, looking east at south dike crest and downstream slope.

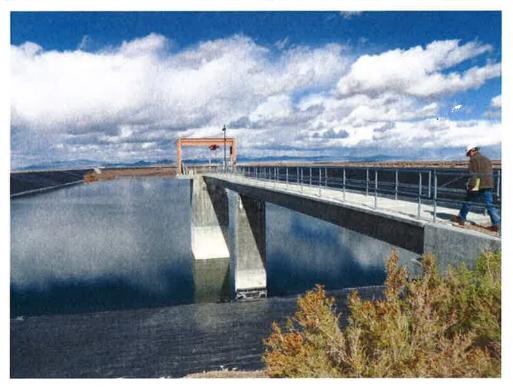


Photo 25: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking north at intake structure.



Photo 26: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking northeast at BA#2/#3 inner dike and liner.

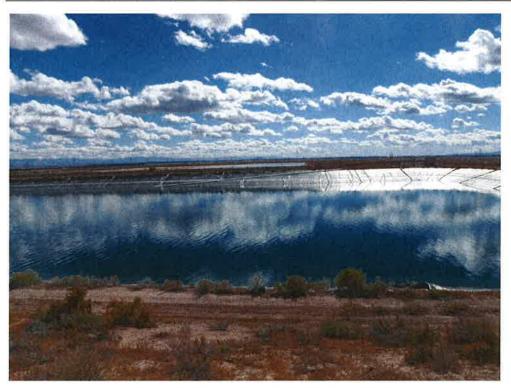


Photo 27: Bottom Ash Basin #2, looking south from south dike at Settling basin slopes and reservoir area.



Photo 28: Evaporation Ponds, looking northwest from BA#3 west dike at evaporation ponds.



Photo 29: Bottom Ash Basin #1-3, looking east at north dike crest and downstream slope.



Photo 30: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking at inlet pipeline discharging into rundown structure.



Photo 31: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking at discharge through rundown structure.



Photo 32: Bottom Ash Basin #3, looking south from north bank at inlet area and reservoir slopes.

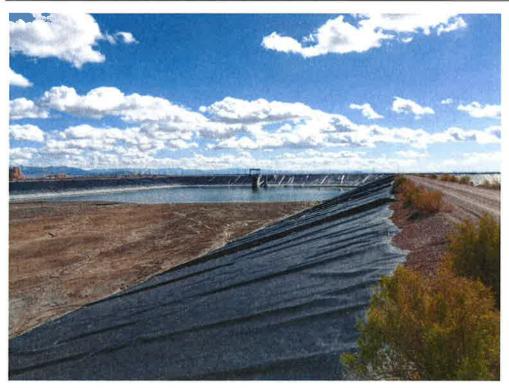


Photo 33: Bottom Ash Basin #1, looking south at intake and inner dike upstream slope and liner.



Photo 34: Bottom Ash Basin #2, looking south at intake and inner dike upstream slope and liner.



Photo 35: Bottom Ash Basin #2, looking northwest from inner dike at inlet and reservoir area.



Photo 36: Bottom Ash Basin #1, looking northeast from inner dike at inlet and reservoir area.



Photo 37: Bottom Ash Basin #1, looking north at east dike downstream slope.



Photo 38: Bottom Ash Basin #1, looking north at east dike downstream toe.



Photo 39: Bottom Ash Basin #1, looking north at east dike crest.

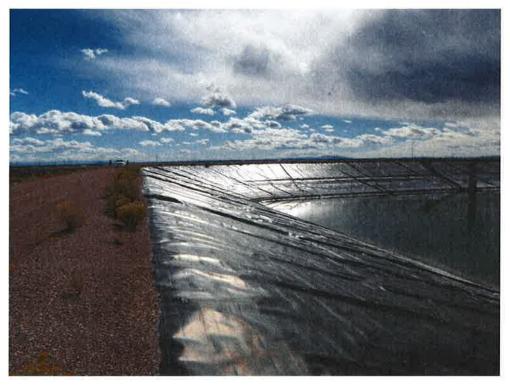


Photo 40: Bottom Ash Basin #1, looking south east dike upstream slope and liner.

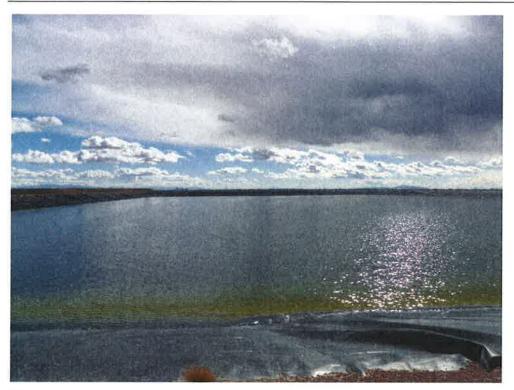


Photo 41: Evaporation Pond #5, looking south at reservoir area and upstream liner.



Photo 42: Evaporation Pond #6, looking south at reservoir area and upstream liner.

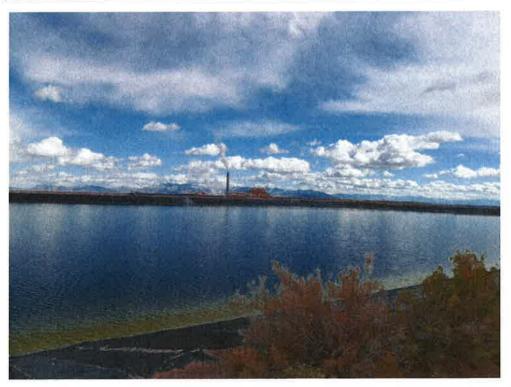


Photo 43: Evaporation Pond #6, looking southeast at reservoir area and inner dikes.



Photo 44: Evaporation Pond #2, looking east at reservoir area and upstream liner, note considerable salt accumulation.

# Appendix C

Reply to Request for Information Under Section 104(e)

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Commission LEE KANON ALPERT, President EDITH RAMIREZ, Vice President WALLY KNOX FORESCEE HOGAN-ROWLES JONATHAN PARFREY BARBARA E. MOSCHOS, Secretary H. DAVID NAHAI, Unief Executive Officer and General Manager

March 23, 2009

Mr. Richard Kinch US Environmental Protection Agency Two Potomac Yard 2733 South Crystal Drive 5<sup>th</sup> Floor; N-5783 Arlington, VA 22202 2733

Dear Mr. Kinch.

Subject: Response to CERCLA §104(e) Information Collection Request Intermountain Power Project, Delta, UT

As Operating Agent of Intermountain Power Project (IPP), located in Delta, Utah, the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) is herein providing required information in response to Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Information Collection Request (ICR) on impounded management units used for coal combustion byproducts. Your CERCLA §104(e) ICR of March 9, 2009, was received by the IPP on March 13, 2009.

There are thirteen management units at the IPP to which this ICR is applicable:

Management Unit(s)
Settling Basin (one)
Bottom Ash Basins (three)

Ash Water Recycle Basin (one) Wastewater Holding Basin (one) Evaporation Ponds (six) Landfill Run-Off Basin (one) Type

Intermediate storage
Permanent ash disposal and
intermediate water storage
Intermediate storage
Intermediate storage
Permanent disposal
Permanent disposal

The information requested was compiled by the Intermountain Power Service Corporation (IPSC), which operates the plant. Answers to the specific questions contained within the request are in Enclosure 1. Documentation specifically requested to support Question No. 6 is provided in Enclosure 2. Other supporting documentation

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Mr. Richard Kinch Page 2 March 23, 2009

can be found at <a href="http://nrwrt1.nr.state.ut.us/cgi-bin/damview.exe">http://nrwrt1.nr.state.ut.us/cgi-bin/damview.exe</a>, by clicking "List by Dam Name", and choosing each applicable management unit under "Intermountain Power."

For clarifications to this submittal, please contact Mr. George W. Cross, IPSC President and Chief Operations Officer, at (435) 864-4414, or george-c@ipsc.com.

I am the Director of Generation for the LADWP, the Operating Agent for the IPP, and therefore have the authority to make the following certification as authorized representative for the IPP as required by the ICR:

I certify that the information contained in this response to EPA's request for information and the accompanying documents is true, accurate, and complete. As to the identified portions of this response for which I cannot personally verify their accuracy, I certify under penalty of law that this response and all attachments were prepared in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based upon my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signed:

Name: Frie I Tharn

Title: Director of Generation

DQ/RJC:sg Enclosures

By Federal Express

c/enc: Mr. George W. Cross - IPSC

Mr. Blaine Ipson – IPSC Mr. Rand Crafts – IPSC

# **ENCLOSURE 2**



Michael O. Leavitt Gevernor Robert L. Mergan Emecutive Director Jerry D. Olds State Engineer 1594 West North Temple, Suite 220 PO Box 145300 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6300 (801) 538-7240 telephone (801) 538-7457 fixx www.tr.utah.gov

April 20, 2004

GEORGE W. CROSS, CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER INTERMOUNTAIN POWER SERVICE CORPORATION 850 WEST BRUSH WELLMAN ROAD DELTA, UT 84624

Re: INTERMOUNTAIN POWER - BOTTOM ASH BASINS/UT00463
INTERMOUNTAIN POWER - BOTTOM ASH RECYCLE/UT00464
INTERMOUNTAIN POWER - EVAPORATION PONDS/UT00465

INTERMOUNTAIN POWER - SETTLING BASIN/UT00466 INTERMOUNTAIN POWER - STORAGE BASIN/UT00467 INTERMOUNTAIN POWER - WASTEWATER/UT00468

A field inspection of the above-referenced dams was completed on April 14, 2004, with the following in attendance:

NAME Terry Monroe Blain Ipson REPRESENTING
Division of Water Rights
Owner's Representative

Based on our visual observation of the dam and appurtenant facilities, we have observed some items which need attention to ensure the satisfactory long-term operation of the facilities:

- Several burrowing rodents were observed on the Wastewater embankment. These rodents should be eradicated.
- 2. Erosion gullies have formed on several areas of the downstream face of the embankments. The most notable area is at the southwest corner of the evaporation ponds. It appears that this is a result of the crest being graded to drain to the downstream side in these areas. The crest of the embankments should be graded with a slight slope so that they drain to the upstream side into the basin.



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Your cooperation is appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kirk Forbush at (435) 896-4429.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Olds, P.E. State Engineer

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pc: Kirk Forbush - Water Rights Regional Engineer Director Millard County Emergency Services

#### **OUESTION #1**

1. Relative to the National Inventory of Dams criteria for High, Significant, Low, or Less-than-Low, Please provide the potential hazard rating for each management unit and indicate who established the rating, what the basis of the rating is, and what federal or state agency regulates the unit(s). If the unit(s) does not have a rating, please note that fact.

ICR Question	Settling Bazin	Bottom Ash Basins	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evaporation Ponds	Landfill Run-off Basin
I.a. Please provide the potential hazard rating for each management unit	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	Not Rated
1.b. Indicate who established the rating	Utah Department of Natural Resources	n/a				
I.c. Basis for the rating	No potential for probable loss of human life, high economic loss, or environmental loss	No potential for probable loss of human life, high economic loss, or environmental loss	No potential for probable loss of human life, high economic loss, or environmental loss	No potential for probable loss of human life, high economic loss, or environmental loss	No potential for probable loss of human life, high economic loss, or environmental loss	Does not exceed 25 feet in height, does not exceed 50 acre feet (af)
1.d. Agency regulating the unit	Utah Department of Natural Resources	Utah Department of Natural Resources				

NOTE: For additional information for these IPP poods, please refer to http://nroril.or.state.ut.us/cp-bin/mant/sw.csg , and click "List by Dam Name", and choose each unit under "Intermountain Power."

#### **OUESTION #2**

2. What year was each management unit commissioned and expanded?

ICR Question	Settling Basin	Bottom Ash Basins	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evanoration Ponds	Landfill Run-off Basin
2. What year was each	1983	1986	1986	1986	1986	1986
management unit		1	1		1	1
commissioned and expanded	?					1

#### **OUESTION #3**

3. What materials are temporarily or permanently contained in the unit? Use the following categories to respond to this question:
(1) fly ash; (2) bottom ash; (3) boiler slag; (4) flue gas emission control residuals; (5) other. If the management unit contains more than one type of material, please identify all that apply. Also, if you identify "other," please specific the other types of materials that are temporarily or permanently contained in the unit(s).

ICR Oversion	Settling Basin	Bottom Ash Basins	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evaporation Ponds	Laudfill Run-off Basin
3. What materials are	Flue gas emission control	Bottom ash; boiler slag;	OTHER (incl. leachate from	Flue gas emission control	OTHER (incl. all pond water	OTHER (incl. leachate and
temporarily or permanently	residuals; OTHER (incl. wash	OTHER (incl. pulverizer	bottom ash, boiler slag,	residuals; OTHER (incl. all	sources as described for WW	run-off from combustion by-
contained in the unit?	down, coal pile run-off, boiler	rejects, chemical clean	pulverizer rejects)	process waters separated for	Holding Basin, and treated	products landfill which
	blowdown, cooling tower	residue)	1	re-use: wash down, coal pile	sewage plant effluent)	consists of fly ash, flue gas
	blowdown, regenerant		1	run-off, boiler blowdown,	1	emission control residues,
	rinsate, stormwater		4	cooling tower blowdown,		bottom ash, boiler slag,
	collection, building/structure		1	regenerant rinsate, leachate		pulverizer rejects)
	drains)		1	from bottom ash, boiler slag,		
				pulverizer rejects)		

#### **OUESTION #4**

4. Was the management unit(s) designed by a Professional Engineer? Is or was the construction of the waste management unit(s) under the supervision of a Professional Engineer? Is inspection and monitoring of the safety of the waste management unit(s) under the supervision of a Professional Engineer?

ICR Question	Settling Basin	Bottom Ash Basins	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evaporation Ponds	Landfill Run-off Basin
4.a. Was the management unit(s) designed by a Professional Engineer?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4.b. Is or was the construction of the waste management unit(s) under the supervision of a Professional Engineer?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
4.c is inspection and monitoring of the safety of the waste management unit(s) under the supervision of a Professional Engineer?	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

NOTE: For supporting documentation on these IPP ponds, please refer to http://nrwil.ur.niste.ul.us/egi-bin/damview.exg , and click "List by Darn Name", and choose each unit under "Intermountain Power."

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#### **OUESTION #5**

5. When did the company last assess or evaluate the safety (i.e., structural integrity) of the management unit(s)? Briefly describe the credentials of those conducting the structural integrity assessments/evaluations. Identify actions taken or planned by facility personnel as a result of these assessments or evaluations. If corrective actions were taken, briefly describe the credentials of those performing the corrective actions, whether they were company employees or contractors. If the company plans an assessment or evaluation in the future, when is it expected to occur?

ICR Ouestion	Settling Basin	Bottom Ash Basina	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evaporation Ponds	Landfill Run-off Basin
5.a. When did the company last assess or evaluate the safety of the management unit(s)?	Spring, 2008					
5.b. Describe the credentials of those conducting the structural integrity assessments/evaluations	Environmental Engineer					
5.c. Describe the credentials of those performing the corrective actions	Plant Operations Supervisor, Plant Engineer (employees) HDPE Liner Repair Personnel (contractor)	Plant Operations Supervisor, Plant Engineer (employees) HDPE Liner Repair Personnel (contractor)	Plant Operations Supervisor, Plant Engineer (employees) HDPE Liner Repair Personnel (contractor)	Plant Operations Supervisor, Plant Engineer (employees) HDPE Liner Repair Personnel (contractor)	Plant Operations Supervisor, Plant Engineer (employees) HDPE Liner Repair Personnel (contractor)	Plant Operations Supervisor, Plant Engineer (employees) HDPE Liner Repair Personnel (contractor)
S.d. When is the next assessment expected to occur?	Spring, 2009					

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#### **OUESTION #6**

6. When did a State or a Federal regulatory official last inspect or evaluate the safety (structural integrity) of the management unit(s)? If you are aware of a planned state or federal inspection or evaluation in the future, when is it expected to occur? Please identify the Federal or State regulatory agency or department which conducted or is planning the inspection or evaluation. Please provide a copy of the most recent official inspection report or evaluation.

ICR Ouestion	Settling Basin	Bottom Ash Basins	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evaporation Ponds	Landfill Run-off Basin
6.a. When did a State or a Federal regulatory official last inspect or evaluate the safety of the management unit(s)?	April, 2004	Never				
6.b. If you are aware of a planned state or federal inspection or evaluation in the future, when is it expected to occur?	2009 (every 5 years)	Not expected				
6.c. Please identify the regulatory agency or department which conducted or is planning the inspection or evaluation.	State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights	State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights	State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights	State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights	State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah Division of Water Rights	n/a
6.d. Please provide a copy of the most recent official inspection report or evaluation.	Enclosed (See DNR/DWR Inspection letter of April20, 2004)	Enclosed (See DNR/DWR Inspection letter of April20, 2004)	Enclosed (See DNR/DWR Inspection letter of April 20, 2004)	Enclosed (See DNR/DWR Inspection letter of April20, 2004)	Enclosed (See DNR/DWR Inspection letter of April 20, 2004)	n/a

NOTE: For additional information for these IPP ponds, please refer to http://nwwtl.nr.state.ut.vs/cgi-bin/damview.eag., and click "List by Dam Name", and choose each unit under "Intermountain Power."

#### **OUESTION #7**

7. Have assessments or evaluations, or inspections conducted by State or Regulatory officials conducted within the last year uncovered a safety issue(s) with the management unit(s), and if so, describe the actions that have been or are being taken to deal with the issue or issues. Please provide any documentation that you have for these actions.

ICR Ouestion	Settling Basin	Bottom Ash Basins	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evaporation Ponds	Landfill Run-off Basin
7.a. Have evaluations conducted within the last year uncovered a safety issue with the management unit(s)?		No safety issues; minor maintenance items only	No safety issues; minor maintenance items only	No safety issues; minor maintenance items only	No safety issues; minor maintenance items only	No safety issues; minor maintenance items only
7.b. Describe the actions taken	n/a	Liner repair, embankment run-off erosion fill	Liner repair, embankment run-off erosion fill	Liner repair	Liner repair	Liner repair
7.c. Provide documentation	N/A - no safety issues	N/A - no safety issues	N/A - no safety issues	N/A - no safety issues	N/A - no safety issues	N/A - no safety issues

#### **OUESTION #8**

8. What is the surface area (acres) and total storage capacity of each of the management unit(s)? What is the volume of materials currently stored in each of the management unit(s)? Please provide the date that the volume measurement(s) was taken. Please provide the maximum height is explained later in this Enclosure.

ICR Ouestion	Settling Basin	Bottom Ash Basins	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evaporation Ponds	Landfill Run-off Basin
8.a. What is the surface area (acres) of each of the management unit(s)?	14 acres	(three ponds at 35 acres each)	27 acres	53 acres	180 acres (Six ponds @ 30 acres each)	5 acres
8.b. What is the total storage capacity of each of the management unit(s)?	145 af	(three ponds at 1000 af each)	590 af	650 af	3225 af (Six ponds at approx. 540 af each, average)	30 af
8.c. What is the volume of materials currently stored in each of the management unit(s)?	103 af	1590 af	321 af	551 af	2077 af	Empty
8.d Please provide the date that the volume measurement(s) was taken.	3/2/2009	3/2/2009	3/2/2009	3/2/2009	3/2/2009	3/13/09
B.e. Please provide the maximum height is explained later in this Enclosure.	7 ft	36 ft	27 ft	15 ft	23 ft	8 ft

NOTE: For construction drawings for these IPP ponds, please refer to http://nowrtl.nr.state.ut.bs/eri-bindtamyir-w.exe, and click "List by Dam Name", and choose each unit under "Intermountain Power."

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#### **OUESTION #9**

Please provide a brief history of known spills or unpermitted releases from the unit within the last ten years, whether or not these
were reported to State of Federal regulatory agencies. For purposes of this question, please include only releases to surface water
or to the land (do not include releases to groundwater)

ICR Ouestion	Settling Basin	Bottom Ash Basins	Ash Water Recycle Basin	Wastewater Holding Basin	Evaporation Pends	Landfill Run-off Basin
Please provide a brief history of known spills or unpermitted releases from the unit within the last ten years	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

#### **QUESTION #10**

10. Please identify all current legal owner(s) and operator(s) at the facility.

Owner: Intermountain Power Agency

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South Jordan, UT 84095

Operating Agent: Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Operating Company: Intermountain Power Service Corp

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