INITIAL HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

EXISTING CCR IMPOUNDMENTS CCR Rule Section 257.73(a)(2)

ASBURY POWER PLANT

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To Whom it May Concern:

This document presents the **Initial Hazard Potential Classification** of the Empire District Electric Companys (Empires) CCR Impoundment at the Asbury Power Plant, and has been prepared to meet the requirements of Section 257.73(a)(2) of the CCR Rule.

In accordance with Section 257.105(f)(5) of the CCR Rule, a copy of this document should be maintained in Empires operating records. In accordance with Section 257.107(f)(4), a copy of this document should also be posted to Empires CCR Compliance website. Notification of the availability of this document should be provided to the State Director, as required in Section 257.106(f)(4).

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INITIAL HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION CCR RULE SECTION 257.73(a)(2)

EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY – ASBURY POWER PLANT ASBURY, MISSOURI

1.0 INTRODUCTION

CCR Rule Section 257.73(a)(2): Periodic Hazard Potential Classification Assessments:

(i) The owner or operator of the CCR unit must conduct initial and periodic hazard potential classification assessments of the CCR unit according to the timeframe specified in paragraph (f) of this section. The owner or operator must document the hazard potential classification of each CCR unit as either a high hazard potential CCR surface impoundment, a significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment, or a low hazard potential CCR surface impoundment. The owner or operator must also document the basis for each hazard potential classification.

The Empire District Electric Company has one (1) CCR Impoundment at the Asbury Power Plant, identified as the %Asbury CCR Impoundment+. Definitions for high hazard potential CCR surface impoundment, significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment, and low hazard potential CCR surface impoundment are presented in Section 257.2 of the CCR Rule.

2.0 INITIAL HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The initial hazard potential classification for the Asbury CCR Impoundment is *significant* hazard potential CCR surface impoundment.

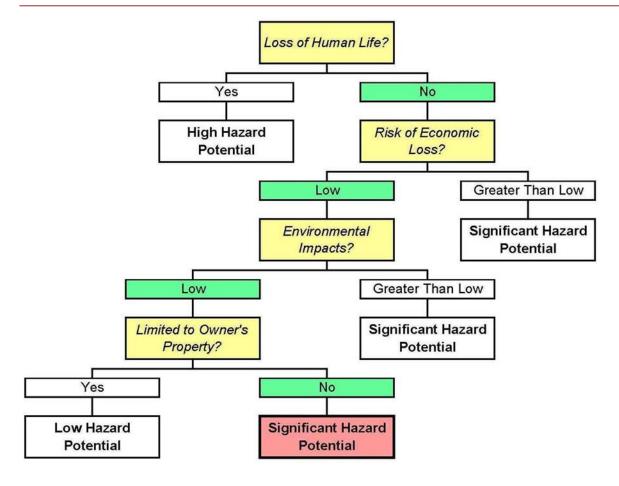
3.0 BASIS FOR INITIAL HAZARD POTENTIAL CLASSIFICATION ASSESSMENT

PPIcs basis for determination of a *significant hazard potential CCR surface impoundment* is illustrated in the flow chart below, based on the definitions presented in Section 257.2.

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4.0 CERTIFICATION 257.73(a)(2)(ii)

The undersigned Professional Engineer certifies that the initial hazard potential classification was conducted in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 257.73(a)(2).

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