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August 22, 2023

Mr. Kent Fletcher, Environmental Coordinator
Western Farmers Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 429
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Re: Final Closure of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Surface Impoundment (CCR Unit 3)
Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC) Hugo Plant, Choctaw County
CCR Surface Impoundment – Solid Waste Permit No. 3512008-SI

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

On April 7, 2020, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permitted the WFEC Hugo Plant CCR Surface Impoundment under Solid Waste Permit Number 3512008-SI. At the time, the Surface Impoundment included two CCR Units: CCR Unit 2 (north) and CCR Unit 3 (south). CCR Unit 2 completed closure by removal of CCR, and DEQ issued a permit modification removing CCR Unit 2 from the permit on August 18, 2020.

In a letter dated May 16, 2023, DEQ approved the Certification of CCR Removal for CCR Unit 3. Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 252:517-15-7(c) states that CCR removal and decontamination of the CCR unit are complete when constituent concentrations throughout the CCR unit and any areas affected by releases from the CCR unit have been removed and groundwater monitoring concentrations do not exceed the groundwater protection standards (GWPS) for constituents listed in OAC 252:517 Appendix B. In the May 16, 2023 letter, DEQ requested a final round of groundwater sampling results to confirm that Appendix B constituents remain below the GWPS at monitoring wells associated with CCR Unit 3.

In a submittal dated July 6, 2023, DEQ received the results of the final round (April 2023) of groundwater sampling for the CCR Unit 3 groundwater monitoring network. Appendix B parameters do not exceed the GWPS at any monitoring wells associated with CCR Unit 3.

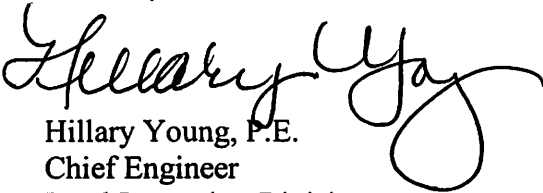
CCR Unit 3 has completed closure by removal of CCR in accordance with OAC 252:517-15-7(c). Post-closure is not required at this time. Additionally, in accordance with OAC 252:517-15-7(i)(4), a deed notice is not required for CCR Units that close by removal of CCR.

Solid Waste Permit Number 3512008-SI is hereby considered closed. WFEC may request a release of financial assurance for closure/post-closure costs associated with the Surface Impoundment.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jeff Biddick at (405) 702-5141 or jeff.biddick@deq.ok.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "Y" at the end.

Hillary Young, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Land Protection Division

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cc: John McCreight, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative