

Notification
Initiation of Assessment of Corrective Measures
per §257.95(g)(5)
Facility: Talen Montana, LLC Colstrip Steam Electric Station

This notification was prepared per Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 40 Subpart D §257.95(g)(5) to document that an assessment of corrective measures has been initiated at the following CCR Units at the Colstrip Steam Electric Station (Colstrip SES):

- Colstrip 1&2 B Flyash Pond;
- Colstrip 1&2 Bottom Ash Pond;
- Colstrip 3&4 Bottom Ash Pond;
- Colstrip 1&2 STEP E Cell and Old Clearwell; and
- Colstrip 3&4 EHP A, B, C, D/E, G, J, and J-1 Cells.

In accordance with §257.95(g)(3), within 90 days of finding that any of the constituents listed in Appendix IV (to Part 257) have been detected at a statistically significant levels (SSL) exceeding the groundwater protection standard (GWPS) the owner or operator must either (i) initiate an assessment of corrective measures, as required by §257.96; or (ii) demonstrate that a source other than the CCR unit caused the SSL.

Prior notification that at least one Appendix IV constituent was detected at SSL exceeding the GWPS at each of the above-listed CCR units was completed on October 15, 2018. Successful alternative source demonstrations will be or have been completed for some Appendix IV constituents, where appropriate. An assessment of corrective measures was initiated by January 15, 2019 to address SSLs of other applicable Appendix IV constituents.

Per §257.105(h)(9), this notification is required within 30 days of initiating the assessment of corrective measures (by February 14, 2019). This notification is completed when the owner or operator of the applicable CCR units places it in the facility's operating record, as required by §257.105(h)(9) and sends it to the relevant State Director (Montana Department of Environmental Quality) per §257.106(h)(7). Further, per §257.107(h)(7), this notification must be placed on the facility's publicly accessible internet site within 30 days of posting this notification to the facility's operating record.