

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO CLOSE

This is intended to serve as the Notification of Intent to Close the Units 3&4 Effluent Holding Ponds (EHP) A Cell. This notification is made in compliance with the specific requirements of §257.102(g).

The certification by a qualified professional engineer for the design of the final cover system as required by §257.102(d)(3)(iii) is included in the Written Closure Plan for the impoundment, which was previously placed in the facility's operating record and posted to the publicly accessible internet site, and is also included as an attachment to this notification.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, Carrie H. Pendleton, a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Montana (License No. 38837PE), certify that the *Written Closure Plan and Design of the Final Cover System* for the *Colstrip Steam Electric Station Existing Impoundments* fulfills the minimum requirements of *40 CFR 257.102(b) Written Closure Plan* and *40 CFR 257.102(d)(3) Final Cover System*, respectively.

This certification is made in compliance with the specific requirements of §257.102(b)(4) and §257.102(d)(3)(iii).

This certification is based in part on review of reference documentation and data provided to Geosyntec Consultants (Geosyntec) by Talen Montana, LLC (Talen). These references, which are listed below, contain information regarding existing site infrastructure and past operations, which Geosyntec has relied upon (without independent verification of accuracy) for preparation of this certification.

- Bechtel Power Corporation (1979). “Second Stage Evaporation Pond Design Report,” prepared for The Montana Power Company and Puget Sound Power and Light Company, December 1979.
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- DOWL (2015). “Stormwater Master Plan Evaluation, Talen Montana, LLC. Facilities, Colstrip, Montana,” 13 August 2015.
- Jorgensen Geotechnical, LLC (2016). “Geotechnical Investigation and Stability Report, Colstrip Steam Electric Station, Colstrip, Montana,” Revision 1, prepared for Talen Montana, LLC, 3 March.

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