## **MEMORANDUM –** Operating Record (40 CFR 257.105(h)(12))

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TO: AES Indiana – Harding Street Generating Station

FROM: Haley & Aldrich, Inc.

SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Remedy Selection Progress Report Pursuant to 40 CFR §257.97(a)

Harding Street Generating Station - Ash Pond System

Indianapolis Power & Light Company d/b/a AES Indiana (AESI) initiated corrective measures for the Ash Pond System at the Harding Street Generating Station (HSGS) on April 15, 2019, in response to statistically significant levels (SSL) of Appendix IV constituents (antimony, arsenic, lithium and molybdenum) exceeding Groundwater Protection Standards (GWPS). Pursuant to 40 CFR §257.96(a), a demonstration of need for a 60-day extension for the assessment of corrective measures was completed on July 12, 2019. The Corrective Measures Assessment (CMA) Report was completed and placed in the facility operating record on September 13, 2019, and subsequently amended on October 11, 2019.

In accordance with the Federal CCR Rule, following completion of the CMA, AES Indiana must, as soon as feasible, select a remedy that meets the standards listed in 40 CFR §257.97(b). Pursuant to §257.97(a), the owner or operator of a Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) management unit that has completed a CMA for groundwater is required to prepare a semi-annual report describing the progress made in selecting and designing the remedy. This report documents activities completed in support of selecting and designing a remedy during the period from September 14, 2024, through March 11, 2025. A summary of the progress made in selecting a remedy is provided below.

## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS COMPLETED**

The following activities have been completed during this reporting period:

- Continued Assessment Monitoring: Collected groundwater samples from the CCR monitoring
  wells and evaluated the results from the November 2024 sampling event in support of ongoing
  groundwater monitoring compliance and nature and extent (N&E) evaluations. Final laboratory
  results were placed in the facility's CCR operating record.
- Performing the statistical analysis of the November 2024 sampling results from the CCR monitoring wells for the presence of Appendix IV constituents. AESI continued to further establish nature and extent (N&E) of the Appendix IV SSLs pursuant to § 257.95(g):
  - Groundwater samples were collected from onsite monitoring wells (MW-2IL, MW-2D1, MW-4I, MW-4D, MW-5D, MW-6I, MW-6D, MW-7D1, MW-8D, MW-12D1, MW-14I, MW-14IL, MW-14D1) in November 2024 to further delineate the horizontal and vertical extent of constituents in groundwater downgradient of the Ash Pond System;

- Groundwater samples were collected from onsite well clusters (MW-16, MW-17, MW-18) in November 2024 to further delineate the horizontal and vertical extent of constituents in groundwater along the western property boundary;
- Groundwater samples were collected from the eleven (11) well clusters in November 2024 that were installed offsite at the Harding Street Quarry formerly known as Hanson Aggregates (Quarry) to further delineate the horizontal and vertical extent of constituents in groundwater; and
- The N&E of CCR affected groundwater has been sufficiently characterized to perform updates to the previous CMA, as appropriate.
- Continued developing updated N&E and CMA reports to account for supplemental information collected since 2019 which includes additional groundwater monitoring data, groundwater N&E investigations, conceptual site model development, geochemical and site-specific investigations, groundwater modeling updates, and potential corrective measures evaluations.

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

Anticipated activities which will support CMA and selection of remedy for the upcoming six months include the following (subject to change):

- Continue Assessment Monitoring by collecting groundwater samples in May 2025 from the CCR monitoring wells. The groundwater data will be evaluated for statistically significant levels compared to GWPS. Any new constituents that exceed GWPS will be considered in selection of the final remedy.
- Continue sampling of onsite and offsite N&E wells (as necessary) which will support CMA and selection of remedy.
- Complete the statistical analysis on the November 2024 sampling results from the CCR monitoring wells for the presence of appendix IV constituents.
- Complete the N&E Report which will provide a comprehensive summary of data evaluation and the groundwater conceptual site model (CSM).
- Complete an update of the CMA report to account for the supplemental information collected since 2019.
- Estimate quantity of Appendix IV material released as required under 40 CFR §257.95(g)(1)(ii) and place in the facility's CCR operating record.
- Prepare, schedule and hold a Public Meeting to discuss the results of the updated CMA in accordance with §257.96(e).
- Begin evaluating the comments and input gained during the public meeting and begin the selection of remedy evaluation process.
- Provide a semi-annual progress report that summarizes AESI's progress and status regarding a selection of a remedy.