

NIPSCO TO RETIRE COAL ASH PONDS AT MICHIGAN CITY GENERATING STATION

GENERAL FAQs

When will NIPSCO begin closing the coal ash ponds at the Michigan City Generating Station?

NIPSCO will start closing the ash ponds at the Michigan City Generating Station in the spring of 2022. The Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule requires the Michigan City pond closures to be complete by November 2023.

NIPSCO's plans will allow us to meet the required 2023 deadline to complete the proposed ash pond closure.

Prior to beginning on-site activities, a dust control management plan will be drafted and submitted to IDEM for review and comment. The purpose of the dust control plan is to ensure the safe handling and transportation of the material being excavated to facilitate closure of the ponds via the Closure by Removal method. Comprehensive oversight, inspections and dust control measures will be in place to ensure the work is being conducted safely and in compliance with state and federal requirements. Once we get closer to construction, specific travel routes will be announced.

What is NIPSCO doing to protect the health and safety of local residents and the environment as coal ash ponds are being retired?

Protecting human health and the environment is vital and is a NIPSCO core value. The practice of safely transporting ash from NIPSCO's Michigan City Generating Station to the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station has been in place for decades and is part of the company's day-to-day operations. The ash pond closure that will be conducted is required by the EPA's CCR Rule. The CCR Rule is designed by the EPA to ensure the safe management and disposal of coal ash at coal-fired electric generating stations across the nation.

Additionally, there are numerous ground water monitoring points in place today – the data is publicly available on our CCR web site (<https://www.nipSCO.com/our-company/about-us/our-environment/ccr-rule-compliance>) and on Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)'s web site. Once the ponds are closed, additional groundwater monitoring and assessment, with IDEM oversight, will determine what additional long-term corrective action and monitoring are appropriate at the site.

Does NIPSCO's coal ash pond closures include measures that follows the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)? What regulations govern NIPSCO's ash pond closure activities?

RCRA is the program through which EPA directs the management of solid waste. Whereas the RCRA program deals with solid waste in general, the CCR program is specific to the management of coal combustion residuals. Accordingly, it is the CCR Rule which governs NIPSCO's coal ash pond closure program.

Does NIPSCO have plans to address the legacy CCR in the made land?

NIPSCO has a RCRA agreed order with IDEM that governs environmental requirements across the entire Michigan City Generation Station property. Assessment activities conducted to date indicate that made land on the north and west sides of the Michigan City Generating Station is composed of native natural material (sand, clay, soil, etc.) mixed with roughly 5 to 18 percent CCR material. Made land is very common along the shores of Lake Michigan and in many other

parts of the country. NIPSCO provides IDEM with groundwater quality monitoring data on a regular basis, in addition to other assessment activities required by IDEM under the agreed order. IDEM is the state agency responsible for implementing federal and state regulations to protect human health and the environment. NIPSCO has and will continue to work with IDEM to comply with all requirements.

What is the condition of Michigan City Generating Station's sheet pile wall that is located along the north and east property boundaries?

The steel sheet pile walls are a critical part of the infrastructure that supports the overall operations at the Michigan City Generating Station, and those walls are regularly monitored and inspected both by NIPSCO and third party professional engineers. If recommendations are made based on inspection from either our internal professionals or our third party partners, NIPSCO would schedule mitigation measures based on those recommendations.

What is NIPSCO going to do with the Michigan City Generating Station property after the planned retirement by 2028?

We recognize the future use of NIPSCO's Michigan City Generating Station property is important to the Michigan City community and there is a lot of interest in what will happen next. Considering the current plan for retirement by 2028, it is still early in the process, and our focus is on ensuring a smooth transition – which includes the pond retirement projects. Future plans for the site will involve additional coordination with external stakeholders.