

**NOTICE OF INTENT AND
CERTIFICATION TO COMPLY WITH ALTERNATIVE CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS
of 40 C.F.R. 257.103(b)**

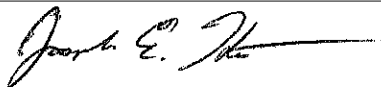
R.M. Schahfer Generating Station

On or about August 23, 2018, NIPSCO determined that the CCR impoundments at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station, regulated pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 257, have either failed the separation from the uppermost aquifer location restriction requirements or groundwater protection standards resulting in the need to initiate closure pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.101(a) and (b). The following unlined existing units are less than 40 acres, and receive CCR and non-CCR waste streams: Material Storage Runoff Basin (MSRB) and the Metal Cleaning Waste Basin (MCWB). The Waste Disposal Area (WDA) is greater than 40 acres, unlined, and receives CCR and non-CCR waste streams.

NIPSCO intends to avail itself of the alternative closure requirements in 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(b) and (c), which allow continued use and management of these impoundments until closure is complete on or before October 17, 2023 or October 17, 2028 depending on the size of the impoundments and satisfaction of the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(b).

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(b)(1), NIPSCO will cease operation of the coal-fired boilers at Schahfer Generating Station no later than October 17, 2023. Closure of the MSRB and MCWB will be complete no later than October 17, 2023 and the WDA will complete closure no later than October 17, 2028. Once closed, these impoundments will cease receiving all waste streams. As set forth in the attached report, dated February 2019, no alternative disposal capacity is available on-site or off-site. While continuing to operate, NIPSCO will remain in compliance with all applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 257, including the requirement to conduct any necessary corrective action to address groundwater exceedances attributable to one or more of the impoundments. In addition, NIPSCO will prepare an annual progress report documenting the continued lack of alternative disposal capacity and the progress towards closure of the coal-fired boilers.

I, Joseph E. Kutch, NIPSCO CCR Program Manager, do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that the information contained in this notice and certification meets the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 257.103(b) and (c), is true and correct, and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted good engineering practices.



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