HISTORY OF CONSTRUCTION 40 CFR 257.73(c)(1)(i)-(xii) PLANT WANSLEY ASH POND (AP-1) GEORGIA POWER COMPANY

(i) Site Name and Ownership Information:

Site Name:	Plant Wansley
Site Location: Site Address:	Carrollton, Georgia 1371 Liberty Church Road Carrollton, Georgia 30116
Owner: Owner Address:	Georgia Power Company 241 Ralph McGill Blvd Atlanta, GA 30308
CCR Impoundment Name: NID ID:	Plant Wansley Ash Pond 1 (AP-1) GA05448 (Separator Dike)

EPA's "Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities" Final Rule (40 C.F.R. Part 257 and Part 261), §257.73(c)(1), requires the owner or operator of an existing CCR surface impoundment to compile a history of construction. To the extent feasible, the following information is provided:

(ii)Ash Pond Location Map:

33°24'52"N, 85°03'00"W See Location Map in the Appendix

(iii) Purpose of CCR Unit:

Plant Wansley is an electric generating facility with two coal fired units. The Plant Wansley Ash Pond (AP-1) is designed to receive and store coal combustion residuals and low volume waste streams produced during the coal burning electric generating process at Plant Wansley.

(iv) Watershed Description:

The Plant Wansley Ash Pond is located within the Yellowdirt Creek Watershed (HUC-12-031300020405). The Yellowdirt Creek Watershed has a total area of 16,470 acres. Based on the recent storm routing results for the Plant Wansley Ash Pond, the pond has approximately a 633-acre drainage basin including the area of AP-1.

(v) Description of physical and engineering properties of CCR impoundment foundation/abutments:

The Plant Wansley Ash Pond is formed by an engineered cross-valley embankment on the northeast side of the impoundment. This embankment is also referred to as the "Separator Dike", as it separates the ash pond on its west side from the Plant Wansley Service Water Reservoir (Storage Pond) on its east side. There is also a small embankment located at the west end of the impoundment.

The Separator Dike is located in the Piedmont Physiographic Provence of Georgia. The Piedmont is underlain by igneous and metamorphic rocks. The residual soils in the Piedmont are a result of

weathering of the underlying bedrock. Between the residual soils and the underlying bedrock a transitional layer of partially weathered rock is present. The bedrock beneath the Separator Dike consists of gneiss, schists, and quartzite.

The Separator Dike foundation and abutments are supported primarily by Piedmont residual soils with consistencies ranging from firm to hard and generally described as sandy micaceous silt. A localized terrace deposit of weathered in-place ancient alluvium consisting mainly of stiff to very stiff sandy clayey silt and a deposit of firm to very stiff alluvial silt and clay provide foundation support in the north-central portion of the dike.

The Separator dike was constructed of residual soils from within and adjacent to the AP-1. Engineering design parameters were obtained from soil samples collected and tested during pre-construction geotechnical investigations and borrow studies. Soils used for embankment fill were put through a series of laboratory tests and results indicated that they were satisfactory with respect to the design parameters.

(vi) Summary of Site Preparation and Construction Activities:

The Separator Dike was constructed to a maximum height of 105 feet with a crest width and elevation of 30 feet and 805 ft msl, respectively. Two 25-ft wide benches were constructed along the upstream and downstream slopes, one at elevation 745 ft and one at elevation 775 ft. The slopes between the upstream and downstream toes and the benches are inclined at 3H:1V and the upstream and downstream slopes between elevation 775 ft and the crest are inclined at 2.5H:1V. Refer to drawing H-12364, H-12365 and H-12366 for Separator Dike construction. The Separator Dike has an overall length of approximately 2,950 feet.

Initial construction on the Separator Dike began on May 17, 1973 and AP-1 was commissioned in 1975. The Separator Dike was constructed in phases as shown on Drawings H-12364 and H-12366. All alluvial soils, sand, and gravel were removed from the core area; alluvial soils were also removed from the embankment area. As part of the initial construction, a 48-in diameter CMP was installed for temporary diversion of the existing creek. The pipe was later plugged with concrete on May 2, 1974 as completion of dike construction.

The upstream and downstream slopes of the Separator Dike are protected from scour by a riprap blanket as depicted on drawing H12365. On the downstream side (Storage Pond Side), the blanket extends from the toe to elevation 745 ft and consists of 3-ft of riprap over 1-ft of bedding; from elevation 745 ft to 780 ft, 2-ft of riprap; and from elevation 780 ft to the crest of the Separator Dike, 2-ft of riprap over 1-ft of bedding. On the upstream side (Ash Pond Side), the blanket extends from the crest to elevation 790 ft and consists of 2-ft of riprap over 1-ft of bedding; from elevation 790 ft to 775 ft, 2-ft of riprap; no rock protection exists from elevation 775 ft to the toe. The riprap was supplied by on-site excavation of bedrock. The bedding material was manufactured from a mixture of crushed on-site materials and off-site sand. An internal drainage system consisting of horizontal blanket drains was installed within the downstream section of the embankment. The drains consist of a 12-in thick layer of sand placed on a 2 percent downward slope toward the downstream face of the dam. A total of three blankets were installed at elevations 780 ft, 750 ft, and 725 ft. The blanket drains are also shown on drawing H-12365.

In 2007, two temporary gypsum dewatering cells were added to the existing ash pond footprint. These cells are not lined and were constructed on the ash delta on the eastern end of the Ash Pond. The

purpose of these cells was for temporary gypsum storage and dewatering before being hauled to the on-site landfill.

(vii) Engineering Diagram:

The following drawings reflecting the construction of AP-1 can be found in the Appendix:

- Aerial Topo Location Map
- E-10062 Plant Wansley Surveillance Instrumentation Location
- H-10027 Plant Wansley Project Location Map
- H-12363 Ash Pond Discharge Structure General Arrangement
- H-12364 Separation Dam Construction
- H-12365 Separation Dam Section and Details
- H-12366 Separation Dam Construction Diversion Scheme Stage DWGs
- H-12375 Ash Pond Interceptor Channel Plan & Sections
- H-12396 Separation Dike Stability Analysis
- H-12399 Separation Dam-General Arrangement with Limits of Excavation
- H-12624 Plant Wansley Unit 1 Outdoor Concrete Ash Pond Intake Structure

(viii) Description of Instrumentation: Three piezometers were installed along the Separator Dike for monitoring of the phreatic surface within the dike. The locations of the piezometers are shown on Drawing E10062. Piezometer CC is below the normal pool elevation of the Storage Pond and can only be measured during drought conditions.

(ix) Area-capacity curves:



(x) Spillway/Diversion design features and capacity calculations:

Stormwater is temporarily stored within the limits of the surface impoundment and discharged through a primary spillway located on the southwestern end of the pond that consists of a 42-in diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP). The 42-in CMP splits downstream into two pipes: a 36-in diameter pipe which recycles water back to Plant Wansley, and the 10-in pipe which discharges water into a detention pond on the south end of the Plant. An auxiliary spillway system consisting of a 36-in diameter CMP and a 45-ft wide concrete broad crested weir is located on the west end of the impoundment on the western embankment. The Plant maintains the water surface elevation of AP-1 below the invert of the auxiliary spillway by the volume of water recycled back to the Plant. There is no record of the auxiliary spillway being engaged during a storm event at the Plant.

Stormwater inflows to the pond were developed by generating runoff volumes from the 100-year 24hour storm event that falls on a watershed of approximately 633 acres. An interceptor channel is located on the northwest corner of AP-1 and diverts run-off from the watershed around AP-1. The combined flow to AP-1 developed from the design storm and plant process flows has been determined to be approximately 2,280 cfs. AP-1 is designed to safely pass this flow maintaining 5.4 feet of freeboard below the crest of the Separator Dike.

(xi) Provisions for surveillance, maintenance and repair:

Inspections of dams and dikes are critical components and are conducted on a regular basis—at least annually by professional dam safety engineers and at least weekly by trained plant personnel. In addition, inspections are performed after unusual events such as severe storms. The inspections provide assurance that structures are sound. Action is taken, as needed, in the event that structural deficiencies or other items/issues that may affect the integrity of the dam are discovered. Specific items vary from site to site but may include observations of such things as pond levels, weather conditions, rainfall since the prior inspection, instrument readings, conditions of slopes and drains, erosion, animal damage, ant hills, alignment of retaining structures and more. Dam safety engineers also assess instrument readings, inspect any maintenance or remediation performed since the previous inspection, check the status of work completed after prior inspections, ensure that the posting of emergency notification information is up to date, and evaluate any items noted during the weekly inspections.

(xii) Known record of structural instability:

There are no known instances of structural instability at the CCR unit.

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<u>REFERENCES</u> DWG.NO. H-12366: SEPARATION DAM CONSTRUCTION DIVERSION SCHEME STAGE DRAWINGS, PLANS. CAG. NO. H-12399: SEPARATION DAM PLAN AND SECTIONS.

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