

## Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Annual Fugitive Dust Control Report

**PLANT NAME:** E.C. Gaston Steam Plant

**OWNER/OPERATOR OF FACILITY:** Alabama Power Company 600 North 18th Street; Birmingham, AL 35203

**REPORTING TIMEFRAME:** 10/19/2015-10/19/2016

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this report is to demonstrate compliance with the requirements for the annual CCR fugitive dust control report in 40 CFR § 257.80 (c) of the Coal Combustion Residuals Final Rule. See 80 Fed. Reg. 21,302 (April 17, 2015). This report describes the actions taken by Plant Gaston to control CCR fugitive dust, a record of all citizen complaints and if any, a summary of corrective measures taken.

### **DESCRIBE THE ACTIONS TAKEN TO CONTROL FUGITIVE DUST.**

Dust accumulation is prevented by washing down or vacuuming work areas, employing closed systems and covered trucks, wetting areas with vehicle traffic, and reducing speed of vehicles in active work areas.

Plant personnel perform routine CCR fugitive dust inspections and ensure the operation of the water spray trucks or other dust suppression activities as necessary. Plant personnel understand the importance of minimizing CCR fugitive dust generation and the requirement that any CCR fugitive dust observations should be promptly addressed.

#### **Ash Pond**

Fugitive dust control measures associated with the ash pond include the following:

1. Dry ash is handled using a closed-loop system in closed transport vehicles.
2. Dry ash that is not handled in the closed loop system is conditioned with water to minimize fugitive dust emissions.
3. Vehicle traffic on the main ash stack is restricted. Vegetation has been established by hydro seeding on the main stack.
4. Ash which is not handled dry maintains adequate moisture content throughout the dewatering and stacking process.
5. The working areas are watered to promote the re-formation of surface crust on the ash and minimize dust generation.
6. Ash that is harvested for off-site operation is maintained with adequate moisture content and is covered or tarped in transport vehicles for off-site shipment.
7. Plant personnel conduct routine inspections for fugitive dust; plant CCR personnel are notified if fugitive dust generation is observed and action is taken.
8. Areas in the wet portion of the pond are wet or vegetated to control erosion and minimize dust.

**Gypsum Pond**

Fugitive dust control in the gypsum pond area includes the following:

1. Gypsum is transported wet directly to the surface impoundment.
2. Regular use of the existing sprinkler system on an as needed basis.
3. Plant personnel conduct routine inspections for fugitive dust; plant CCR personnel are notified if fugitive dust generation is observed and action is taken.
4. Access to the gypsum impoundment is restricted to personnel required to conduct operations, maintenance, and inspections.

<b>HAS THE FACILITY RECEIVED ANY CCR FUGITIVE DUST CITIZEN COMPLAINTS WITHIN THE REPORTING TIMEFRAME?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
		<b>X</b>

IF YES, INCLUDE A RECORD OF ALL CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

Date	Description of Complaint	Corrective Measures (If Any)

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