

AEP Generation Resources
Gavin Bottom Ash Pond (# 8720-003)
Hazard Potential Classification Assessment

AEP has performed an evaluation to classify the above CCR Surface Impoundment in accordance with FEMA's Hazard Potential Classification System for Dams. These guidelines evaluate the consequences of a potential failure not the likelihood of a failure. Guidelines that were developed and utilized are included below.

Hazard Potential Classification Systems (from FEMA 333, April 2004)

1. Low Hazard Potential

Dams assigned the low hazard potential classification are those where failure or mis-operation results in no probable loss of human life and low economic and/or environmental losses. Losses are principally limited to the owner's property.

2. Significant Hazard Potential

Dams assigned the significant hazard potential classification are those dams where failure or mis-operation results in no probable loss of human life but can cause economic loss, environmental damage, disruption of lifeline facilities, or can impact other concerns. Significant hazard potential classification dams are often located in predominantly rural or agricultural areas but could be located in areas with population and significant infrastructure.

3. High Hazard Potential

Dams assigned the high hazard potential classification are those where failure or mis-operation will probably cause loss of human life.

The bottom ash pond complex is located adjacent to the Ohio SR 7, and adjacent to the plant. The impact of the failure of pond dikes or mis-operation will result in probable loss of human life and likely to cause damage to the State highway. The Bottom Ash Pond dikes are classified by Ohio DNR as Class I dam. The US EPA CCR Impoundment Assessment Report identified the Bottom Ash Pond dikes as a High Hazard Potential Dam.

Based on the FEMA Hazard Potential Classification Systems for Dams and on the above discussion, The Gavin Bottom Ash Pond dikes are classified as **High Hazard Potential Dams**.

Professional Engineer's Certification:

I certify that this Hazard Potential Classification Assessment is in accordance with the requirements of section 40 CFR 257.73 (a)(2)(i).

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