

# **CLECO POWER LLC**

## **BRAME ENERGY CENTER**



# **CCR ANNUAL INSPECTION**

## **FLY ASH POND**

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**SECTION 1.0**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>ANNUAL CCR SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT INSPECTION</b>			
<b>Facility Name:</b>		Cleco Brame Energy Center	
<b>Address:</b>		275 Rodemacher Rd. Lena, LA	
<b>Surface Impoundment Name :</b>	Fly Ash Pond	<b>Owner:</b>	Cleco Power LLC
<b>Surface Impoundment ID:</b>	P-0005-R1	<b>Operator:</b>	Cleco Power LLC
<b>Nearest City:</b>	Boyce	<b>Parish:</b>	Rapides
<b>Inspector:</b>		Gary J. Leonards, P. E.	
<b>Company:</b>		Providence Engineering & Environmental Group LLC	
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>		12/13/2023	
<b>Weather at Time of Inspection:</b>		Partly Cloudy, Cool	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF THE OPERATION OF THE SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS:</b>			
<p>The Brame Energy Center's Bottom Ash and Fly Ash surface impoundments are designed to accept the coal combustion residual (CCR) byproducts derived from burning of the Unit 2 coal for the generation of electricity. Cleco ceased placement of CCR into the Fly Ash Pond prior to April 11, 2021 and initiated final closure activities in May of 2023 . The ponds are classified by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) as Type I Surface Impoundments. Water from the Fly Ash surface impoundment is pumped into the Bottom Ash impoundment which discharges by means of three pumps that discharge the wastewater through the outlet pipe on the western end of the pond. This water discharges into Lake Rodemacher via LPDES outfall 401, thence to Bayou Jean de Jean via LPDES outfall 001, then to the Red River. The minimum levee elevation for the Bottom Ash impoundment is 106 feet NAVD 88. To determine the maximum storage capacity, Providence assumed a freeboard of three feet to the top of the impoundment. The bottom elevation of the Bottom Ash Pond as noted in the solid waste permit application is 85 feet MSL. The maximum capacity of this impoundment, with a freeboard of three feet, is approximately 760.5 acre-feet.</p> <p>The minimum levee elevation for the Fly Ash impoundment is 105 feet NAVD 88. The bottom elevation of the Fly Ash Pond as noted in the solid waste permit application is 85 feet MSL. The permitted capacity of this impoundment is 460.0 acre-feet.</p>			
<b>1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Owner Contact:</b>	Elizabeth Lee	<b>Phone:</b>	318-793-1194
<b>Director-Brame Energy Center:</b>	Chris Estes	<b>Phone:</b>	318-793-1200
<b>Dam Status:</b>	Operational	<b>Year Built:</b>	1982
<b>Latitude:</b>	31° 23.67' N	<b>Longitude:</b>	92° 42.00' W
<b>Dam Size:</b>	617.1 acre-feet (3' Freeboard)		
<b>Bottom of Pond Elevation Information:</b>	85 ft. MSL	<b>Top of Dike Elevation:</b>	105 ft. NAVD 88
<b>Low Operating Level Elevation:</b>	86 ft. NAVD 88	<b>High Operating Level Elevation:</b>	92 ft. NAVD 88
<b>High Operating Level Storage:</b>	254.1 acre-feet @ elevation 92.0 ft. NAVD 88		
<b>Maximum Storage:</b>	460.0 acre-feet (Permitted)		
<b>Maximum Surface Impoundment Area:</b>	43.3 Acres		
<b>Offsite Drainage Area:</b>	Discharges to Bottom Ash Pond		
<b>Spillway Type:</b>	None, Pumped through discharge pipe to Bottom Ash Pond		

**SECTION 2.0**

**QUESTIONS FOR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE**

<b>2.0 QUESTIONS FOR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
<b>Construction Plans Available?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Site Facility Map Available?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Operations and Maintenance Manual Available?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Emergency Action Plan Available?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Recent Modification or Improvements?</b>	Closure construction recently completed
<b>Are Routine Inspections Completed?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Is Routine Maintenance Completed?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Is There Vehicle Access to the Pond?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Is Access Available During Heavy Rains?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Are Routine Inspection Logs Kept On-site?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Offsite Drainage Area:</b>	Discharges to Bottom Ash Pond
<b>Spillway Type:</b>	None, Pumped through discharge pipe

**SECTION 3.0**

**PHYSICAL DAM FEATURES - RESERVOIR**

<b>3.0 PHYSICAL DAM FEATURES – RESERVOIR:</b>	
<b>Staff Gauge Type:</b>	N/A
<b>Staff Gauge Elevation at Time of Inspection:</b>	N/A
<b>Normal Operating Elevation:</b>	N/A
<b>Typical Operation:</b>	Discharges to Bottom Ash Pond
<b>Are there any visible swirls?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size, location, etc.)	
<b>Is there excessive CCR buildup in the surface impoundment?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Approximate volume of Impounded water at time of inspection:</b>	Minimal
<b>Approximate volume of CCR at time of inspection:</b>	None
<b>Findings:</b>	Fly ash removed from the pond and placed in Cell 4 of the landfill.
<b>Other observations on the reservoir:</b>	None



**SECTION 4.0**

**PHYSICAL DAM FEATURES - INTAKE WORKS**

4.0 PHYSICAL DAM FEATURES – INTAKE WORKS:	
<b>Number of Intakes:</b>	None
<b>Description (1):</b>	NA
<b>Size and Type:</b>	NA
<b>Control:</b>	NA
<b>Can Flow be Shutoff or Bypassed:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Is the in-flow piping free of debris and otherwise unobstructed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
If no, describe (type of debris, reason for obstruction, etc.)	
<b>Describe the quality of discharge from hydraulic structure (turbidity, depth, etc.)</b>	NA
<b>Findings:</b>	NA
<b>Other observations on the intake works:</b>	NA

**SECTION 5.0**

**PHYSICAL DAM FEATURES - OUTLET WORKS**

5.0 PHYSICAL DAM FEATURES – OUTLET WORKS:	
<b>Number of Outlets:</b>	One
<b>Outlets/Culvert Pipe Sizes:</b>	6 Inches
<b>Type of Pipes:</b>	HDPE
<b>Control:</b>	Manual, Monitored Daily
<b>Can Flow be Shutoff or Bypassed:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Describe the overall condition of the hydraulic structure: (Check all that apply)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Functioning Normally <input type="checkbox"/> Not Functional <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate Other:(describe)
<b>Is there evidence of erosion around the hydraulic structure?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Is the hydraulic structure outlet flowing freely and unobstructed?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, describe ( type of debris, reason for obstruction, etc.)	
<b>Describe the quality of discharge from the hydraulic structure (turbidity, depth, etc.)</b>	The Fly Ash Pond was not discharging into the Bottom Ash Pond at the time of inspection. Removal of fly ash material completed.
<b>Findings:</b>	The outlet works were inspected and appeared to be in satisfactory condition. No corrective actions are required at this time.
<b>Other observations on the outlet works:</b>	None

**SECTION 6.0**

**SLOPE PROTECTION - EXTERIOR SLOPES**

6.0 SLOPE PROTECTION – EXTERIOR SLOPES:	
<b>Describe the vegetation on the exterior slope: (Check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Recently Mowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Cover <input type="checkbox"/> Sparse <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (describe)
<b>Is there any erosion on the exterior slope?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Is there any erosion protection on the exterior slopes? (e.g. riprap, other)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (riprap - adequate, inadequate, etc.)	
<b>Are there any Crack/Rills Observed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Are there any Sinkholes Observed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Are there any trees on the slopes?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (type of vegetation, size, location, etc.)	
<b>Findings:</b>	The exterior slope was inspected and appeared to be in satisfactory condition.
<b>Other observations on the exterior slopes:</b>	None

**SECTION 7.0**

**SLOPE PROTECTION - INTERIOR SLOPES**

7.0 SLOPE PROTECTION – INTERIOR SLOPES:	
<b>Describe the vegetation on the interior slopes: (Check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Recently Mowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Cover <input type="checkbox"/> Sparse <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (describe)
<b>Is there any erosion on the interior slope?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Is there any erosion protection on the interior slopes? (e.g. riprap, other)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe what type and it's condition (riprap - adequate, inadequate, etc.)	
<b>Are there any Crack/Rills Observed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Are there any Sinkholes Observed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Findings:</b>	The interior slope was inspected and appeared to be in satisfactory condition. Closure construction recently completed.
<b>Other observations on the interior slopes:</b>	None



**SECTION 8.0**

**SLOPE PROTECTION - ABUTMENT/ TOE**

8.0 SLOPE PROTECTION – ABUTMENT/TOE:	
<b>Describe the vegetation on the Abutment/Toe: (Check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Recently Mowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Cover <input type="checkbox"/> Sparse <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (describe)
<b>Is there any erosion on the abutment/toe?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Is there any erosion protection on the abutment/toe? (e.g. riprap, other)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe what type and it's condition (riprap - adequate, inadequate, etc.)	
<b>Are there any Crack/Rills Observed?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Is there any Seepage Observed:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size of area, location, severity, etc.)	
<b>Findings:</b>	The abutment/toe was inspected and appeared to be in satisfactory condition. No corrective actions are required at this time.
<b>Other observations on the abutment/toe:</b>	None

**SECTION 9.0**

**SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT CREST**

9.0 SURFACE IMPOUNDMENT CREST:	
<b>Describe the vegetation on the crest: (Check all that apply)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Recently Mowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Cover <input type="checkbox"/> Sparse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: (describe) Gravel
<b>Is there a road or driveway on the crest?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (good condition, numerous cracks, etc.)	Good Condition
<b>Are there any ruts, depressions, or holes on the crest?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size, location, etc.)	
<b>Are there any cracks on the crest?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (length and width, location and direction of cracking, etc.)	
<b>Are there any trees or other undesired vegetation on the crest?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size, location, etc.)	
<b>Are there any sinkholes?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, describe (size, location, etc.)	
<b>Findings:</b>	The crest was inspected and appeared to be in satisfactory condition. No corrective actions are required at this time.
<b>Other observations on the crest:</b>	None

**SECTION 10.0**

**PHYSICAL DAM FEATURES - SPILLWAY**

<b>10.0 PHYSICAL DAM FEATURES – SPILLWAY:</b>	
<b>Type:</b>	None - Pumped through discharge pipe
<b>Slope Protection:</b>	NA
<b>Approach:</b>	NA
<b>Erosion:</b>	NA
<b>Vegetation:</b>	NA
<b>Findings:</b>	NA
<b>Other observations on the spillway:</b>	NA

**SECTION 11.0**

**DOCUMENTATION REVIEW**

11.0 DOCUMENTATION REVIEW:	
<b>Weekly Inspections Reviewed:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Findings:</b> Fly ash pond being prepared for closure.	
<b>Monthly Instrument Inspections Reviewed:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Findings:</b> No Issues.	
<b>Groundwater Monitoring:</b>	Monitoring wells are in-place for routine monitoring.
<b>Drawings Reviewed:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Are there any changes in the geometry of the surface impoundment structure since the previous inspection?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA
If yes, describe (size, location, etc.)	
<b>Other observations:</b>	Material removed from Fly Ash pond in support of final closure.



**APPENDIX A**  
**PHOTOGRAPH LOG**

**Site Name:** Brame Energy Center – Fly Ash Pond

**Site Location:** Lena, Rapides Parish, LA

**Date:** December 13, 2023

**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**  
Northeasterly

**Comments:**

Interior slopes and bottom of Fly Ash Pond



**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**  
Southeasterly

**Comments:**

Interior slopes and bottom of Fly Ash Pond



**Site Name:** Brame Energy Center – Fly Ash Pond

**Site Location:** Lena, Rapides Parish, LA

**Date:** December 13, 2023

**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**

Southeasterly

**Comments:**

Interior slope of eastern levee



**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**

Southwesterly

**Comments:**

Bottom of Fly Ash Pond



**Site Name:** Brame Energy Center – Fly Ash Pond

**Site Location:** Lena, Rapides Parish, LA

**Date:** December 13, 2023

**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**

Southeasterly

**Comments:**

Exterior levee slope on east side of Fly Ash Pond



**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**

South

**Comments:**

Exterior levee slope on east side of Fly Ash Pond



**Site Name:** Brame Energy Center – Fly Ash Pond

**Site Location:** Lena, Rapides Parish, LA

**Date:** December 13, 2023

**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**

Northwesterly

**Comments:**

Exterior levee on east side of Fly Ash Pond



**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**

Southerly

**Comments:**

Interior slope of eastern levee of Fly Ash Pond



**Site Name:** Brame Energy Center – Fly Ash Pond

**Site Location:** Lena, Rapides Parish, LA

**Date:** December 13, 2023

**Fly Ash Pond**

**Direction:**

Westerly

**Comments:**

Bottom of Fly Ash Pond



**APPENDIX B**  
**P.E. CERTIFICATION**

