

December 31, 2023

## VIA E-MAIL

Ken Moraff, Director Water Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

Re: Permit Modification Application

NPDES Permit No. NH0001465 for Merrimack Station

Dear Mr. Moraff:

GSP Merrimack LLC ("GSP Merrimack") provides the following additional information in support of its pending permit modification application for the above-referenced NPDES Permit and its accompanying request to participate in the low utilization electric generating unit ("LUEGU") compliance subcategory for Merrimack Station Units 1 and 2. GSP Merrimack is providing this information even though the facility's NPDES permit has not yet been modified to incorporate any terms and conditions consistent with the LUEGU compliance subcategory. GSP Merrimack submitted a permit modification request on January 11, 2021, and submitted its LUEGU Notice of Planned Participation on October 13, 2021. This is a supplemental permit application in support of the permit modification request.

Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 423.19(e), each Merrimack Station Unit has a two-year average annual capacity utilization rating of less than 10 percent. Data from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023, are provided below. The nameplate capacity utilized below is from Energy Information Administration ("EIA") Form EIA-860. Available EIA documentation is enclosed, as is the bottom ash best management practices plan, which is needed after LUEGU permit conditions have been incorporated into a modified, effective NPDES permit.

|     | Total MWH production              | Y2022     | Y2023     | 2022 & 2023 |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| MK1 | MWH                               | 121,142   | 33,888    | 155,030     |
| MK2 | MWH                               | 184,877   | 127,457   | 312,334     |
|     | Hours per year                    | 8760      | 8760      |             |
| MK1 | x nameplate capacity (113.6)      | 995,136   | 995,136   | 1,990,272   |
| MK2 | x nameplate capacity (345.6)      | 3,027,456 | 3,027,456 | 6,054,912   |
|     | Capacity Utilization rating - CUR |           |           |             |
| MK1 | %                                 | 12.2%     | 3.4%      | 7.8%        |
| MK2 | %                                 | 6.1%      | 4.2%      | 5.2%        |

If EPA Region 1 requires any additional information, or if GSP Merrimack can assist in any other manner, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Tillotson, GSP Merrimack LLC

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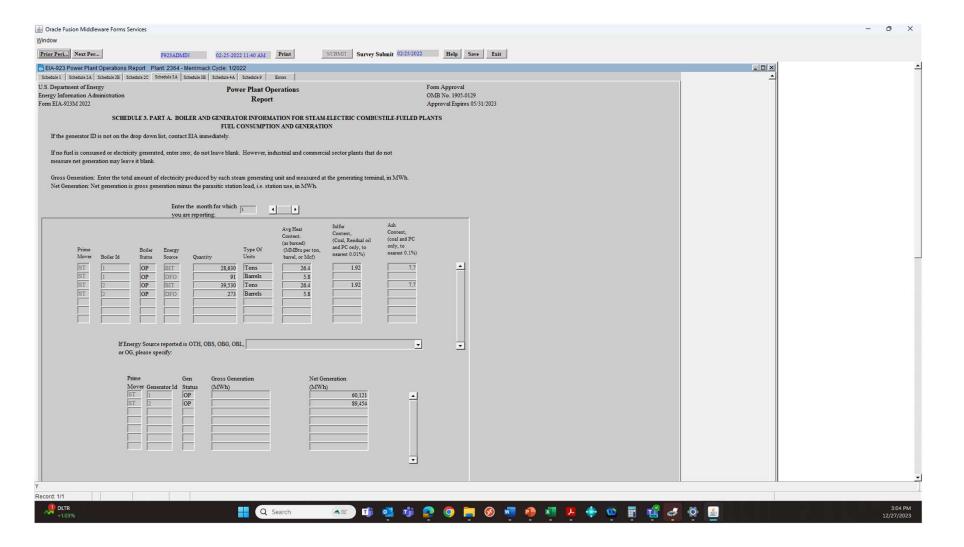
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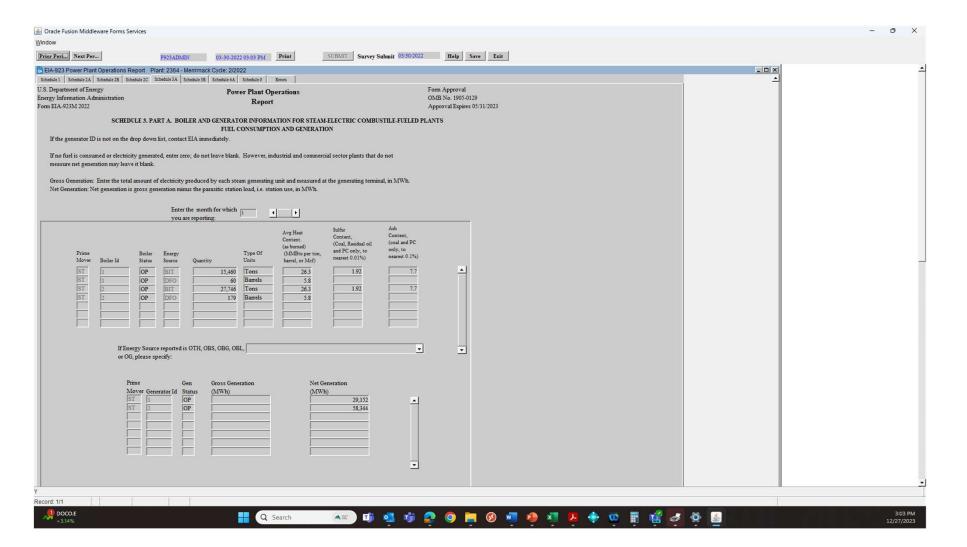
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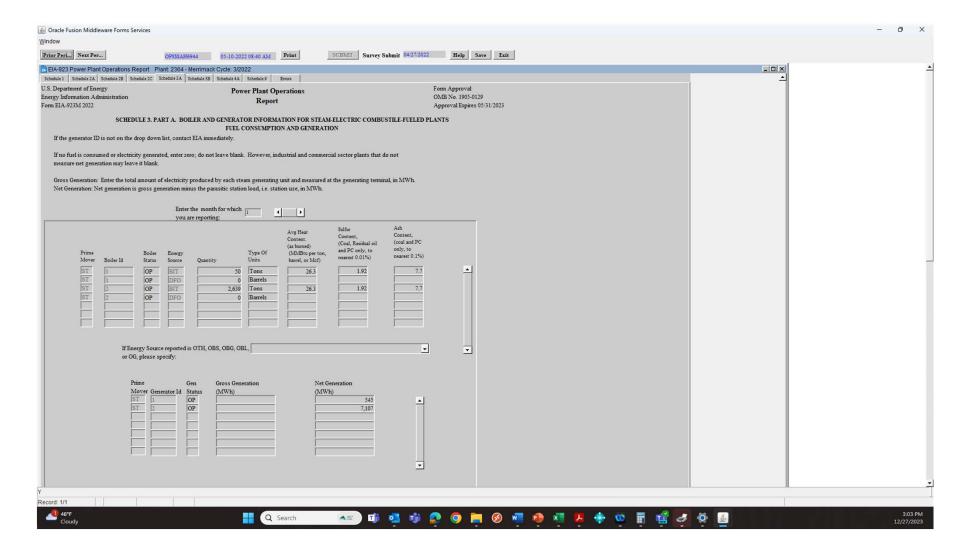
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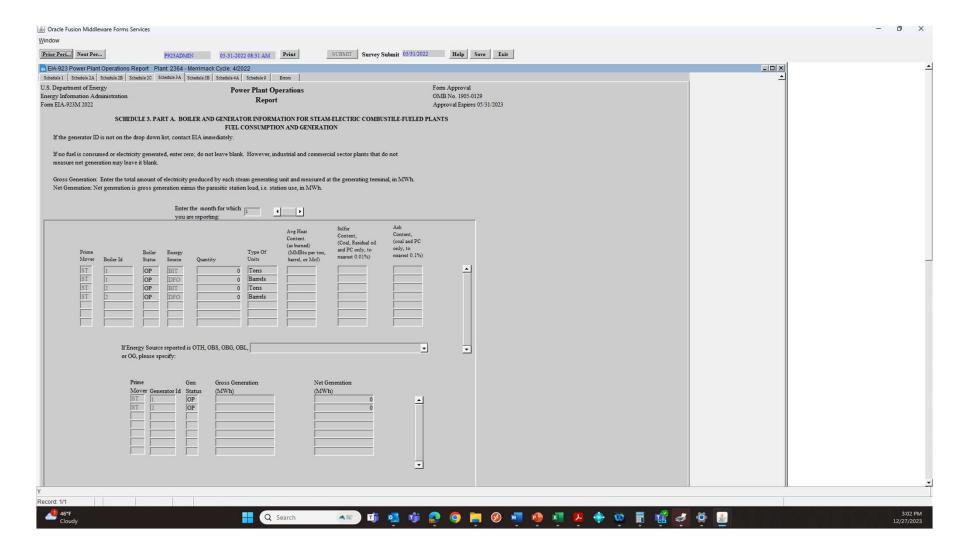
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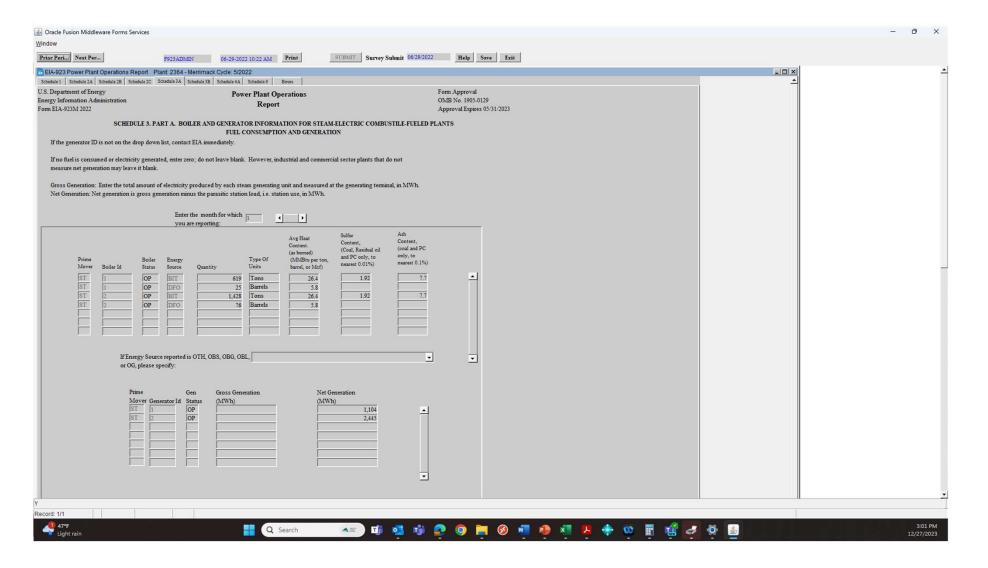
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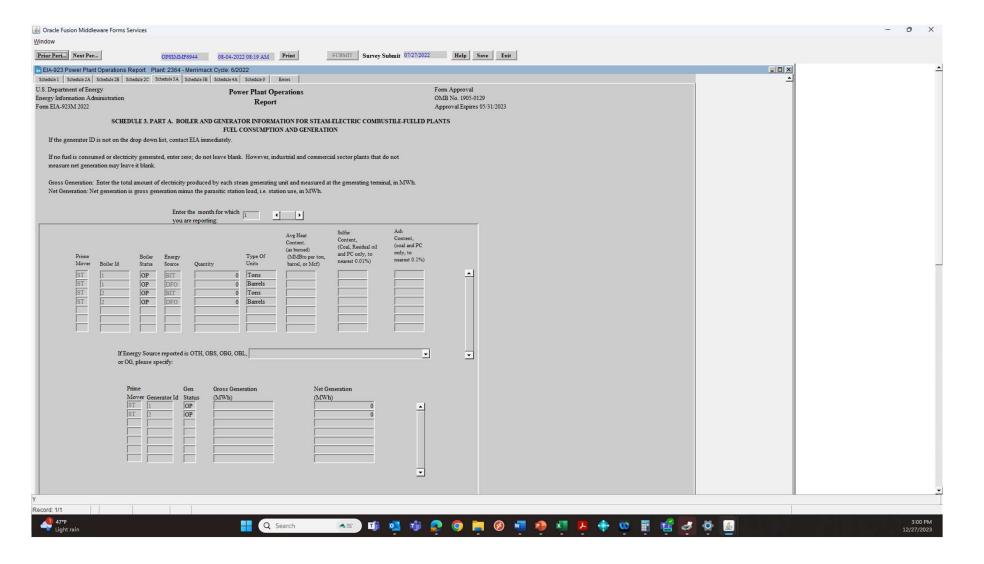


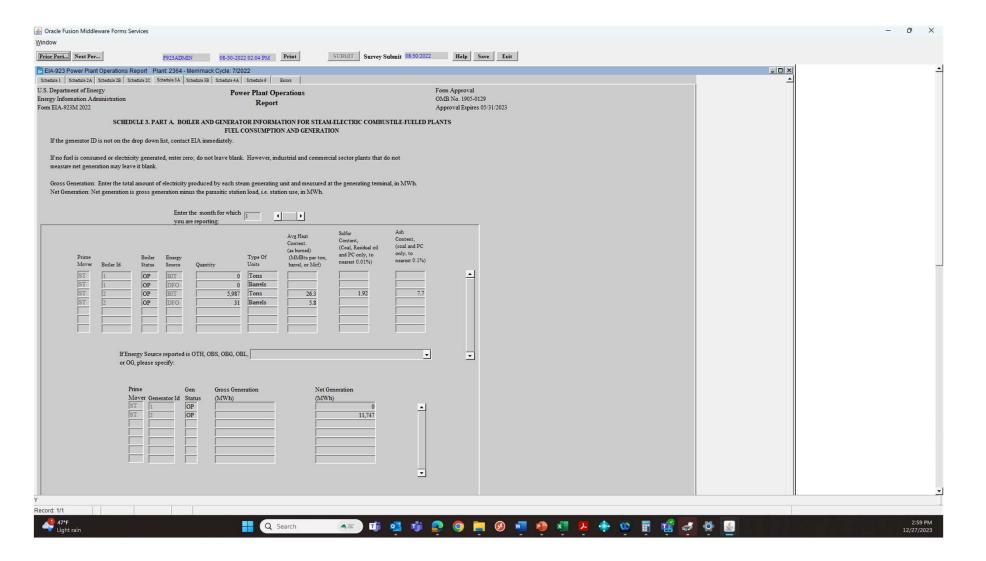


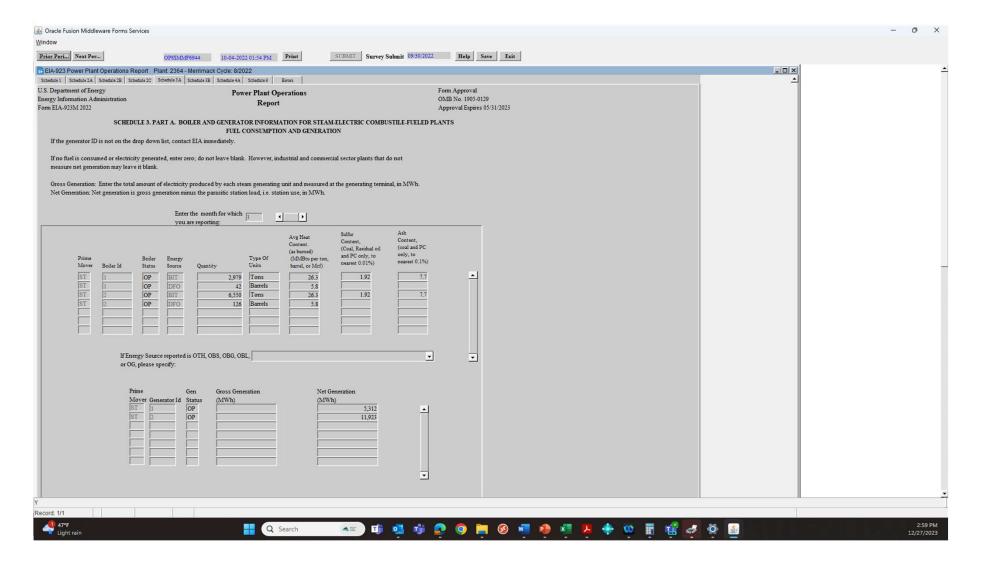


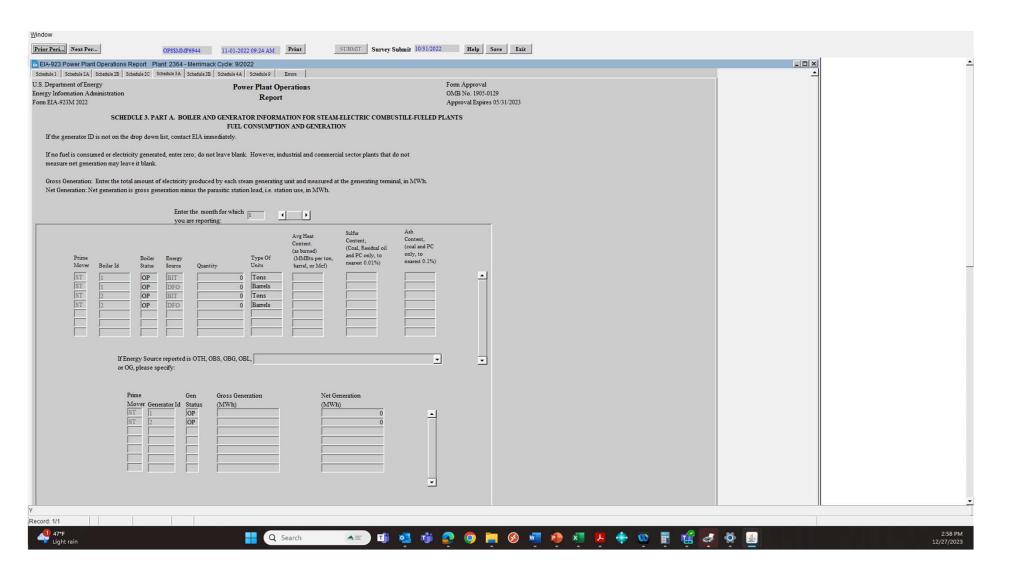


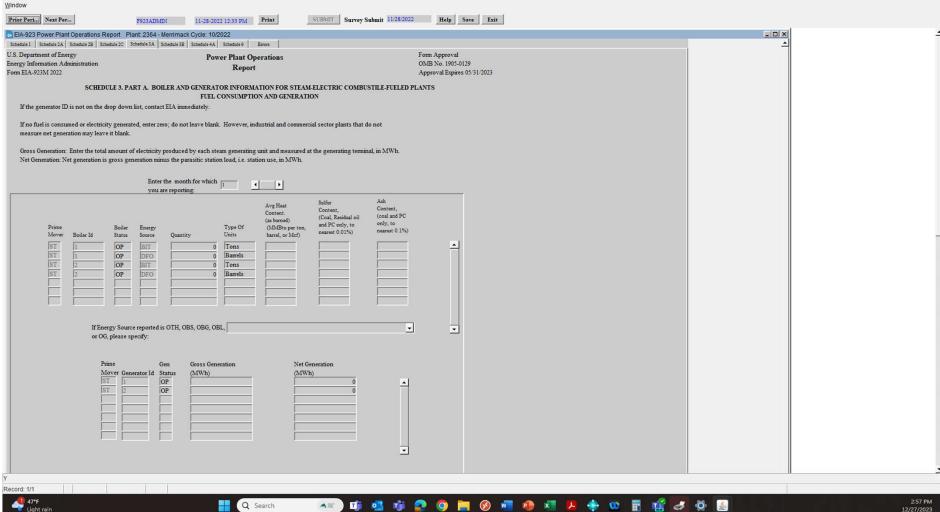


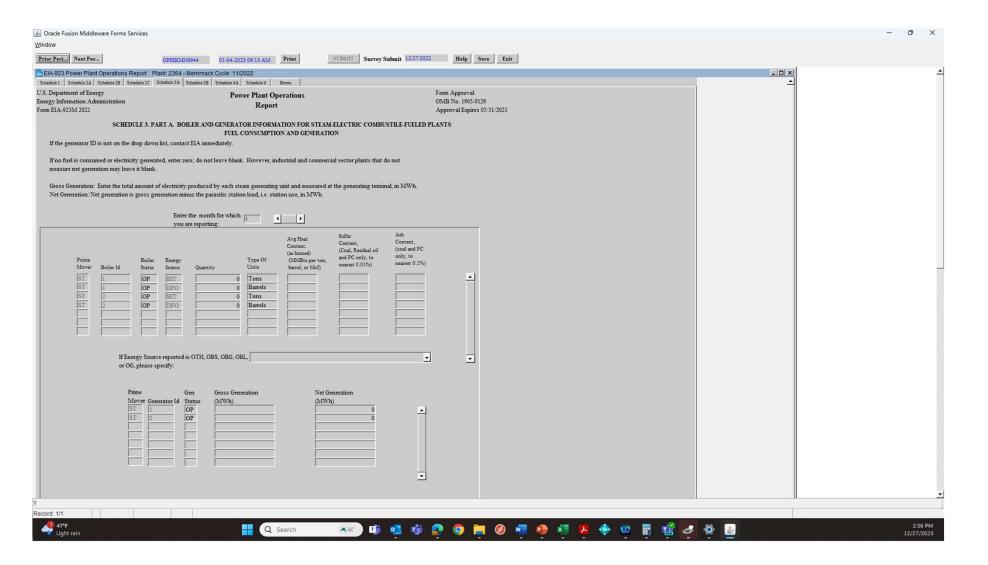


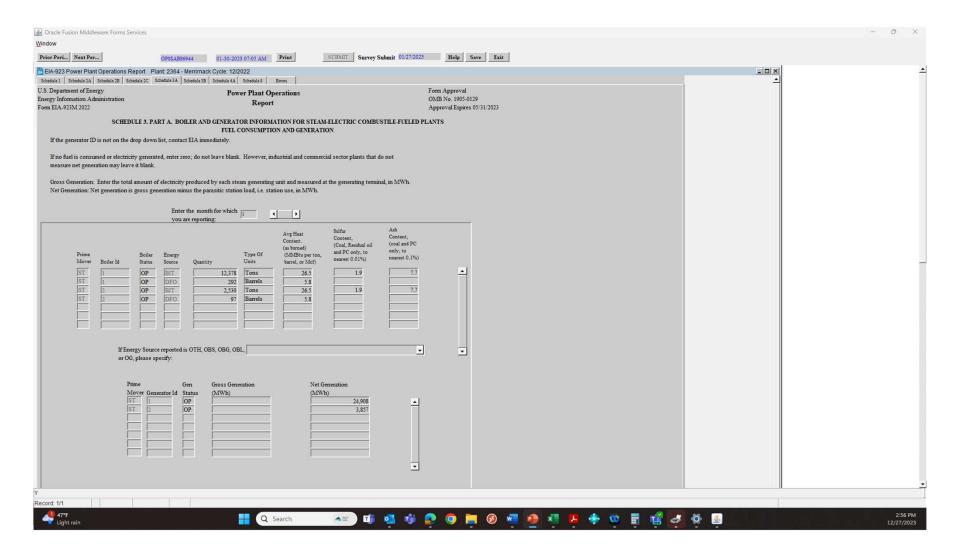


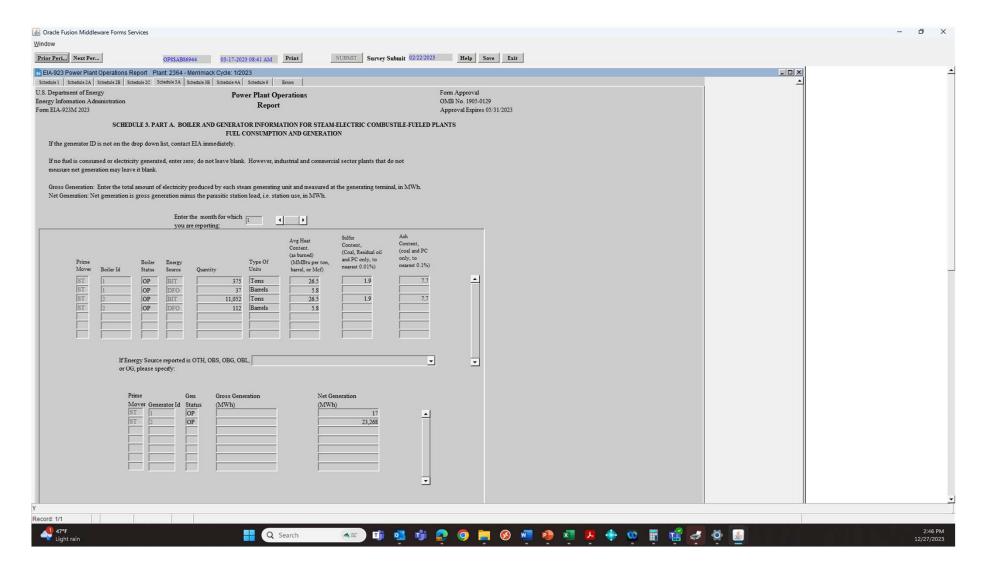


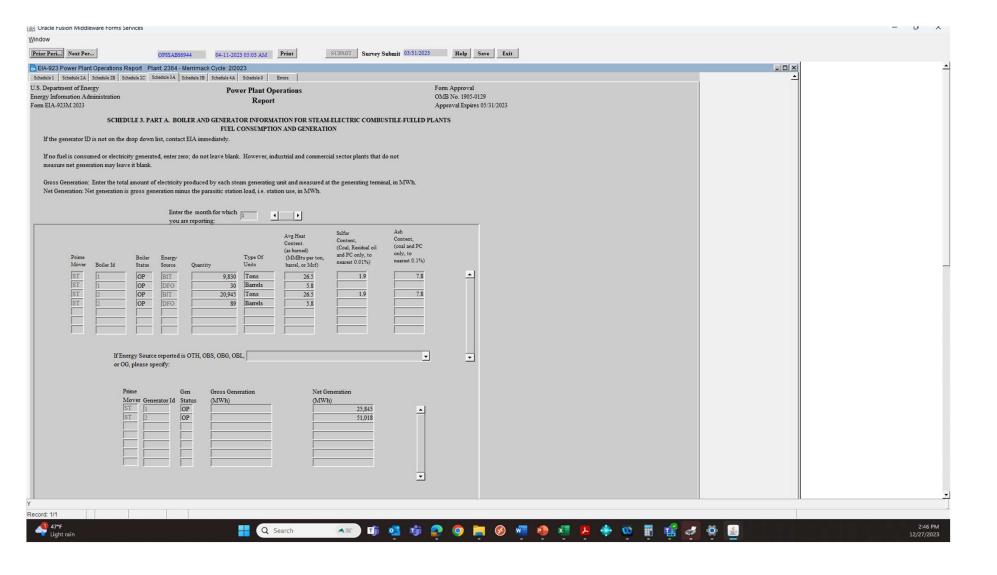


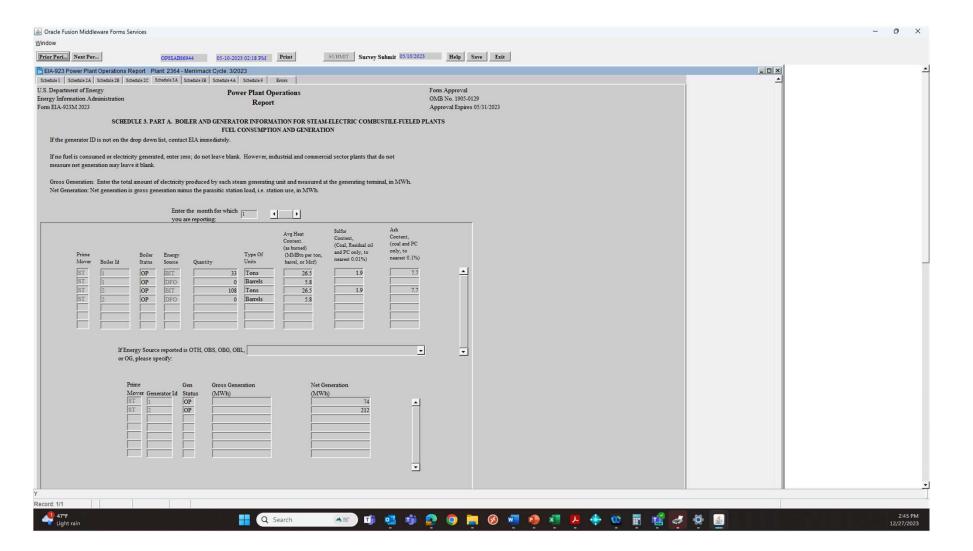


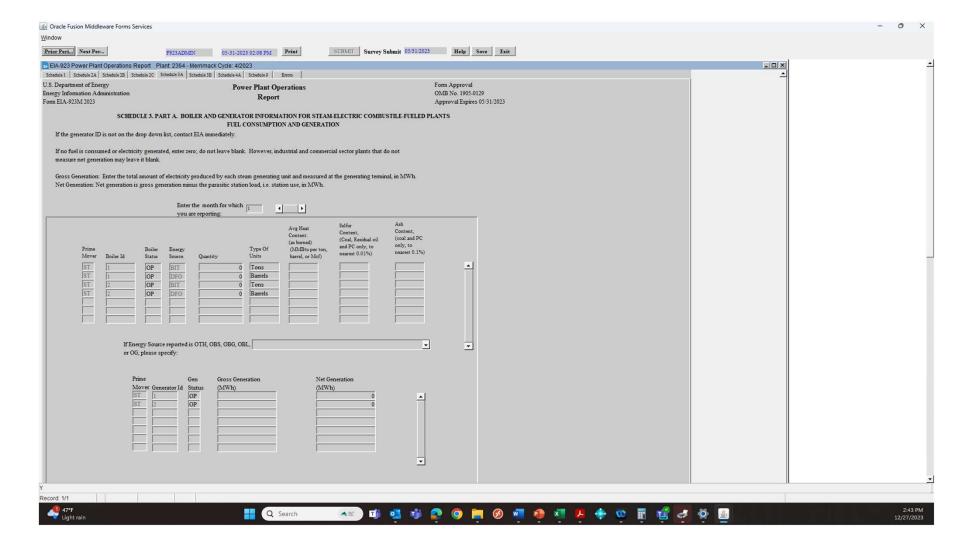


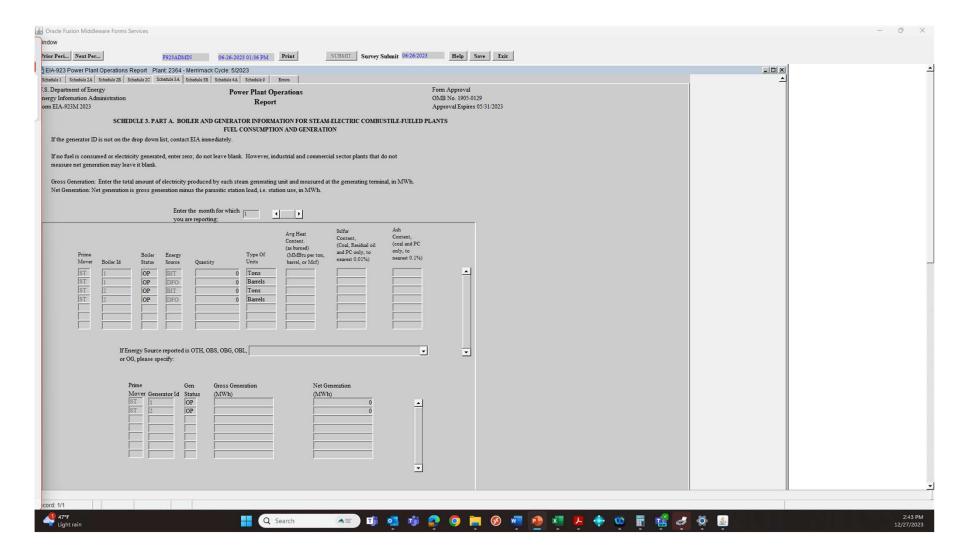


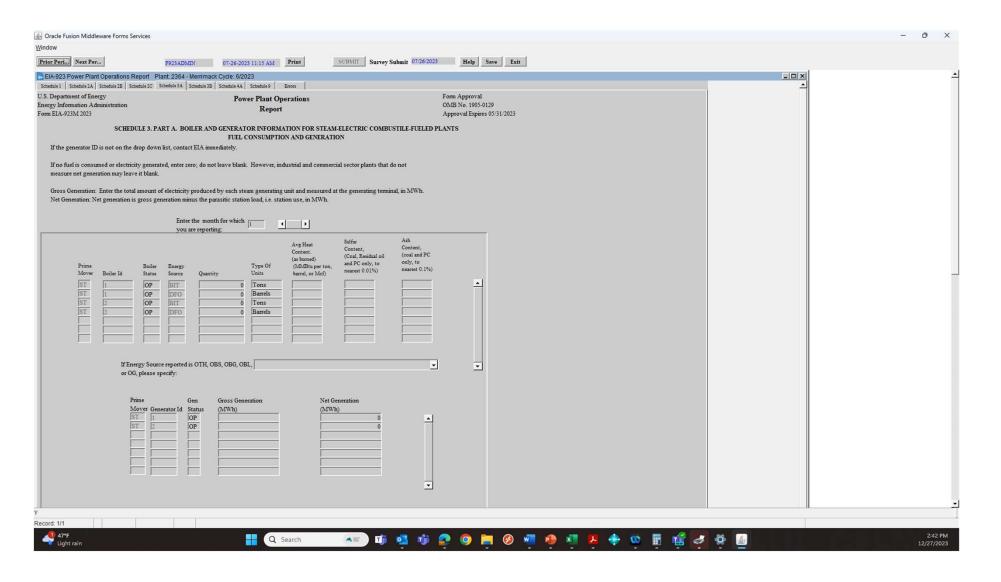


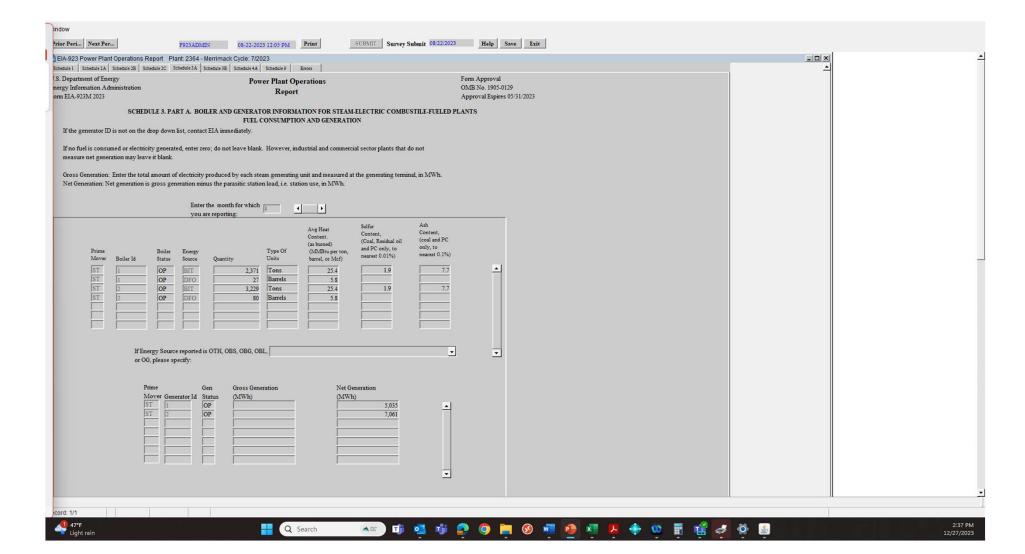


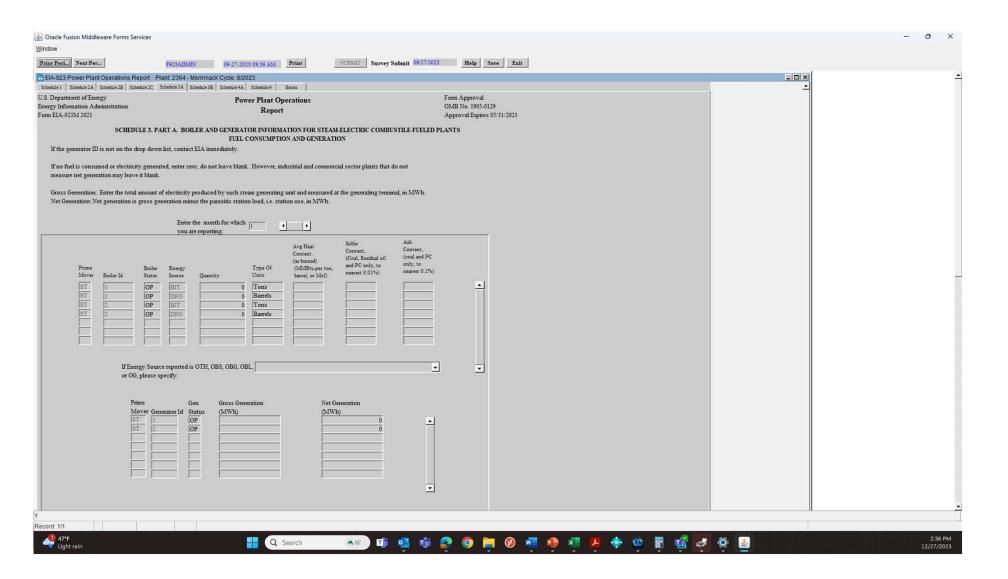


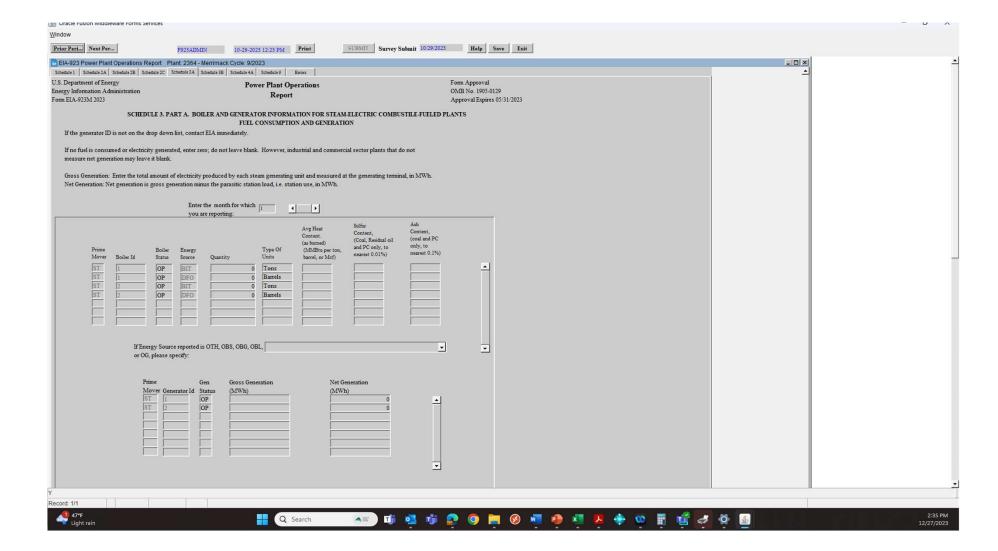


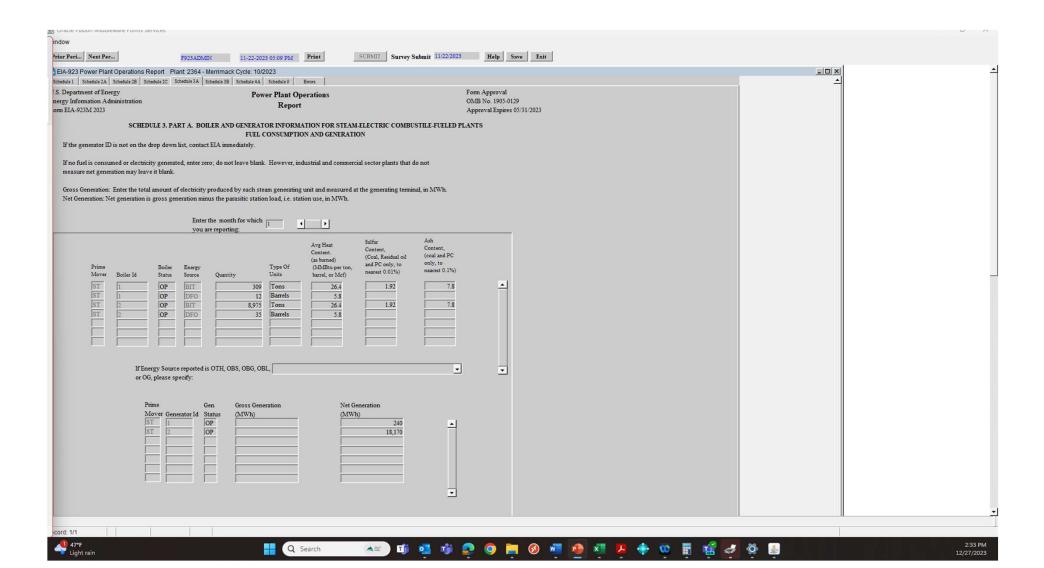


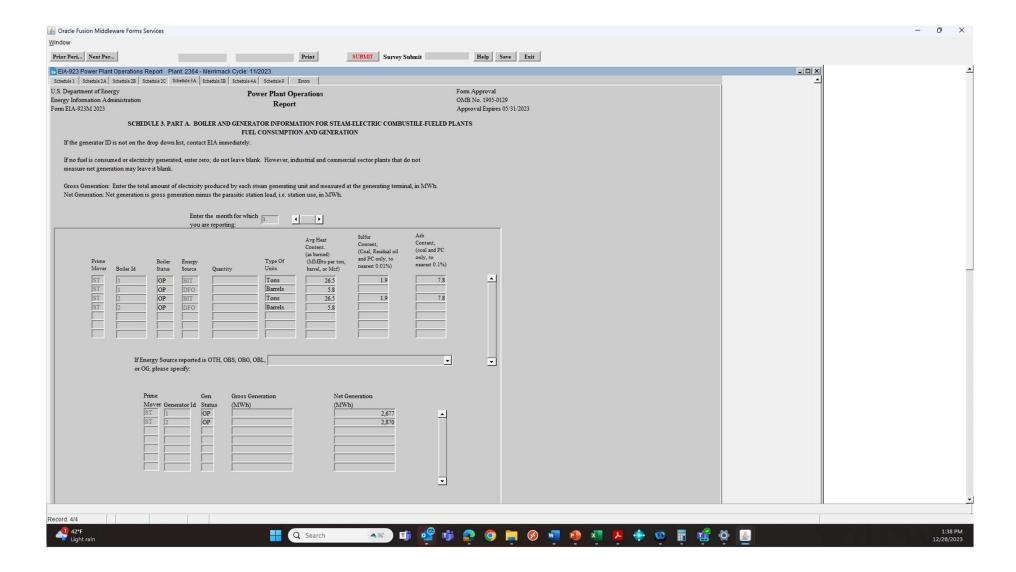


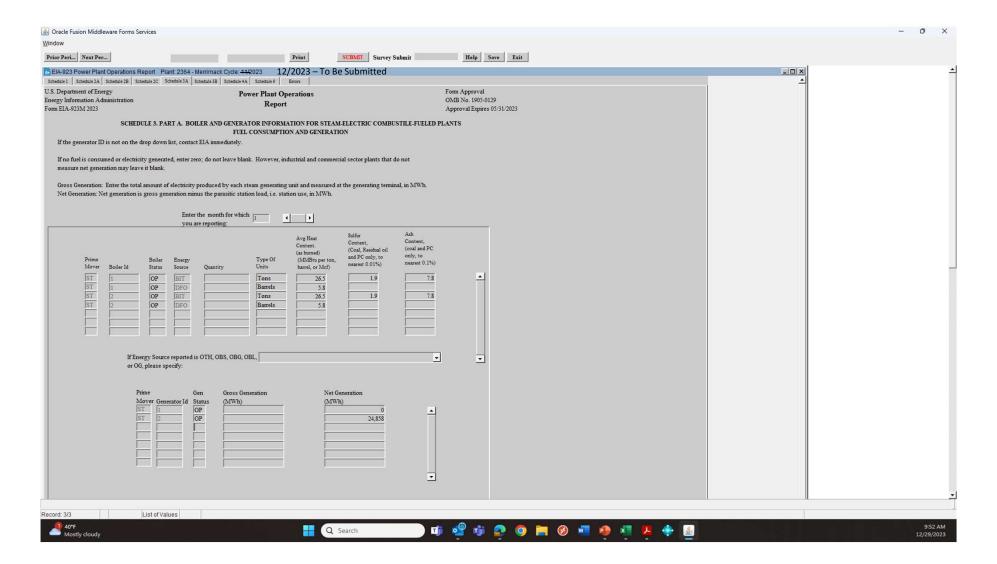












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|         | Combined Heat<br>And |                 |            |                     |             |             |               |             |          |            |                   |                      |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| lant ld |                      | Nuclear Unit Id | Plant Name | Operator Name       | Operator Id | Plant State | Census Region | NERC Region | Reserved | NAICS Code | EIA Sector Number | Sector Name          |
| 2364    |                      |                 | Merrimack  | Granite Shore Power | 62032       | NH          | NEW           | NPCC        |          | 22         |                   | 2 NAICS-22 Non-Cogen |
| 2364    | N                    | 59              | Merrimack  | Granite Shore Power | 62032       | NH          | NEW           | NPCC        |          | 22         |                   | 2 NAICS-22 Non-Cogen |
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|                         |                            |                       |                             |            |                        |                     |                      | T                 | otal Quantity Cor | sumed In Physical | Units (Consum    | ed For Electric Gene | eration And Usefu  | I Thermal Output)     |                     |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Reported<br>Prime Mover | Reported<br>Fuel Type Code | AER<br>Fuel Type Code | Balancing<br>Authority Code | Respondent | Physical<br>Unit Label | Quantity<br>January | Quantity<br>February | Quantity<br>March | Quantity<br>April | Quantity<br>May   | Quantity<br>June | Quantity<br>July     | Quantity<br>August | Quantity<br>September | Quantity<br>October |
| ST                      | BIT                        | COL                   | ISNE                        | М          | short tons             | 68,160              | 43,206               | 2,689             | 0                 | 2,047             | (                | 5,987                | 9,529              | 0                     |                     |
| ST                      | DFO                        | DFO                   | ISNE                        | М          | barrels                | 364                 | 239                  | 0                 | 0                 | 101               | (                | 31                   | 168                | 0                     |                     |
| ST                      | RFO                        | RFO                   | ISNE                        | М          | barrels                |                     |                      | 1                 |                   |                   |                  |                      | 4                  | 14                    |                     |

|                      |                      |                          |                           |                        |                        | Quantity Cor         | sumed In Physic       | al Units For Electric | Generation           |                            |                       |                        |                        |               |                           |               |               | 1             |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Quantity<br>November | Quantity<br>December | Elec_Quantity<br>January | Elec_Quantity<br>February | Elec_Quantity<br>March | Elec_Quantity<br>April | Elec_Quantity<br>May | Elec_Quantity<br>June | Elec_Quantity July    | Elec_Quantity August | Elec_Quantity<br>September | Elec_Quantity October | Elec_Quantity November | Elec_Quantity December | MMBtuPer_Unit | MMBtuPer_Unit<br>February | MMBtuPer_Unit | MMBtuPer_Unit | MMBtuPer_Unit |
| 0                    | 14,908               | 68,160                   | 43,206                    | 2,689                  | 0                      | 2,047                |                       | 5,987                 | 9,529                | 0                          |                       | 0                      | 14.908                 | 26.40         | 26.30                     |               |               | 20.4          |
| 0                    | 389                  | 364                      | 239                       | 0                      | 0                      | 101                  | C                     | 31                    | 168                  | 0                          |                       | 0                      | 389                    | 5.80          | 5.80                      |               | 0.00          | 5.8           |
|                      | 0                    |                          |                           |                        |                        |                      |                       |                       | +                    |                            |                       |                        | 0                      |               |                           |               |               |               |

| at Content Of Fue | s (MMBtu Per Uni | t)     |           |         |          |                        |                   |                       |                    |                    |                  | Total Fuel Cons   | umed (MMBtu) |                     |                        |                      |                       |                       |
|-------------------|------------------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                   |                  |        |           |         |          | MMBtuPer_Unit December | Tot_MMBtu January | Tot_MMBtu<br>February | Tot_MMBtu<br>March | Tot_MMBtu<br>April | Tot_MMBtu<br>May | Tot_MMBtu<br>June | Tot_MMBtu    | Tot_MMBtu<br>August | Tot_MMBtu<br>September | Tot_MMBtu<br>October | Tot_MMBtu<br>November | Tot_MMBtu<br>December |
| June              | July             | August | September | October | November | December               |                   | A SECTION OF STREET   |                    | 7 (51)             | 51011            |                   | 457.450      |                     |                        | 1                    |                       | 395,06                |
| 0.00              | 26.30            | 26.30  | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00     | 26.50                  | 1,799,424         | 1,136,318             | 70,721             | 0                  | 54,041           | U                 | 157,458      | 250,613             | Ų                      | Ų                    |                       |                       |
| 0.00              | 5.80             | 5.80   | 0.00      | 0.00    | 0.00     | 5.80                   | 2,111             | 1,386                 | 0                  | 0                  | 586              | 0                 | 180          | 974                 | 0                      | 0                    | 0                     | 2,25                  |
| - 0               |                  | 2      | - 00      | 0.7     |          | 0.00                   |                   | 14                    |                    |                    |                  | 74                | (6)          | 1)                  |                        |                      |                       |                       |

|           |                        |                     |                     | Qua               | ntity Consumed     | For Electricity (MME | Btu)                 |                         |                       |                        |                        |                   |                    |                 |        |        | 71-4-1-14-11-1 | 77 96 21 20 |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|----------------|-------------|
| January   | Elec_MMBtu<br>February | Elec_MMBtu<br>March | Elec_MMBtu<br>April | Elec_MMBtu<br>May | Elec_MMBtu<br>June | Elec_MMBtu<br>July   | Elec_MMBtu<br>August | Elec_MMBtu<br>September | Elec_MMBtu<br>October | Elec_MMBtu<br>November | Elec_MMBtu<br>December | Netgen<br>January | Netgen<br>February | Netgen<br>March | Netgen | Netgen | Netgen         | Netgen      |
| 1,799,424 | 1,136,318              | 70,721              | 0                   | 54,041            |                    | 157,458              | 250,613              | 0                       |                       | 0                      | 395,062                |                   |                    |                 | April  | May    | June           | July        |
| 2,111     | 1 386                  | n                   | 0                   | 586               |                    | 100                  | 974                  |                         |                       |                        | 19000-1000000          | 149,400           | 87,389             | 7,652           | .0     | 3,511  | 0              | 11.7        |
| 2,7.11    | 1,555                  |                     |                     | 300               |                    | 180                  | 9/4                  | 0                       |                       | 0                      | 2,256                  | 175               | 107                | 0               | 0      | 38     | 0              |             |

|        |           |         |                    |                       |                                 |                                    | Year-To-Date                    |                                |                                   | -    |
|--------|-----------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Netgen | Netgen    | Netgen  | Netgen<br>November | Netgen<br>December    | Total Fuel Consumption Quantity | Electric Fuel Consumption Quantity | Total Fuel Consumption<br>MMBtu | Elec Fuel Consumption<br>MMBtu | Net Generation<br>(Megawatthours) | YEAR |
| August | September | October | November           | ACTION AND ACCESSORY. |                                 | 146,526                            | 3,863,637                       | 3,863,637                      | 305,456                           | 202  |
| 17,168 | 0         | 0       | 1 01               | 28,602                | 146,526                         | 140,320                            | 5,000,001                       |                                |                                   |      |
| 11,100 | -         |         |                    |                       | 4.000                           | 1,292                              | 7.493                           | 7,493                          | 563                               | 2022 |
| 67     | 01        | 0       | 0                  | 163                   | 1,292                           | 1,292                              | 7,100                           |                                |                                   | 202  |
|        |           |         |                    |                       |                                 | O.                                 | 0                               | 0                              | 0                                 | 202  |
| V.     |           |         | 11                 | 0                     | U                               | 0                                  |                                 |                                |                                   |      |

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|                    |                         |                            |                       |                             |          |                        |                     |                      |                   | Total Quantit     | y Consumed In Phys | ical Units (Consun |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sector Name        | Reported<br>Prime Mover | Reported<br>Fuel Type Code | AER<br>Fuel Type Code | Balancing<br>Authority Code | Reserved | Physical<br>Unit Label | Quantity<br>January | Quantity<br>February | Quantity<br>March | Quantity<br>April | Quantity<br>May    | Quantity<br>June   |
| NAICS-22 Non-Cogen | IST                     | BIT                        | COL                   | ISNE                        |          | short tons             | 11,427              | 30,775               | 141               | 0                 |                    |                    |
| NAICS-22 Non-Cogen | ST                      | DFO                        | DFO                   | ISNE                        |          | barrels                | 149                 | 119                  | 0                 | 0                 | 0                  |                    |
| NAICS-22 Non-Cogen | ST                      | RFO                        | RFO                   | ISNE                        |          | barrels                | 9                   |                      |                   |                   |                    |                    |

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| r Electric Generat | ion And Useful Th  | narmal Output         |                     |                      |                      |                       |                           |                        |                     |                   |                    |                       |               |               |             |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Liectife General   | on And Oseidi Ti   | lermai Output)        |                     |                      |                      |                       |                           |                        |                     | Quantity C        | Consumed In Physic | al Units For Electric | Generation    |               |             |
| Quantity<br>July   | Quantity<br>August | Quantity<br>September | Quantity<br>October | Quantity<br>November | Quantity<br>December | Elec_Quantity January | Elec_Quantity<br>February | Elec_Quantity<br>March | Elec_Quantity April | Elec_Quantity May | Elec_Quantity June | Elec_Quantity         | Elec_Quantity | Elec_Quantity | Elec_Quanti |
| 5,600              | C                  | 0                     | 9,284               |                      |                      | 11,427                | 30,775                    | 141                    |                     | in Ly             | Julie              | July                  | August        | September     | October     |
| 107                | 0                  | 0                     | 47                  |                      |                      |                       |                           | 171                    |                     | 0                 | 0                  | 5,600                 | 0             | (             | 0 9,        |
| 107                |                    | 0                     | 47                  |                      |                      | 149                   | 119                       | 0                      |                     | 0                 | 0                  | 107                   | 0             | (             | al          |
|                    |                    |                       | 0                   |                      |                      |                       |                           |                        |                     |                   |                    |                       |               |               |             |

|               |               |         |          |               |                 |               | Heat Content Of Fue | els (MMBtu Per Unit) |                      |                            |                       |                           |                        |                      |                       |
|---------------|---------------|---------|----------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Elec_Quantity | Elec_Quantity |         |          | MMBtuPer_Unit | MMBtuPer_Unit   | MMBtuPer_Unit | MMBtuPer_Unit       | MMBtuPer_Unit July   | MMBtuPer_Unit August | MMBtuPer_Unit<br>September | MMBtuPer_Unit October | MMBtuPer_Unit<br>November | MMBtuPer_Unit December | Tot_MMBtu<br>January | Tot_MMBtu<br>February |
| November      | December      | January | February |               | 1.00. 8 10.10.1 | 11100 P. I    |                     | 25.40                | 400 775              | 0.00                       | 26.40                 |                           |                        | 302,816              | 815,53                |
| 19            |               | 26.50   | 26.50    | 26.50         | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00                | 25.40                | 0,00                 | 0.00                       |                       |                           |                        | 201                  | 60                    |
|               |               |         |          | 0.00          | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00                | 5.80                 | 0.00                 | 0.00                       | 5.80                  |                           |                        | 864                  | 69                    |
|               |               | 5.80    | 5.80     | 0.00          | 0.00            | 0.00          | 0.00                | 15,555               |                      |                            | 0.00                  |                           |                        |                      |                       |
|               |               |         | Ti.      |               |                 |               | 52                  |                      | -                    | 1                          | 0,00                  | (*)                       |                        |                      |                       |

|               |                        |                       |                                  |  |  |           |                    |   |                     | umed (MMBtu)   | Total Fuel Cons |  |  |  |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|-----------|--------------------|---|---------------------|--|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Cu Flec MMRtu | Flec MMBtu             | Elec MMBtu            | Elec MMBtu                       | Elec_MMBtu   | Tot_MMBtu  | Tot_MMBtu | Tot_MMBtu          | Tot_MMBtu   | Tot_MMBtu           | Tot_MMBtu  | Tot_MMBtu       | Tot_MMBtu  | Tot_MMBtu  | Tot_MMBtu<br>March   |
|               |                        |                       | February                         | January  | December   | November  |                    | September   | August              |  | Julie           | IVIAY  | April  | 3,737  |
| May           | n n                    |                       | 815.538                          | 302,816  |  | 3         | 245,098            | 0   | 0                   |  | 0               | 0  | 0  | 3,737  |
| 0             | .0                     | 0,707                 | 690                              | 964  |  |           | 273                | 0   | 0                   | 621  | 0               | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| U             | U                      | U                     |                                  |  |  |           | 0                  |   |                     | M.   |                 |  | +  |  |
| -             | Elec_MMBtu<br>May<br>0 | Elec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu | Elec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu | February Biec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu February March April May | Elec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu Elec_MMBtu January March April May | Tot_MMBtu | Tot_MMBtu November | Tot_MMBtu October November December December Biec_MMBtu January Elec_MMBtu February Biec_MMBtu February Biec_MMBtu February Biec_MMBtu February Biec_MMBtu April Biec_MMBtu May 245,098 302,816 815,538 3,737 0 0 | Tot_MMBtu September | Tot_MMBtu August Tot_MMBtu September October November December Dec | Tot_MMBtu July  | Tot_MMBtu June  Tot_MMBtu July  Tot_MMBtu August  Tot_MMBtu September  Tot_MMBtu October November  Tot_MMBtu December  Tot_MMBtu January  February  September  February  Februar | Tot_MMBtu May         Tot_MMBtu June         Tot_MMBtu July         Tot_MMBtu August         Tot_MMBtu September         Tot_MMBtu October         Tot_MMBtu November         Tot_MMBtu December         Elec_MMBtu January         Elec_MMBtu February         Elec_MMBtu March         Elec_MMBtu April         Elec_MMBtu May           0         0         142,240         0         0         245,098         302,816         815,538         3,737         0         0           0         0         621         0         0         273         984 | Tot_MMBtu<br>April         Tot_MMBtu<br>May         Tot_MMBtu<br>June         Tot_MMBtu<br>July         Tot_MMBtu<br>August         Tot_MMBtu<br>September         Tot_MMBtu<br>October         Tot_MMBtu<br>November         Tot_MMBtu<br>December         Elec_MMBtu<br>January         Elec_MMBtu<br>February         Elec_MMBtu<br>March         Elec_MMBtu<br>April         Elec_MMBtu<br>May |

| 2241 - 10-2 - 10-1 122-0 22-0 20-0 10-0 |            |            |                       |                        |                        |                   |                    |                 |                 |               | Electricity Net G | eneration (MWh) |                  |                     |                            |
|---|------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Elec_MMBtu                              | Elec_MMBtu | Elec_MMBtu | Elec_MMBtu<br>October | Elec_MMBtu<br>November | Elec_MMBtu<br>December | Netgen<br>January | Netgen<br>February | Netgen<br>March | Netgen<br>April | Netgen<br>May | Netgen<br>June    | Netgen<br>July  | Netgen<br>August | Netgen<br>September | Netgen<br>October<br>18,39 |
| July                                    | August     | September  |                       | HOVEINDE               | Describe.              | CONSISTE HONORARI | 76,798             | 286             | 0               | 0             | 0                 | 12,043          |                  | ol ol               | 10,38                      |
| 142,240                                 | 0          | 0          | 245,098               |                        |                        | 23,219            | 70,790             | 200             |                 |               |                   | 52              |                  |                     | 2                          |
| 621                                     | 0          | 0          | 273                   |                        | 4                      | 66                | 65                 | 0               |                 | 0             | 0                 | 33              |                  | 1                   |                            |
|   |            |            | 1                     |                        |                        |                   | 2                  | 98              |                 | 3             |                   |                 |                  | <u> </u>            |                            |

| -                  |                    | Year-To-Date                    |                                    |                               |                                |                                   |      |  |
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# **Bottom Ash Transport Water Best Management Practice Plan**

MERRIMACK STATION

Bow, New Hampshire

Prepared for GSP Merrimack LLC File No. 2025.14 October 2023



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#### **INITIAL CERTIFICATION**

## **Management Certification**

GSP Merrimack LLC (GSP) is committed to working towards reducing bottom ash transport water (BATW) discharges from the Merrimack Station facility and will provide the manpower, equipment, and materials necessary to implement this BATW Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan. The undersigned authorized facility representative attests that:

- a) I have personally examined and am familiar with the included BATW BMP Plan;
- b) I believe that the information in the BATW BMP Plan and any supporting documentation used in the development of this plan is true, accurate, and complete; and
- c) The BATW BMP Plan, to the best of my knowledge and belief, meets the requirements of 40 CFR 423.

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| Printed Name of Facility Representative | Signature  |            | Date            |

## **Professional Engineer Certification**

The BATW BMP Plan was prepared by Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc. for the Merrimack Station facility located in Bow, New Hampshire. I, the undersigned Registered Professional Engineer, certify the following information in respect to the Merrimack Station BATW BMP Plan), subject to the assumptions and limitations contained within the BATW BMP Plan.

- a) I am a licensed professional engineer in the State of New Hampshire.
- b) I am familiar with the 40 CFR Part 423(k)(3) requirements for the BATW BMP Plan.
- c) I am familiar with the Merrimack Station BATW system;
- d) The BATW BMP Plan is included with this certification statement; and
- e) The BATW BMP Plan, to the best of my knowledge and belief, will be implemented by GSP if the MK1 Boiler and MK2 Boiler units are designated low utilization electric generating units (LUEGUs).

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#### INTRODUCTION

This Bottom Ash Transport Water (BATW) System Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan is prepared to meet the requirements of the Final Steam Electric Reconsideration Rule 40 CFR Part 423.13(k)(3). Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc. (Sanborn Head) prepared this BATW BMP Plan for GSP Merrimack LLC (GSP). This BATW BMP and the services provided by Sanborn Head are subject to the Limitations provided in Appendix A.

This BATW BMP Plan is intended to be a working document. Therefore, certain aspects of the BATW BMP Plan require continued review, and action must be documented in support of the annual certification process. Key aspects of the BATW BMP Plan that GSP is responsible for implementing are highlighted below.

- Note and address any needed editorial updates to the BATW BMP Plan.
- Routinely (at least annually) review the feasibility of implementing new BMPs to include in this plan that have the potential to reduce BATW discharges at the facility.
- Investigate options to minimize slag sluice operations to reduce the volume of BATW discharges, such as optimizing intermittent operations to reduce sluice flows.
- Maintain records to document BATW flows.
- Maintain records to document the average amount of recycled BATW.
- Complete regular BATW maintenance and inspections, including preparation of inspection reports and summaries of preventative and corrective maintenance performed.

#### 1.0 GENERATING UNIT IDENTIFICATION

The coal-fired generating units that contribute bottom ash (BA) to the BATW system are identified as MK1 Boiler and MK2 Boiler. The designation of these units as low utilization (as defined in 40 CFR 423.11) is currently under review by USEPA Region 1. This BMP Plan is prepared to meet the requirements for a BATW BMP Plan for the MK1 Boiler and MK2 Boiler units assuming EPA agrees to designate the units as low utilization electric generating units (LUEGUs).

## 2.0 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

A water flow diagram that includes the BATW system is included as Appendix B.

The existing BA transfer system consists of a wet slag tank for collection of BA at the boiler with wet sluice of BA to the slag settling area. Water from the Merrimack MK1 cooling water tunnel and Merrimack MK2 cooling water tunnel are used for the BATW that transports BA from the MK1 Boiler and MK2 Boiler slag tanks, respectively. Bottom ash and water are drawn from the MK1 Boiler and MK2 Boiler slag tanks using jet pumps and travel by sluice to the slag settling area. Slag is collected and stored for beneficial reuse and water from the slag settling area travels to the service water pond. MK1 Boiler and MK2 Boiler slag tank seal water (aka overflow water), which is generated during normal operations to maintain the slag tanks at full level, is sent to the service water pond without passing through the slag sluice settling area. This seal water (overflow water) does not transport or sluice bottom ash (slag).

Some water from the service water pond is pumped at the service water pump house to be recycled for use in the flue gas desulfurization (FGD) absorber. Most of the water drawn for the FGD absorber is removed from the system via evaporation (steam) while much smaller amounts are removed as a component of the gypsum produced, and the remainder is handled as blowdown in the wastewater treatment facilities.

In addition to the flows mentioned above, the service water pond also receives storm drain and yard drain water, boiler blowdown, returned service water, and water from Waste Treatment Plant #1 (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System [NPDES] Permit NH0001465).

The service water pond discharges via NPDES Permit NH0001465 Internal Outfall 003A to the cooling canal, (designated Waste Treatment Plant #2), for eventual discharge to the Merrimack River via Outfall 003.

#### 3.0 WATER BALANCE

A diagram of the water balance is included as Appendix B, and tabulated values are provided below in Exhibit 1.

Exhibit 1 - Summary of BATW System Additions and Removals

| Туре               | BATW System Component  | Normal Station On<br>Line Operation Flow |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Water removed      | Outfall: Outfall 003A to Waste Treatment Plant #2                | 5,350,000 GPD                            |
| from the BA        | Service Water Pump House (primarily for FGD absorber use)        | 1,100,000 GPD                            |
| transport system   | Evaporation from the BATW system (e.g., from service water pond) | Not quantified                           |
|                    | Entrained with removed bottom ash                                | Not quantified                           |
| Water entering or  | MK1 Cooling Water Tunnel   | 2,000,000 GPD                            |
| recycled to the BA |  | (intermittent)                           |
| transport system.  | MK2 Cooling Water Tunnel   | 4,230,000 GPD                            |
| There is no BATW   | Service water pump house return                                  | 21,000 GPD                               |
| recycled back to   | Boiler Blowdown + Seal Water (Overflows) & Storm Drains          | 11,000 GPD                               |
| the system in lieu |  | (intermittent)                           |
| of makeup water.   | Waste Treatment Plant (#1)                                       | 83,000 GPD                               |
|                    | Yard Drains  | 5,000 GPD                                |
|                    |  | (intermittent)                           |

Note: As indicated above, some of the values represent typically intermittent flows. There is a non-zero balance of water removed and water added because of the intermittent flows.

#### 4.0 MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION

A regular maintenance and inspection preventative maintenance management system is used to identify, repair, and replace equipment prior to failures. Preventative maintenance work orders are issued for timely upkeep of critical equipment and components.

The Operations Department does a walk-through every shift (twice per day) to inspect the entire BATW system, including valves, pipe flanges and piping, to identify leaks, spills and other unintended bottom ash transport water escaping from the system. If needed, timely repairs are arranged.

Copies of inspection reports and documentation of preventative and corrective maintenance performed are maintained by GSP personnel and are required to be included as part of the annual certification of this BATW BMP Plan.

#### 5.0 EVALUATION OF BATW ELIMINATION/MINIMIZATION

GSP completed an evaluation of costs and feasibility of full recycling of BATW to eliminate or minimize discharges. The evaluation recommendations were to install a remotely-located submerged flight conveyor (SPF) and associated infrastructure with an estimated cost of roughly \$7,000,000 (2021 dollars). Given the significant changes to Merrimack Station's operational profile in recent years (substantially reduced operations and thus BATW discharges), the installation of SPF technology was no longer economically viable and GSP Merrimack is reevaluating options with EPA Region 1 for complying with the no-discharge BATW permit limitation, including classification as LUEGUs.

#### 6.0 RECYCLE SYSTEM AND DISCHARGE MINIMIZATION

The following elements are included in the current BATW system for recycling and minimizing BATW discharge.

- BATW is recycled for use in the FDG scrubber.
- Investigate options to minimize slag sluice operations to reduce the volume of BATW discharges, such as optimizing intermittent operations to reduce sluice flows. The MK1 Boiler BATW sluice for emptying the slag tank is operated intermittently at a typically consistent flow, and minimizing the time that they are operating minimizes the BATW discharge.

Recycling BATW through the FDG scrubber reduces BATW discharges from the facility by over 1,000,000 GPD. Reductions in BATW discharges achieved by the other BMPs listed in this plan have not been quantified.

#### 7.0 SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

No changes to the existing BATW system are planned. The BMPs outlined in this plan represent the BATW discharge control measures that GSP determined are technically available and economically achievable for the Merrimack Station facility at this time. The need to reevaluate options and feasibility for BATW elimination or minimization should be considered at least annually, and a new evaluation should be completed if operating conditions are changed or if additional information or technologies become available.

#### 8.0 RECYCLE SYSTEM DOCUMENTATION

A regular maintenance and inspection preventative maintenance management system for the FGD system is used to identify, repair, and replace equipment prior to failures. Preventative maintenance work orders are issued for timely upkeep of critical equipment and components.

The Operations Department does a walk-through every shift (twice per day) to inspect the entire FGD system. If needed, timely repairs are arranged.

Copies of inspection reports and documentation of preventative and corrective maintenance performed are maintained by GSP personnel and will be included as part of the annual certification of this BATW BMP Plan.

### 9.0 FLOW MONITORING

Measurements associated with the flow monitoring are to be recorded on at least a weekly basis and kept in the BATW system maintenance and operation file.

Exhibit 1 - Summary of BATW System Additions and Removals

| BATW System   | Weekly Monitoring Method   | During Norma      | al Station       |
|---|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Component   |  | On-line Operation |                  |
|   |  | Flow Type         | Typical Flow     |
| MK1 water added to<br>the BATW system,<br>including the BATW<br>slag sluice | Record start and stop times of water being added from the MK1 cooling water tunnel to the MK1 sluice system. Sum the total run time of the MK1 sluice water addition and multiple by the typical operational flow rate to                                | Intermittent      | 2,000,000<br>GPD |
|   | obtain the weekly flow volume.   |                   |                  |
| MK2 water added to<br>the BATW system,<br>including the BATW<br>slag sluice | Record start and stop times of water being added from the MK2 cooling water tunnel to the MK2 sluice system. Sum the total run time of the MK2 sluice water addition and multiple by the typical operational flow rate to obtain the weekly flow volume. | Continuous        | 4,230,000<br>GPD |
| Total BATW<br>discharged  | Continuous flow monitoring data are collected at Internal Outfall 003A.  | Continuous        | 5,350,000<br>GPD |
| BATW recycled to the FGD absorber   | Operational or flow data will be collected to establish flows at the FGD absorber.   | Continuous        | 1,100,000<br>GPD |

Note: As indicated above, some of the values represent typically intermittent flows. There is a non-zero balance of water removed and water added because of the intermittent flows.

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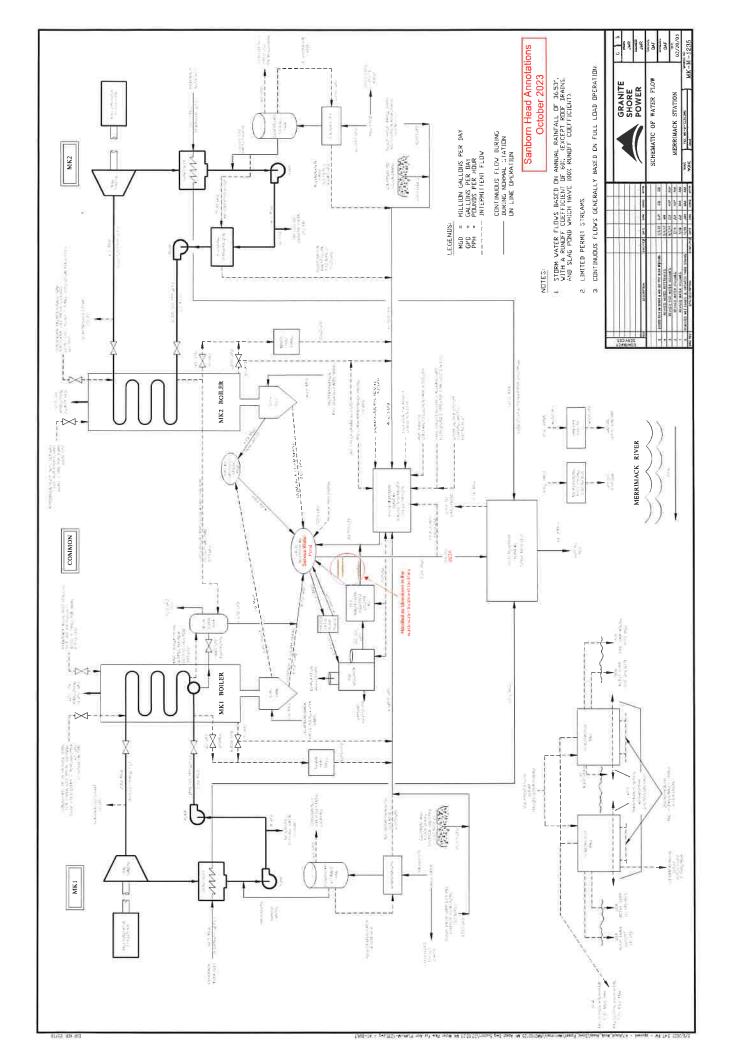
# Appendix A Limitations

# ATTACHMENT B LIMITATIONS

- 1. The observations described in this report were made under the conditions stated herein. The conclusions presented in this report were based solely upon the services described herein, and not on scientific tasks or procedures beyond the scope of described services or the time and budgetary constraints imposed by the Client.
- 2. In preparing this report, Sanborn Head has relied on certain information provided by other parties referenced herein. Detailed evaluations of this information to verify its validity was not conducted.
- 3. Should additional information on relevant conditions at the site which is not contained in the report be obtained, such information should be brought to Sanborn Head's attention. We will evaluate such information and, on the basis of our evaluation, may modify the conclusions stated in this report.
- 4. This report was prepared for the exclusive use of GSP Merrimack LLC (GSP) for specific application for 40 CFR Part 423(k)(3) compliance for GSP's Merrimack Station bottom ash transport water system for MK1 Boiler and MK2 Boiler electric generating units in Bow, New Hampshire, and was prepared in accordance with generally-accepted environmental engineering practices. No warranty, express or implied, is made.

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# Appendix B Schematic of Water Flow



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