# **Combined License Application**

## **Part 11G: Site Area Paleoliquefaction And Surface Faulting Investigation Program**

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### <span id="page-4-0"></span>**1.0 PALEOLIQUEFACTION AND SURFACE FAULTING INVESTIGATION PROGRAM**

To complement the references in the literature that consider paleoliquefaction and surface faulting in the area of the Callaway Plant Site, a specific field investigation program was conducted during the general field investigations as part of the overall development of the Callaway Plant Unit 2 COLA. The overall effort consisted of three Phases.

Consistent with USNRC Regulatory Guides and Standard Review Plans, this program focused on the area around the Callaway Site defined by a 5 mile (8 km) radius (Phase 1), and extending to cover the Site Vicinity (25 mile (40 km)) (Phases 2 and 3).

Phase 1 of the investigation program used remote imagery and topographic maps as the initial source of data for locating potentially anomalous features within the Site Area. Phase 1 consisted of a number of steps, including an on-the-ground inspection and reconnaissance (ground truthing) during late June-early July of 2007 of all areas where evidence suggested some type of anomaly which could not be interpreted directly. Each anomaly was visited, logged, photographed if questionable and documented to define the conditions at each anomaly, with an eye toward assessing the impact of the anomaly on the safety-related facilities of the Callaway Plant Unit 2.

Phase 2 of the program focused on paleoliquefaction features that are not discernible on remote imagery, but may be visible along stream banks and river banks in the Site Vicinity, that includes a short reach of the Missouri River and several small streams. Where possible, a small boat was used to view the stream banks and river banks from the water. For those streams where the water was too shallow for a boat, on-foot surveillance was undertaken.

Phase 3 consisted of an inspection of the surface expression of the 5 faults nearest the Site, to confirm their locations and to evaluate available exposures for indications of recent movement.

#### <span id="page-4-1"></span>**1.1 WORK PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Details of the investigations are provided below, including the scope, methodology, findings, and conclusions.

#### <span id="page-4-2"></span>**1.1.1 PHASE 1 WORK PLAN**

The Phase 1 Work Plan implemented for this program consisted of a number of steps as outlined below:

- 1. Identified remote imagery, specifically aerial and satellite images and topographic maps, available for the area of the Site.
- 2. Analyzed and interpreted the maps and aerial and satellite images to identify features on the ground surface that are potentially anomalous and not explainable by observation on the remote imagery and could be postulated as being related to historic or prehistoric earthquakes or tectonic activity.
- 3. Created a remote image showing all of the anomalous features for use as a field location map and later as a basis for documentation purposes. The location map with the labeled anomalous features was used by the field geologists to find the anomalous features in the field.

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- 4. Assigned a label and approximate longitude and latitude co-ordinates to the anomalous features using tools available from the imagery supplier.
- 5. Using the location map along with the labels and coordinates, a team of geologists visited each anomalous feature with the aid of a portable GPS unit to ground truth the anomaly.
- 6. During the visit to the anomalous feature, the team of geologists recorded electronically the actual location of the feature with the portable GPS unit.
- 7. The anomalous feature was observed, discussed by the team, logged with a written description, interpreted as (a) a non-geologic feature or (b) a geologic feature that is not associated with an earthquake or tectonics, e.g., a landslide or slump or (c) a feature that could be postulated as being derived from an earthquake (such as a paleoliquefaction feature) or (d) a tectonic feature such as fold, monocline or a fault. Photographs were taken to supplement the logs, if necessary, for future referencing.
- 8. In addition, the location of anomalous features observed during the field reconnaissance, but not observed previously on the remote imagery or maps, were also labelled and logged, as above.
- 9. The results of the ground truthing work were then re-interpreted in the office, together with the remote imagery and any literature available for the area of the feature. This step also involved a peer review of the interpretation of each anomaly.
- 10. The results were then analyzed with respect to the possibility that the features offer evidence for a geologic hazard that could affect the safety-related facilities of Callaway Plant Unit 2. If so, they were documented and discussed in the appropriate FSAR Sections 2.5.1 through 2.5.5.

#### <span id="page-5-0"></span>**1.1.2 PHASE 2 WORK PLAN**

The Phase 2 Work Plan for this program consisted of a number of steps similar to those followed for Phase 1 as follows:

- 1. Using USGS quadrangle maps as well as electronic versions of topographic maps available from the National Geographic Society, waypoints were pre-established in the office along stream banks and river banks based on the plan view of the water course. For example, outside curves and other stream segments undergoing erosion were emphasized as these are zones on the banks of the watercourse where erosion under high water flow has the potential to expose paleoliquefaction features such as sand dikes and sills. Inside curves and zones of obvious deposition were not defined as waypoints. This step in the process defined where to look in the field for anomalies that might contain evidence of paleoliquefaction features.
- 2. Created a working map showing the waypoints (label, latitude and longitude) chosen in the office to be used as a field working document and later as a basis for documentation purposes. The map with the labeled features was used by the field geologists to find the features in the field.
- 3. Using the working map with the labels and co-ordinates, a team of geologists arranged a reconnaissance study of each feature with the aid of a portable GPS unit to ground

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truth the feature. Visits were primarily accomplished with the use of a shallow draft boat, or when the water was too shallow, by foot working out of a utility vehicle.

- 4. During the visit to the feature, the team of geologists recorded electronically with the portable GPS unit, the actual location of the feature visited. This location may or may not be the precise location developed in the office during preparation of the working map.
- 5. The feature was observed, discussed by the team, logged with a written description, interpreted as (a) a non-geologic feature or (b) a geologic feature that is not associated with an earthquake or tectonics, e.g., a landslide or slump or (c) a feature that could be postulated as being derived from an earthquake (such as a paleoliquefaction feature). Photographs were taken to supplement the logs if necessary for future referencing.
- 6. Where practical, the bank of the watercourse was excavated with hand tools, to check the depth of the feature, and whether it has "roots" in liquefiable soils. On the basis of the observations and/or the shallow excavations, a judgment was made regarding the feature in terms of one of the following:
	- a. The feature at the defined waypoint does not exhibit characteristics of a paleoliquefaction feature.
	- b. The feature is not of interest from a paleoliquefaction perspective as it is not associated with earthquake response.
	- c. The feature could not be adequately assessed at this time as, for example, the depth of the water in the water course precluded excavation or the stream bank was not accessible. In such a case, the waypoint was so noted.
	- d. The feature was noted as having a high probability of being caused by an earthquake and the feature was noted and described as a paleoliquefaction feature.
	- e. For those features classified above as "c" or "d", a diligent effort was made to obtain samples of material suitable for dating the feature, for example by radiocarbon dating. The samples were logged and manifested to a suitable laboratory with an acceptable Quality Assurance Program for age dating.
- 7. The locations of features observed during the field reconnaissance, but not defined on the working map prepared beforehand in the office were identified and logged as in Step 6.
- 8. The results of the field work were then compiled and re-interpreted in the office together with the age dating results and any literature that is available for the area of the feature.
- 9. The feature was then analyzed with respect to the location(s) and magnitude(s) of the likely causative events, taking into account the likely date (or range of dates) of the events, and the alternate scenarios that could lead to the development of the paleoliquefaction feature.

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- 10. The results were then analyzed with respect to the possibility that the causative event is within the range of events and parameters considered in the Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Analysis (PSHA). If the causative event is covered by the PSHA, the event is so noted and no other work is carried out. If the causative event is not covered by the PSHA, the results of the PSHA are re-considered, either in terms of a sensitivity analysis or a re-run of all or part of the analysis, to account for the causative event,
- 11. The results are then documented in the appropriate sections of the FSAR.

#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**1.1.3 PHASE 3 WORK PLAN**

The Phase 3 investigation was conducted in two stages, a Literature Review followed by a Field Inspection.

- The Literature Review was undertaken to identify the current level of understanding of each fault, and its location.
- The Field Inspection involved a visit to each locality where the field team traversed the fault trace at multiple locations. The inspection was designed to locate new road cuts or other exposures where new observations could be made. The visits were recorded with digital photographs and GPS coordinates for each location visited.
- $\blacklozenge$  At the end of the Field Inspection the data (maps, GPS coordinates and photographs) were compiled to create a record of the effort for inclusion in the FSAR.

#### <span id="page-7-1"></span>**1.2 SUMMARY OF THE GEOLOGY OF THE SITE AREA**

The geology of the Site Area is fully described in Section 2.5.1.2 and the stratigraphy and lithology of rock formations observed are described in Section 2.5.1.2.3.3. The following descriptions are provided to establish a broad overview of the local geologic features within which to interpret the results of these investigations.

In general, the Site can be characterized as occupying the crest of a small plateau, that has developed a radial drainage pattern to the surrounding streams. These streams are the Auxvasse Creek to the west, Mud Creek to the south, and Logan Creek to the east. All of these drain to the Missouri River, running 5 miles (8 km) to the south. The top of the plateau rises approximately 330 ft (100 m) above the run of the Missouri River, providing access to several exposed geologic formations between the crest and the runs of the surrounding rivers. The top of the plateau is covered by unconsolidated glacial deposits of principally clay and silt. Beneath these glacial deposits are several lithified formations of principally limestone, dolomite, and sandstone. Along the courses of the rivers and creeks are unconsolidated sediments forming flood plain and terrace deposits.

The surface materials on the high ground of the plateau are dominantly windblown loess (rock flour) underlain by paleosol. The paleosol is commonly underlain by either glacial till or cherty bedrock of the Pennsylvanian Age Graydon Chert Conglomerate. Loess thickness is highly variable but tends to be thicker at higher elevations due to less disturbance by fluvial environments.

The lithified rock outcrops investigated during this program include the stratigraphic profile between the St. Peter Formation and the Roubidoux Formation. The rocks are of Ordovician age, including the St. Peter Formation, the underlying Cotter-Jefferson City Dolomite and the **Part 11G**

underlying Roubidoux and Gasconade Formations, all of Ordovician Age. These are principally limestone, dolomite, and sandstone that form the valley walls.

The soils found along the watercourses, such as the banks of the Missouri River, are unconsolidated alluvial in nature, consisting of reworked loess deposits, mixed with glacial till, and usually capped with modern silty flood deposits. A typical exposure along a sizeable river would consist of interbedded sand, silt, and clay with modern flood deposits near water level and a 2-3 foot  $(\sim 1 \text{ m})$  thick layer of floodplain deposits with abundant plant material at the surface. The rivers and creeks of Callaway County are floored by either glacial till or limestone bedrock. The large floodplains of the Missouri River and the major tributaries such as the Osage River and Auxvasse Creek consist of fining outward (away from river) sequences of sandy alluvium to silty and clayey alluvium.

#### <span id="page-8-0"></span>**1.3 WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The following sections describe the level of effort used in each phase of this investigation program.

#### <span id="page-8-1"></span>**1.3.1 PHASE 1 WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Recognizing the stratigraphy in the area of the Site, the Phase 1 Work Plan was implemented initially with remote imagery and map work in the office, secondly with field work, and finally with office work to finish the effort over the course of several months.

The field work activities defined in the Work Plan were performed in late June and early July 2007, by a team of geologists. The work was accomplished in the field using a combination of four-wheel drive vehicles and hiking. USGS Quadrangle Maps, the satellite imagery and the portable GPS Units were used for determining locations. Log books and digital cameras were used for logging and documenting the anomalous features.

The initial remote imagery work culminated with the production of Figure No. 27 which is an aerial image showing the area around the Site, overlaid with all of the anomalous features located remotely as well as those added during the field work. The anomalous features are classified as either a Potential Paleoliquefaction Feature (L-Feature) or a Potential Surface Fault Feature (G-Feature).

An anomalous feature was considered to be a Potential Paleoliquefaction Feature (L-Feature) if it was viewed remotely as being circular or linear or a line of circular features (sand blows, sand boils, dikes, etc.) much like the interpretations in Al-Shukri, 2000.

An anomalous feature was considered to be a Potential Surface Fault Feature (G-Feature) if it appears on the remote image or map as a non-man-made photo-linear, such as a natural change in color or type of vegetation, an alignment of abrupt changes in stream pathways, a sag pond or alignment of ponds that could be viewed as sag ponds, an alignment of springs as evidenced by vegetative color changes, linear topographic features inconsistent with the dominant pattern of topographic features in the area of the Site.

#### **1.3.1.1 Results of Phase 1**

As mentioned above, Figure No. 27 depicts a large scale aerial image showing both the Potential Paleoliquefaction Features and the Potential Surface Fault Features.

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The results of Phase 1 are summarized on two tables -[-Table No. 1](#page-18-0), which is an assessment of the Potential Paleoliquefaction Features (L-Features), and [Table No. 2,](#page-20-0) which is an assessment of the Surface Fault Features (G-Features). Each table includes a label for the feature, its longitude and latitude and a summary of the field observations at each feature.

During the field work for Phase 1, digital photographs were taken of the L-Features and the G-Features for purposes of documentation and future reference. Selected photos of the suspected fault-features are provided on [Figure No. 1](#page-32-0) through [Figure No. 7](#page-38-0).

#### **1.3.1.2 Potential Paleoliquefaction Features from Phase 1**

As indicated on [Table No. 1,](#page-18-0) most of the L-Features located in Phase 1 were determined to be associated with agricultural activities. For example, the circular features are most often circular hay bales. Linear features are usually a line of hay bales and several drainage features are man-made ditches. All of the L-Features are interpreted as being derived from man's activities (hay harvesting/farming, roads, accesses, clearings, gardens, constructions, graveyard), and surface water processes (runoff water erosion features, and pond water features). No indication of paleoliquefaction was observed during Phase 1.

While it is recognized that much of the area around the Site has been impacted by agricultural activities or is wooded, which might mask such features on remote images, no such features were found in non-developed areas along water bodies, either. Those are the areas where paleoliquefaction features would tend to be more prevalent if they exist at all in the area.

These Phase 1 findings are in accordance with the reported liquefaction for the Site Region, where the closest reported indication of paleoliquefaction is referred to in Crone, 2000 and Tuttle, 2005 as being in the St. Louis–Cape Girardeau area, 90 miles (145 km) southeast from the Site. These liquefaction features were found along the Cache, Cuivre, Femme Osage Creek, Meramec, and Missouri Rivers. The inferred seismic source for these features was reported to be 37 miles (60 km) east of St. Louis, 122 miles (200 km) east of the Site.

#### **1.3.1.3 Potential Surface Fault Features**

The descriptions of Potential Surface Fault Features investigated in Phase 1 are provided on [Table No. 2.](#page-20-0) As seen on the table, 60 suspected fault features were investigated in the field, which included finding and confirming the location (longitude and latitude co-ordinates), observing the feature, interpreting the stratigraphy, lithology and mineralogy of the rocks at the feature, preparing written logs and, finally, photographing the feature. None of the features yielded evidence of faulting. Three of the features described on [Table No. 2](#page-20-0) are slump features associated with old landslides or consolidation. None showed evidence of faulting. These slump and/or consolidation type features are tabulated below and more fully on [Table No. 2.](#page-20-0) Photos of the three locations with deformation are attached as [Figure No. 1](#page-32-0) through [Figure No. 3](#page-34-0). Other photos of representative features without deformation are shown on [Figure No. 4](#page-35-0) through [Figure No. 7.](#page-38-0)



**Summary of Deformation Features**

None of the above listed features is tectonically derived and none indicates evidence of faulting.

#### **1.3.1.4 Conclusions From Phase 1**

The conclusions emanating from Phase 1 of this Site Area Paleoliquefaction and Surface Faulting Investigation Program are summarized as follows:

- There is no evidence of paleoliquefaction in the area of the Site.
- No surface faulting features were found in the area of the Site that represents a geologic hazard which could impact the safety-related facilities of the proposed plant.
- $\blacklozenge$  The ground truthing work led to observations of small deformations (less than five (5) feet) – each one associated with slumping or consolidation and contained within Ordovician rocks. No long linear features indicative of faulting were found.

#### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**1.3.2 PHASE 2 WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Recognizing the geology and the nature of the watercourses within the area of the Site defined as being within 5 miles (8 km) of the Site, the Phase 2 Work Plan was implemented initially with the aid of the working map prepared in the office, secondly with field work from a boat or utility vehicle, and finally with office work.

The initial working map was prepared and culminated with the production of Figure No. 28 which is a map from the electronic version of USGS topographic maps by the National Geographic Society. This map shows the area around the Site, overlaid with all of the targeted features located in the office, later modified to include additional features encountered in the field.

The reconnaissance field work activities defined in the Phase 2 Work Plan were performed in the fall of 2008 by a team of geologists led by Dr. John Sims, a recognized expert in paleoliquefaction identification and assessment. Dr. Sims was supported by a geologist from RIZZO, a geologist assistant who regularly works with Dr. Sims, and a boat operator from AmerenUE. The work was accomplished in the field using a combination of a 17- ft shallow draft Jon Boat, a four-wheel drive vehicle and hiking. USGS Quadrangle Maps and portable GPS Units were used for determining locations. Log books and digital cameras were used for logging and documenting the features.

#### **1.3.2.1 Results of Phase 2**

As mentioned above, Figure No. 28 is the working map used to initially define the Phase 2 waypoints in the office to be investigated in the field. The working map was modified after the Phase 2 field work to include those additional waypoints located and investigated in the field.

The results from Phase 2 for the Site Area are summarized on [Table No. 3](#page-24-0), which is a summary of the 95 waypoints investigated, including the label, latitude and longitude as well as appropriate comments on the observations in the field.

During the field work for Phase 2, digital photographs were taken at all of the waypoints for purposes of documentation and future reference. Since there were no features positively identified as paleoliquefaction sites, no samples were submitted for age dating.

#### **1.3.2.2 Potential Paleoliquefaction Features from Phase 2**

During the Phase 2 reconnaissance search for paleoliquefaction sites, 95 waypoints were investigated either from a boat or by foot working out of four wheel drive vehicle. The investigation within the 5-mile (8 km) Site Area inspected 23 locations and found no evidence of earthquake-derived paleoliquefaction features. [Figure No. 8](#page-39-0) and [Figure No. 9](#page-40-0) display photos of typical sites containing evidence of slumping or flood-deposition processes. The investigation for the larger area, extending to the 25-mile (40 km) Site Vicinity inspected an additional 72 sites, and found a single location (Waypoint 47, at a distance of 7.1 miles (11.4 km) from the Site) containing a feature of interest [\(Figure No. 10](#page-41-0) and [Figure No. 11](#page-42-0)). All other features were interpreted as being derived from flood deposition processes or slumping.

#### **1.3.2.3 Conclusions From Phase 2**

The preliminary conclusions emanating from Phase 2 of this Site Area Paleoliquefaction Investigation Program are summarized as follows:

None of these waypoints within the 5-mile (8 km) Site Area yielded any evidence of paleoliquefaction. All anomalous features were preliminarily interpreted as being derived from flood deposition processes or slumping. Only one of the waypoints in the Site Vicinity (to 25 mi (40 km)) contained a feature of interest. All other anomalous features in the Site Vicinity were preliminarily interpreted as being derived from flood deposition processes or slumping. None of the features observed provided any conclusive evidence that strong ground motion from paleoseismic activity has occurred within the Site Area or Site Vicinity.

#### <span id="page-11-0"></span>**1.3.3 PHASE 3 WORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

At the time of the original studies for the Callaway Plant Unit 1 FSAR, published maps showed no faults within a 5 mile (8 km) radius of the Site. More recent references (MODNR, 2007) confirm that there are no identified faults within a 5 mile (8 km) radius of the Site. Current references confirm the existence of only three faults in or close to the limits of the Site Vicinity: the Kingdom City Fault, Mineola Fault, and Cuba Fault. These three faults, plus two others (the Fox Hollow and Wardsville Faults) were visited and inspected in October 2008 ([Figure No. 12\)](#page-43-0).

The Kingdom City Fault and the Mineola Fault lie within the 25 mile (40 km) radius of the Callaway Plant Site, and the Cuba, Fox Hollow, and Wardsville Faults lie just outside the Site Vicinity 25 mile (40 km) radius. Each of these features is fully described in Section 2.5.1.1.4.2.2, and summary descriptions of each fault are provided below. No other faults or related tectonic features have been identified in the Site Vicinity.

#### **1.3.3.1 Results of Phase 3**

The locations for these five faults are shown in [Figure No. 12](#page-43-0). The absence of activity as evidenced by identifiable surface features was confirmed during the field reconnaissance as described above in Section 2.5.1.1.4.2.2, and in further detail below.

**Mineola Fault** is the closest reported geologic structure (either fault or fold) to the Site, approximately 12 miles (19 km) east-northeast of the Site ([Table No. 4](#page-26-0) and [Figure No. 13](#page-44-0)). Interpretation of well log data from the Missouri Geological Survey and Water Resources files (1974) indicates 200 feet (61 m) of downward displacement to the southwest. MODNR (2007) describes the Mineola fault as the Mineola Structure-Mineola Dome, first mapped as a pronounced anticline in the vicinity of Mineola, with a North 75° East trend, and 10° to 20° dips on both flanks. More recent investigations (MODNR, 2007) show the structure to be closed with a short north-south axis.

The Mineola Fault is more appropriately named the Mineola Feature, because of the recent work by MODNR (in 2007). Sections 2.5.1.1.4.2.1 and 2.5.1.1.4.2.2 describe the details of the regional folds and faults.

Discussions with the Missouri Geologic Survey yielded a number of additional references for this feature including Dake (1918), Clark and Wharton (1926), Barrett (1940), Barnes (1943), Strassberg (1935), and Sinclair (1956), all in AmerenUE (2004). This feature was first mapped by Dale 1918, in AmerenUE, 2004. His work, published as part of Dake's report (1918), showed a pronounced anticline in a vicinity of Mineola, with a N 75 $^{\circ}$  E trend, and 10 $^{\circ}$  to 20 $^{\circ}$  dips on both flanks; the dips are generally steeper on the south limb. Later work showed the structure to be closed with a short north-south axis. It is asymmetrical with a steep south-southwest dip and more gentle north-northeast dip. An additional closure was mapped in Sections 13 and 14, T. 48 No., R. 7 W Barnes (1943 in AmerenUE, 2004) pointed to a number of closed anticlines or domes striking N 70° W in an en echelon pattern from the Mineola area to the Browns Station anticline in Boone County. The Mineola dome brings Cotter (lower Ordovician) rocks to the surface in Loutre Creek, where they are surrounded by rocks ranging in age from Middle Ordovician (St. Peter) to Pennsylvanian (Cherokee Group).

The above references cite two different strikes for the feature, specifically N 75 $\textdegree$  E and N 70 $\textdegree$  W The strike shown on the figures in the Callaway Plant Unit 1 FSAR plot the latter trend.

This feature is a small anticline with a relatively short axis such that it could be viewed as domal in shape, giving rise to the terminology "Mineola Dome." Observations in the field during October 2008 clearly indicate a northeast trending anticlinal structure with the uppermost member being the St. Peter Sandstone. The feature, as shown in the photo ([Figure No. 14\)](#page-45-0), is known locally as the Graham Cave in the Graham Cave State Park. The cave developed by dissolution of the Jefferson City Limestone formation under the St. Peter Sandstone by way of water flowing down through minor fractures in the Sandstone and then through the Jefferson City.

**Kingdom City Fault,** as reported in section 2.5.1.1.4.2.2, trends east-northeast in Callaway County, Missouri on the Kingdom City Quadrangle Map, 14 miles (23 km) to the northwest of the Site [\(Table No. 5](#page-27-0) and [Figure No. 15](#page-46-0). The evidence for this fault is on well log 26595 at the Missouri Geological Survey and Water Resources. It is interpreted to be a reverse fault that cuts the St. Peter Formation twice, displacing the formation 200 to 300 ft (61 to 91 m) with the downthrown side being to the southeast. A reproduced version of well log 26595 is provided in [Table No. 6](#page-28-0) showing the interpretation that indicates an offset.

This level of offset would seem to be of such magnitude as to be observable on the ground surface or in nearby creek valley walls. However, as shown on the photos [\(Figure No. 16](#page-47-0) and [Figure No. 17](#page-48-0), the area is relatively flat, re-worked agricultural land with no surface manifestation visible during the Site visit. This lack of surface manifestation is to be likened to the lack of surface manifestation for the reported Mineola Feature discussed above.

**Cuba Fault** passes 3 miles (4.8 km) west of Cuba, MO, across Crawford, Gasconade, and Osage Counties, MO. It is located 35 miles (56 km) to the south-southeast of the Site on the Cooper Hill Quadrangle Map in the vicinity of Owensville, MO. (McQueen, 1943 in AmerenUE, 2004).

According to McCracken (1971), the Fault is downthrown on the east side with a vertical displacement of approximately 125 to 150 feet (38 to 46 m). The age of last movement is Pennsylvanian, or possibly younger.

The Cuba Fault was revisited during this investigation to determine if any new evidence has been developed. For example, the investigation was directed at new road cuts and new facilities, if any, in the area of the Fault that would provide more knowledge of the feature.

The alignment of the feature is basically north-south, and road cuts on east-west roads in Osage and Gasconade Counties were the focus of the effort ([Figure No. 18](#page-49-0) and [Table No. 7](#page-29-0)). The published alignment was traversed at twelve waypoints where visual observations were made. These, plus other road cuts in the local area, were investigated for evidence of offsets and shears. No new roads have been cut and no significant new development has occurred in recent years.

The results of the new investigation indicate that in many instances the area of the alignment is heavily vegetated, or reworked for agricultural purposes. At most road cuts across the alignment, such as at Waypoint 1 ([Figure No. 18\)](#page-49-0), no deformation is apparent. In contrast, the road cut at Waypoint 6 ([Figure No. 19\)](#page-50-0) showed small offsets but the upthrown side is to the east, which is contrary to the overall throw reported for the Fault in the literature.

At Waypoint 8 ([Figure No. 20\)](#page-51-0), a road cut along Highway A near Peaceful Valley Lake, the deformation on the north side of the road cut is intense, but very old. At another road cut on Highway A, Waypoint 9 [\(Figure No. 18](#page-49-0)), the road cut indicates massive, undisturbed limestone with no evidence of deformation. No deformation was observed in road cuts at Waypoints 10 and 11, both of which intersect the reported fault trace ([Figure No. 18\)](#page-49-0).

While the literature reports the location of the Fault and the observations in this investigation report deformation at some locations, there is no evidence of recent deformation and very few new road cuts to allow for intense mapping or measurement.

**Fox Hollow Fault** lies northwest and west of Ashland, MO, located on the Ashland Quadrangle in Boone County. As reported in Section 2.5.1.1.4.2.2, it is a small fault, striking northeast that fades into a monocline at its two ends. It is reportedly a normal fault with a throw of approximately 120 feet (37 m) down to the southwest and shows Mississippian Chouteau beds faulted against Ordovician Jefferson Dolomite (McCracken, 1971). It is located approximately 25 miles (40 km) west of the Callaway Plant Site.

Additional mapping as described by Middendorf et al (1987 in AmerenUE, 2004) has indicated a somewhat more complex structure with a significantly different interpretation, specifically, that the feature is

"a monocline because no definite fault plane was discovered and because the stratigraphic displacement can be accounted by dip alone. However, it is probable that faulting and fracturing accompany the folding. The monocline is uplifted to the east relative to the west. Areas of Chouteau which have been uplifted relative to the overlying Burlington are exposed in the valley of Bass Creek in Section 28 and in small creek branches in Section 31 and 32."

South of the main feature, basically south of Fox Hollow, and on the same trend toward Grider Branch in T 46, the strike of the fault or fold axis bends to a more southerly azimuth with a reported 80 ft (24 m) of throw on the west. Gore (1949 in AmerenUE, 2004) reported that a quarry in the SW 1/4 of the Section has an "excellent section of Chouteau Limestone with Burlington Limestone resting on it." He also notes that approximately 0.25 miles (0.40 km) to the southeast of a cliff at the same elevation as the quarry section that is entirely comprised of Jefferson City Dolomite and that 0.125 miles (0.20 km) to the north-northeast of the quarry is another exposure of the Jefferson City at the same elevation and he reported no noticeable dip in either section.

The Fox Hollow Fault was revisited during this investigation to determine if any new evidence has evolved since the feature was reported in the Callaway Plant Unit 1 FSAR [\(Figure No. 21](#page-52-0) and [Table No. 8\)](#page-30-0). For example, the investigation was directed at new road cuts and new facilities, if any, in the area of the Fault that would provide more knowledge of the feature.

The alignment of the feature was re-visited and traversed at six waypoints where visual observations were made. These, plus other road cuts in the local area, were investigated for evidence of offsets and shears. No new roads have been cut and no significant new development has occurred in recent years.

At Waypoint 1, which is in Fox Hollow where the valley runs normal to the Fox Hollow Fault, the valley is heavily vegetated and reworked for agriculture. An outcrop of Jefferson Dolomite, about 300 ft (91 m) long, was observed on the north side of the valley. The Jefferson is dipping about 5 degrees to the west on the west flank or down-dipping of a monocline - consistent with the interpretation reported in Middendorf (1987 in AmerenUE, 2004).

At the other waypoints along the Fault alignment [\(Figure No. 22](#page-53-0) and [Figure No. 23\)](#page-54-0), the vegetation is heavy and the ground surface has been reworked for agriculture. No evidence of the feature was observed in any road cuts in the area and no surface manifestation of the feature was observed at any of the waypoints.

The field investigation was expanded to the east of the Fault along State Highway 63 which runs sub-parallel to the main feature and reportedly on the upthrown side. Depending on the location, State Highway 63 runs about 3 to 3.5 miles (4.8 to 5.6 km) to the east of the feature. All road cuts along State Highway 63, as well as east west roads running from the Fault to State Highway 63, were examined for offsets, abrupt changes in dip, and evidence of shearing. In each case, questionable features were linked to non-tectonic causes, primarily erosion or slumping associated with the road itself.

**Wardsville Fault** as reported in Section 2.5.1.1.4.2.2, McCracken (1971) stated that the Wardsville Fault runs from west of Wardsville, MO, northeast to Cole County, MO as defined on the Jefferson City Quadrangle Map. This feature is about 30 miles (48 km) southwest of the Callaway Plant Site.

The fault is reportedly downthrown about 100 feet (30 m) to the northeast as substantiated by water well borings at the town of Wardsville. The Callaway Plant Unit 1 FSAR also reported that work by Martin of the Missouri Geological Survey Staff on the ground surface in the area showed a collapse structure with the Mississippian-aged Burlington Limestone preserved. The Callaway Plant Unit 1 FSAR states that these findings point to an extension of the Wardsville Fault beyond St. Martins, MO and, consistent with the findings of Martin, indicate the age of the fault to be post Early Mississippian.

Other writers who describe the feature include Duewel (1957), and Ward (1973), all in AmerenUE (2004). Ward described the Wardsville Fault as having approximately 50 feet (15 m) of downthrown to the northeast along its northeast extension as compared to the 100 feet (30 m) of throw cited above. In the western half of Section 6, T 43 N, R 11 W, the fault changes to a more southerly direction. The fault trace at this location is expressed by a linear ridge of re-cemented Roubidoux sandstone. The fault is interpreted to be downthrown to the west-southwest at this location, although the evidence is not conclusive and contrary to the observations of others including Ward (1973 in AmerenUE, 2004). The apparent explanation for the re-cemented sand is that the Roubidoux sandstone was caught in the fault zone, fractured and later re-cemented with silica.

McCracken (1971) reports that the absence of 100 ft (30.5 m) of Eminence Dolomite in a well at the St. Martins Church, and surface evidence, indicates the fault to be downthrown to the northeast in the Wardsville area and northward.

The Wardsville Fault was revisited during this investigation to determine if any new evidence has evolved since the feature was reported in the Callaway Plant Unit 1 FSAR. For example, the investigation was directed at new road cuts and new facilities in the area of the fault that would provide more knowledge of the feature.

The area of the feature was re-visited and studied at several waypoints where visual observations were made ([Figure No. 24](#page-55-0) and [Table No. 9](#page-31-0)). Several new road cuts are now available for inspection. These road cuts as shown on photos in [Figure No. 25](#page-56-0) and [Figure No. 26](#page-57-0) show clear offsets that indicate an alignment and suggest a total offset in the range of 100 feet (30 m), as reported in the Callaway Plant Unit 1 FSAR. At Waypoint 3 along the west side of Lorenzo Green Road [\(Figure No. 25](#page-56-0)) and east of Tanner Bridge Road, approximately 100 ft (30 m) offset could be accounted over several steps associated with the road cut and adjacent residential development. New road cuts on Route B near the intersection with Christy Drive [\(Figure No. 26](#page-57-0)) allow for verification of the strike in this area (generally to the east). At a waypoint at the intersection of Route B and Tanner Bridge Road, the down thrown blocks were observed on both sides of the Route B, allowing for a determination of strike-generally northeast in this area.

#### **1.3.3.2 Conclusions from Phase 3**

The five faults described above are considered to be inactive, non capable tectonic sources, and are incapable of generating earthquakes and/or ground deformation and shaking. Therefore, these faults pose no identifiable risk to the operation of Callaway Plant Unit 2.

As regards a fault on the west flank of the Mineola Feature, no fault or fault-like feature was observed. Other than being a anticline with 10 to 20 degree dipping beds on the flanks, the feature is not significant from a geologic hazard perspective. It is not seismogenic and has no influence on the seismic behavior, the seismic response, or the seismic hazard of the Callaway Plant Site.

The evidence that the Kingdom City Fault actually exists is minimal (a single boring log of unknown quality) and possibly questionable. Regardless of its suspect origins, this feature is not seismogenic and has no influence on the seismic behavior, the seismic response or the seismic hazard of the Callaway Plant Site.

Based on the information in the literature, the observations of the Cuba Fault along its reported alignment, and observations off of the alignment, it is concluded that the Cuba Fault is not seismogenic and has no influence on the seismic behavior, the seismic response or the seismic hazard of the Callaway Plant Site.

Based on the information in the literature, our observations of the Fox Hollow Fault along its reported alignment and observations off alignment, it is concluded that the Fox Hollow Fault is not seismogenic and has no influence on the seismic behavior, the seismic response or the seismic hazard of the Callaway Plant Site.

It is concluded from these observations that the Wardsville Fault is very old, probably Mississippian in age, and that it is either highly segmented, probably somewhat winding and/or consists of a pattern of en echelon type faults. In any event, based on the information in the literature, our observations of the feature along its observed alignment, it is concluded that the Wardsville Fault(s) is not seismogenic and has no influence on the seismic behavior, the seismic response or the seismic hazard of the Callaway Plant Site.

#### <span id="page-16-0"></span>**1.4 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS OF THE PROGRAM**

The overall conclusions for this two Phase Field Reconnaissance Program as conducted for the Site Area within 5 miles (8 km) of the Site as defined in the USNRC Regulatory Guidelines and Standard Review Plans indicates that

- There are no immediately identifiable paleoliquefaction features in the Site Area that would indicate paleoseismic activity that could impact the safety-related facilities of Callaway Plant Unit 2.
- No surface faulting features were found in the area of the Site that represents a geologic hazard which could impact the safety-related facilities of Callaway Plant Unit 2.

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#### **Table No. 1—Assessment of Potential Paleoliquefaction Features in Site Area**

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Note:

Feature label refers to Figure No. 27

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Notes:

Feature Labels refers to Figure No. 27. **Bold Type** indicates deformations found, but of a non-tectonic nature

#### <span id="page-24-0"></span> **Table No. 3—Assessment of Potential Paleoliquefaction Features along Rivers in the Site Vicinity**

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### **Table No. 4—Waypoint Descriptions for the Mineola Feature Field Investigation**

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<b>Waypoint No.</b>	Longitude	Latitude	<b>Photo</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
	N38 <sup>°</sup> 56'27.5"	W91 <sup>°</sup> 54'37.4"	842	Waypoint is on Rt 127 within 1/4 mile of Mapped location of Well No. 26595. Access road crosses a small draw with no sign of tectonically derived deformation. Area is heavily vegetated or re-worked for agriculture.
	N38°56'09.0"	W91 <sup>°</sup> 54'21.2"	843	Waypoint on Rt. 127 within about 1/4 mile of mapped location of Well No. 26595. At this location, Rt. 127 crosses small stream valley. No evidence of tectonically derived deformation.
	N38°55'56.4"	W91°54'07.9"	847	Waypoint is adjacent mapped location of Well No. 26595 which is reported to indicate 200 ft of vertical offset.

 **Table No. 5—Waypoint Descriptions for the Kingdom City Fault Field Investigation**

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#### **Table No. 6—Annotated Well Log 26595**



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#### **Table No. 8—Waypoint Descriptions for the Fox Hollow Fault Field Investigation**

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#### **Table No. 9—Waypoint Descriptions for the Wardsville Fault Field Investigation**

#### **Figure No. 1—Deformation observed at Feature G24**

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### **Figure No. 3—Deformation observed at Feature G43**

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 **Figure No. 4— Rocks without deformation observed at Feature G9**

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 **Figure No. 5— Rocks without deformation observed at Feature G11**

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 **Figure No. 6— Rocks without deformation observed at Feature G30**

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#### **Figure No. 7— Rocks without deformation observed at Feature G41**

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#### **Figure No. 8—Non-Tectonic Deformation at Waypoint AV1**

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### **Figure No. 9—Non-Tectonic Deformation at Waypoint 008**

### <span id="page-41-0"></span> **Figure No. 10—Riverbank with Stratified Sediment and Feature at Waypoint 47**

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### **Figure No. 11—Close-up of Interesting Feature at Waypoint 47**



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#### **LEGEND**

**1** Waypoint

**111** Mineola Fault (symbol indicating downthrown side)

<u>REFERENCE:</u><br>USGS, 1985.<br>MODCNR, 2007.

#### **Figure No. 14—Entrance to Graham Cave (Mineola Feature) (Waypoint 2)**

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#### <span id="page-47-0"></span> **Figure No. 16—Topography Along Route 127, 0.25 miles (.4 km) from the Kingdom City Fault (Waypoint 1)**



#### <span id="page-48-0"></span> **Figure No. 17—Topography at Mapped Location for the Kingdom City Fault (Waypoint 3)**



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#### **Figure No. 19—Road Cut with 3 - 4 ft of Offset for the Cuba Fault (Waypoint 6)**

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#### <span id="page-51-0"></span> **Figure No. 20—Road Cut on Highway "A" near Peaceful Valley Lake (Cuba Fault) (Waypoint 8)**



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**1** Waypoint

**L.L.** Fox Hollow Fault (symbol indicating downthrown side)



#### <span id="page-53-0"></span> **Figure No. 22—Depositional Unconformity on Route 63, No Offset for Fox Hollow Fault (Waypoint 6)**



#### **Figure No. 23—No Offset for Fox Hollow Fault in Road Cut on Route 63 (Waypoint 6)**

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#### **Figure No. 25—View of Wardsville Fault Trace on Lorenzo Green Road (Waypoint 3)**

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#### <span id="page-57-0"></span> **Figure No. 26—Additional View of Wardsville Fault Trace on Lorenzo Green Road (Waypoint 4)**

