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### 1.0 Introduction

Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §257.90 mandates that existing Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) landfills and surface impoundments, also known as CCR units, be subject to groundwater monitoring and corrective action requirements as further detailed in §257.90 through §257.98. These requirements are part of the overall CCR Rule (Rule) which was published in the Federal Register on April 17, 2015 and which became effective on October 19, 2015. Specific obligations for Owners and Operators of existing CCR units regarding the preparation of "Annual Groundwater Monitoring and Corrective Action Reports (Annual Report)" are outlined in §257.90(e)(1-5). The Richmond Power and Light (RPL) inactive surface impoundment (Impoundment) was addressed under Section §257.100, which allowed for an exemption from many of the Rule requirements and compliance deadlines.

The Rule was amended on August 5, 2016 and the amendment became effective on October 4, 2016. It amended Section §257.100 by removing the exemptions for inactive CCR surface impoundments. The amendment changed the status of inactive CCR impoundments such that they were treated as other CCR units. They were therefore given an extension of the compliance deadlines of 547 days. As a result, the first Annual Report for the Impoundment was placed within the facility's operating record in August 2019. The second Annual Report was placed within the facility's operating record in July 2020. The third Annual Report will be placed within the facility's operating record in August 2021.

The Annual Report must provide information to address the following aspects for the preceding calendar year:

- document the status of the groundwater monitoring and corrective action program for the respective CCR units;
- summarize key actions completed;
- b describe any problems encountered and actions taken to resolve the problems; and
- offer a projection of key activities for the upcoming year.

At a minimum, the Annual Report must contain the following information to the extent applicable and available:

- a map, aerial image, or diagram showing the CCR unit and all background/upgradient and downgradient monitoring wells, to include the well identification numbers, that are part of the groundwater monitoring program;
- identification of any monitoring wells that were installed or decommissioned during the preceding year, along with a narrative description of why those actions were taken;
- in addition to all the monitoring data obtained under §257.90 through §257.98, a summary including the number of groundwater samples that were collected for analysis for each background/upgradient and downgradient well, the dates the samples were collected, and whether the sample was required by the detection monitoring (DM) or assessment monitoring (AM) programs;
- a narrative discussion of any transition between monitoring programs (e.g., the date and circumstances for transitioning from DM to AM in addition to identifying the constituent(s) detected at a statistically significant increase over background levels); and
- any other information required to be included as specified in §257.90 through §257.98.

The RPL Whitewater Valley Station (Station), is a coal-fired power plant located in Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana (see Figure 1). The Rule applies to this facility because the Station is in operation and has an inactive CCR Surface Impoundment. The CCR unit has a dedicated groundwater monitoring system that was originally installed to comply with Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) recommendations and was subsequently evaluated and modified (as needed) for use under the CCR program.



In summary, this third Annual Report has been prepared to comply with the requirements of §257.90(e), addressing the Whitewater Valley Station's CCR Unit with respect to the groundwater monitoring and corrective actions undertaken from August 2020 through June 2021. This third Annual Report and all subsequent reports thereto will be placed in the Station's operating record per §257.105(h)(1), noticed to the State Director per §257.106(h)(1), and posted to the publicly accessible internet site per §257.107(h)(1).

### 2.0 Impoundment

### 2.1 Groundwater Monitoring Network

The CCR groundwater monitoring system for the Impoundment is a subset of the larger site groundwater monitoring system established during original interactions with IDEM regarding the groundwater characterization and monitoring for the site. That larger site system, which is shown on Figure 2, is composed of:

- eight monitoring well (MW) pairs (shallow and deep wells designated as S and D) at locations A through H;
  - there is a third well at location G, a shallow well designated as MW-GSR, installed in place of MW-GS, which was found to have insufficient water for monitoring purposes.
  - it was determined during the characterization that the deep wells in each well pair would only be used as piezometers.
- seven single, shallow monitoring wells at locations IS through OS;
- two older, shallow wells designated as MW-1 and MW-2 (used only as piezometers);
  - nine staff gauges and/or piezometers associated with the groundwater MWs are:
    - five staff gauges (A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, and P-4) to monitor pond levels; and
    - four piezometers (PZ-1703, PZ-1704, PZ-1705, and PZ-1706).

Piezometers PZ-1701 and PZ-1702 have been abandoned.

The monitoring wells at locations A through H were installed in 2016. The monitoring wells at locations IS and JS were installed in March 2018. The monitoring wells at locations KS through OS were installed in July 2020.

The CCR groundwater monitoring system is comprised of six wells within the larger site groundwater monitoring system, including one upgradient well (MW-AS) and four downgradient wells (MW-BS, MW-CS, MW-DS, and MW-JS). Note that MW-FS and MW-GSR were previously used as background wells but have since been discontinued as background wells based off IDEM's comments that background wells should be unaffected by facility operations. The screened intervals of the wells monitor the uppermost aquifer on site, a soil aquifer composed of a continuous confined, sand or sand and gravel layer located within or at the base of the glacial till which blankets the site. Figure 3 shows a potentiometric map of the uppermost aquifer based upon water level readings taken during the last round of AM samples in March 2021.

Off-site downgradient monitoring wells (KS, LS, MS, NS, and OS) were installed as part of ongoing groundwater characterization to delineate the extent of the identified release from the CCR unit.



### 2.2 Data Collection

Per the requirements of §257.95, AM sampling began in September 2019. Samples were collected and analyzed for all Appendix III and Appendix IV parameters. The second AM sampling occurred in December 2019 and samples were analyzed for the Appendix III parameters and for Appendix IV parameters that were detected during the first AM. The third AM sampling occurred in March 2020 and samples were analyzed for the Appendix III parameters and for Appendix IV parameters that were detected during the fourth AM sampling occurred in September 2020 and samples were analyzed for all Appendix III and Appendix IV parameters. The fifth AM sampling occurred in March 2020 and samples were analyzed for all Appendix III and Appendix IV parameters. The fifth AM sampling occurred in March 2021 and samples were analyzed for the Appendix III parameters and for Appendix IV parameters that were detected during the fourth AM. The results from all five AM samplings for the Appendix III and Appendix III parameters and fire AM samplings for the Appendix III and Appendix III parameters and for Appendix IV parameters that were detected during the fourth AM. The results from all five AM samplings for the Appendix III and Appendix III parameters and for Appendix IV parameters that were detected during the fourth AM. The results from all five AM samplings for the Appendix III and Appendix III and Appendix III parameters and for Appendix IV parameters and 2, respectively.

Groundwater Protection Standards (GPSs) were determined for the Appendix IV parameters for samples collected in September 2020 and March 2021 and are summarized in Table 3. During the December 2020 and June 2021 reviews of the fourth and fifth AM sampling events, Lower Confidence Limits (LCLs) were determined and compared to the GPSs, as shown in Table 4. It was determined that there were statistically significant levels (SSLs) of total lithium in downgradient wells MW-BS, MW-CS, and MW-DS; and total molybdenum in downgradient monitoring well MW-BS.

### 2.3 Monitoring Program Transitions

The Impoundment has been transitioned into the Assessment of Corrective Measures (ACMs), based upon the May 2020 review of the March 2020 AM sampling results.

#### 2.4 Corrective Actions

No corrective actions were undertaken. Completed 2020-2021 activities included the following:

- The ACMs Report was placed into the operating record on September 4, 2020, as required by §257.96.
- The Semi-Annual Progress Report describing the progress in selecting and designing a remedy based on the ACM placed into the operating record on April 8, 2021, as required by §257.97(a).
- A public meeting to discuss the Corrective Measures Assessment was held on June 28, 2021, as required by §257.96(e).

#### 2.5 2021-2022 Projected Activities

Projected key activities for the upcoming year include the following:

- Semi-Annual Progress Reports detailing progress in selecting and designing corrective measure(s).
- Preparation of closure plan for Impoundment. The closure plan will include proposed corrective measure(s) for groundwater. The closure plan will be submitted to IDEM for approval.
- Semi-annual groundwater sampling events to be initiated in September 2021 and March 2022.



## **TABLES**



	Param	eter: Boron, Total	Calcium, Total	Chloride	Fluoride	рН	Sulfate	Total Dissolved Solids
Well	Date L	nit <sup>1</sup> : mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	s.u.	mg/L	mg/L
	9/16/2019	0.206	93.9	112	0.12	7.3	78.4	568
	12/3/2019	0.213	95.9	116	0.13	7.4	71.2	548
MW-AS	3/17/2020	0.199	91.2	113	0.1	7.7	77.3	522
	9/16/2020	0.186	101	148	0.1	7.6	72	602
	3/16/2021	0.195	103	138	0.1	7.4	82.6	624
	9/16/2019	4.4	400	224	0.25	7.4	1,300	2,430
	12/3/2019	4.12	393	191	0.23	7.4	1,180	2,280
MW-BS	3/18/2020	4.38	371	212	0.27	7.7	1,210	2,180
	9/16/2020	4	356	197	0.23	7.6	1,200	2,120
	3/16/2021	4.01	333	188	0.24	7.5	1,140	2,150
	9/16/2019	2.23	275	97.4	0.37	7.2	838	1,600
	12/4/2019	2.35	248	90.2	0.2	7.3	640	1,460
MW-CS	3/18/2020	2.08	271	107	0.33	7.6	843	1,670
	9/16/2020	2.73	261	93.3	0.36	7.5	772	1,530
	3/16/2021	2.73	261	89.6	0.34	7.4	738	1,550
	9/16/2019	7.46	432	173	0.11	7.0	1,100	2,320
	12/4/2019	7.15	417	178	< 0.10 <sup>2</sup>	7.3	1,110	2,310
MW-DS	3/17/2020	6.3	365	137	< 0.10	7.4	960	1,960
	9/17/2020	6.75	387	149	0.11	7.6	1,020	2,190
	3/17/2021	5.57	379	144	< 0.10	7.6	1,000	2,050
	9/17/2019	1.44	226	49.3	0.18	7.0	351	1,060
	12/3/2019	0.844	152	14.3	0.15	7.1	80.9	561
MW-JS <sup>1</sup>	3/17/2020	0.837	159	8.7	0.12	7.6	62.1	493
	9/17/2020	1.64	344	234	0.19	7.3	714	1,740
	3/17/2021	0.763	158	34	0.12	7.1	100	498

 Table 1

 Groundwater Analytical Assessment Monitoring Data - CCR Appendix III Constituents

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> mg/L - milligrams per liter; and s.u. - standard units.

<sup>2</sup> < - Represents non-detect. Values are shown at the laboratory reporting limit.

<sup>3</sup> Well was installed on March 23, 2018.



	Parameter:	Antimony, Total	Arsenic, Total	Barium, Total	Beryllium, Total	Cadmium, Total	Chromium, Total	Cobalt, Total	Fluoride	Lead, Total	Lithium, Total	Mercury, Total	Molybdenum, Total	Total Radium <sup>1</sup>	Selenium, Total	Thallium, Total
Well	Date Unit <sup>2</sup> :	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	pCi/L	mg/L	mg/L
	9/16/2019	< 0.0010 <sup>3</sup>	< 0.0010	0.0913	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0010	0.12	< 0.0010	< 0.020	< 0.0020	0.0055	1.83	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	12/3/2019		< 0.0010	0.087		< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0010	0.13	< 0.0010	< 0.020		0.0055	0.776	< 0.0010	
MW-AS	3/17/2020		0.0010	0.0826		< 0.00020	< 0.0020	< 0.0010	0.1	< 0.0010	< 0.020		0.005	0.783	< 0.0010	
	9/16/2020	< 0.0010	< 0.001	0.0971	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	< 0.0010	0.1	< 0.0010	< 0.020	< 0.0020	0.0042	0.199	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	3/16/2021	< 0.0010	0.0017	0.0886	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	< 0.0010	0.1	< 0.0010	< 0.020	< 0.0020	0.0037	0.693	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	9/16/2019	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	0.0202	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	0.0014	0.25	< 0.0010	0.0608	< 0.0020	0.116	1.76	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	12/3/2019		< 0.0010	0.0193		< 0.00020	< 0.00020	0.0012	0.23	< 0.0010	0.0827		0.119	1.04	< 0.0010	
MW-BS	3/18/2020		< 0.0010	0.0195		< 0.00020	< 0.0020	0.0013	0.27	< 0.0010	0.0803		0.108	0.564	< 0.0010	
	9/16/2020	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	0.0189	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	0.0013	0.23	< 0.0010	0.0842	< 0.0020	0.116	1.62	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	3/16/2021	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	0.0173	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	0.0013	0.24	< 0.0010	0.0779	< 0.0020	0.113	0.37	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	9/16/2019	< 0.0010	0.0017	0.0248	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	0.0023	0.37	< 0.0010	0.0432	< 0.0020	0.126	0.937	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	12/4/2019		0.0014	0.0211		< 0.00020	< 0.00020	0.0014	0.2	< 0.0010	0.0598		0.11	0.195	0.0022	
MW-CS	3/18/2020		0.0013	0.0248		< 0.00020	< 0.0020	0.0013	0.33	< 0.0010	0.0505		0.102	0.43	0.0053	
	9/16/2020	< 0.0010	0.0017	0.0244	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	0.0014	0.36	< 0.0010	0.0705	< 0.0020	0.126	0.946	0.0035	< 0.0010
	3/16/2021	< 0.0010	0.0015	0.022	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	0.0015	0.34	< 0.0010	0.0603	< 0.0020	0.108	0.875	0.0057	< 0.0010
	9/16/2019	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	0.0306	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0010	0.11	< 0.0010	0.0422	< 0.0020	0.0091	1.4	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	12/4/2019		< 0.0010	0.0267		< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0010	< 0.10	< 0.0010	0.0602		0.0083	0.464	< 0.0010	
MW-DS	3/17/2020		< 0.0010	0.0233		< 0.00020	< 0.0020	< 0.0010	< 0.10	< 0.0010	0.0489		0.0062	0.336	< 0.0010	
	9/17/2020	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	0.0302	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	< 0.0010	0.11	< 0.0010	0.062	< 0.0020	0.0073	0.567	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	3/17/2021	< 0.0010	< 0.0010	0.0206	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	< 0.0010	< 0.10	< 0.0010	0.0454	< 0.0020	0.0058	0.809	< 0.0010	< 0.0010
	9/17/2019	< 0.0010	0.0041	0.172	< 0.00020	0.0004	0.004	0.0052	0.18	0.0028	0.0348	< 0.0020	0.0265	1.33	0.0015	< 0.0010
	12/3/2019		0.0064	0.134		< 0.00020	0.0124	0.0046	0.15	0.0036	0.025		0.0176	1.2	0.0032	
MW-JS <sup>4</sup>	3/17/2020		0.0071	0.147		< 0.00020	0.0073	0.0051	0.12	0.0041	0.0282		0.017	0.976	0.0093	
	9/17/2020	< 0.0010	0.0052	0.145	< 0.00020	0.00039	0.0039	0.0056	0.19	0.0024	0.0782	< 0.0020	0.03	2.05	0.0012	< 0.0010
	3/17/2021	< 0.0010	0.0016	0.0727	< 0.00020	< 0.00020	< 0.0020	0.0016	0.12	< 0.0010	0.0258	< 0.0020	0.0109	0.62	0.0084	< 0.0010

 Table 2

 Groundwater Analytical Assessment Monitoring Data - CCR Appendix IV Constituents

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Total Radium is Radium-226 and Radium-228 combined

<sup>2</sup> mg/L - milligrams per liter; and pCi/L - Picocuries per liter.

<sup>3</sup> < - Represents non-detect. Values are shown at the laboratory reporting limit.

<sup>4</sup> Well was installed on March 23, 2018.



Chemical Name	Unit <sup>1</sup>	Samples	Detected	% Non-Detect	Transformed	Method	Upper Tolerance Limit	Federal Limit	Federal Limit Type <sup>2</sup>	GPS <sup>3</sup>
Antimony, Total	mg/L	11	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.001	0.006	MCL	0.006
Arsenic, Total	mg/L	13	3	76.9	No	Non-Parametric	0.0017	0.01	MCL	0.01
Barium, Total	mg/L	13	13	0.0	No	Parametric	0.137	2	MCL	2
Beryllium, Total	mg/L	11	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.0002	0.004	MCL	0.004
Cadmium, Total	mg/L	13	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.0002	0.005	MCL	0.005
Chromium, Total	mg/L	13	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.002	0.1	MCL	0.1
Cobalt, Total	mg/L	13	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.001	0.006	RSL	0.006
Fluoride	mg/L	14	11	21.4	No	Parametric	0.171	4	MCL	4
Lead, Total	mg/L	13	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.001	0.015	RSL	0.015
Lithium, Total	mg/L	13	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.02	0.040	RSL	0.040
Mercury, Total	mg/L	11	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.002	0.002	MCL	0.002
Molybdenum, Total	mg/L	13	13	0.0	No	Parametric	0.006	0.1	RSL	0.1
Total Radium	pCi/l	13	13	0.0	No	Parametric	2.476	5	MCL	5
Selenium, Total	mg/L	13	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.001	0.05	MCL	0.05
Thallium, Total	mg/L	11	0	100	No	Non-Parametric	0.001	0.002	MCL	0.002

### Table 3

Groundwater Protection Standards Development

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> mg/L - milligrams per liter; and pCi/L - Picocuries per liter.

<sup>2</sup> MCL - United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Maximum Contaminant Level; and RSL - USEPA Regional Screening Level.

<sup>3</sup> GPS is defined as the higher of the federal limit and the calculated site specific background.



		Location ID:									
			MW-BS		MW-	MW-CS		MW-DS		-JS	
Parameter	GPS	Units <sup>2</sup>	September 2020	March 2021	September 2020	March 2021	September 2020	March 2021	September 2020	March 2021	
Antimony, Total	0.006	mg/L	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	
Arsenic, Total	0.01	mg/L	0.001	0.001	0.0008	0.0008	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	
Barium, Total	2	mg/L	0.019	0.019	0.0200	0.0200	0.0257	0.0251	0.125	0.112	
Beryllium, Total	0.004	mg/L	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	
Cadmium, Total	0.005	mg/L	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	
Chromium, Total	0.1	mg/L	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	
Cobalt, Total	0.006	mg/L	0.0014	0.0014	0.0017	0.0017	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002	
Fluoride	4	mg/L	0.142	0.149	0.226	0.243	0.10	0.10	0.148	0.142	
Lead, Total	0.015	mg/L	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.0013	0.0013	
Lithium, Total	0.040	mg/L	0.0813 <sup>3</sup>	0.0818	0.057	0.057	0.0506	0.0501	0.0198	0.0208	
Mercury, Total	0.002	mg/L	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	
Molybdenum, Total	0.1	mg/L	0.117	0.116	0.0986	0.0994	0.008	0.008	0.0189	0.0170	
Total Radium	5	pCi/l	0.866	0.809	0.430	0.465	0.392	0.426	0.960	0.885	
Selenium, Total	0.05	mg/L	0.001	0.001	0.0010	0.0026	0.001	0.001	0.0023	0.003	
Thallium, Total	0.002	mg/L	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	

#### Table 4

Groundwater Protection Standard and Lower Confidence Level Comparison

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> LCLs were determined for samples collected during the fourth and fifth Assessment Monitoring events in September 2020 and March 2021, respectively.

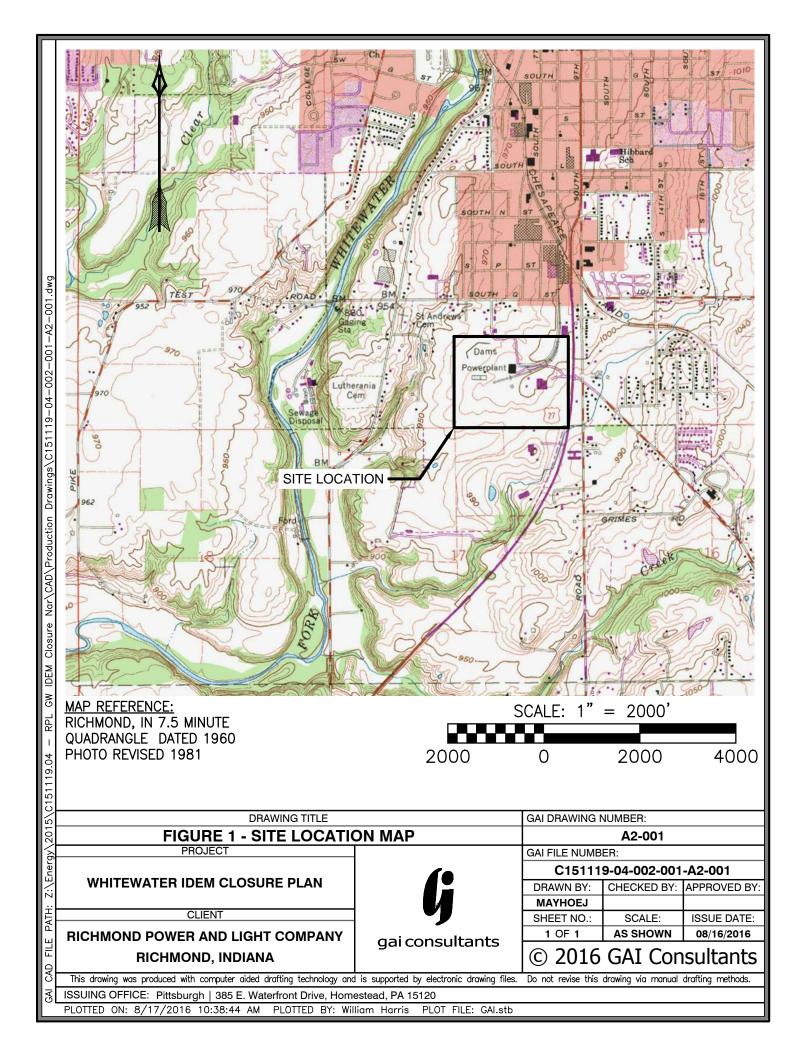
<sup>2</sup> mg/L - milligrams per liter; and pCi/L - Picocuries per liter.

<sup>3</sup> Highlighted values indicate a SSL.



## **FIGURES**





AM PLOTTED BY: Ed Moyhood PLOT FILE: GAI.stb							A-4 POND   A-4 POND   A-3 P				
						FIGURE 2 - GROUND W		YSTEM LOCATIO			
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