
August 14, 2025

Calvin Huggins
Legislative Clerk
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 25015

RE: Hearing Entitled: "A Decade Later: A Review of Congressional Action, Environmental Protection Rules, and Beneficial Use Opportunities for Coal Ash"

Dear Mr. Huggins,

In response to a question provided after the above reference congressional hearing I provide the following for the record.

Member Providing Question: The Honorable Buddy Carter (R-GA)

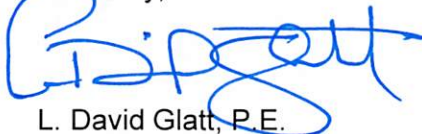
Question: "You briefly mentioned some of the steps North Dakota takes to ensure beneficial use of coal ash does not pose an undue environmental risk. Is there anything that you think North Dakota does especially well to facilitate safe beneficial use?"

Response: Prior to approving the beneficial use of any coal ash, the NDDEQ requires the applicant to identify the proposed use; coal ash source (i.e boiler, generators name etc....) and characteristics of the coal ash to include a complete chemical analysis, as well as identification of storage and handling practices. In addition, due to the variability of coal sources and changing environmental emission controls North Dakota requires that coal ash used for beneficial uses be retested at a minimum of once every five years.

Attached to this letter is the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality publication "Guideline 11- Ash Utilization for Soil Stabilization, Filler Materials and other Engineering Uses". Guideline 11 outlines the steps necessary to gain approval of specific coal ashes for beneficial use.

If you have any additional questions relating to this matter, please contact our office.

Sincerely,



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