



The Large Public Power Council

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker, House of Representatives
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eric I. Cantor
Majority Leader, House of Representatives
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader, House of Representatives
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
Minority Whip, House of Representatives
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

I am writing on behalf of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC) to voice our support for H. R. 2273, the **Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act**.

The Large Public Power Council represents 25 of the largest locally owned and operated not-for-profit electric systems in the nation. Members are located in 11 states and Puerto Rico. LPPC member utilities supply electricity to some of the largest cities in the country -- including Los Angeles, Seattle, Omaha, Phoenix, Sacramento, Jacksonville, San Antonio, Orlando and Austin.

Collectively, our members own and operate approximately 35,000 circuit miles of transmission lines and over 86,000 megawatts of generation, reflecting a balanced portfolio of renewable energy, fossil fuel, nuclear, hydropower and other resources. We have a strong interest in workable rules for the disposal of coal combustion residuals (CCR).

The members of the LPPC believe that coal combustion residuals should be regulated as a non-hazardous waste. This is in accordance with EPA's two previous final regulatory determinations that CCR *does not warrant* regulation under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act's hazardous waste program. We believe there should be federal guidelines for the disposal of CCR and that EPA should be able to enforce the standards if a state fails to do so.

This bill achieves these goals by creating federally enforceable disposal standards with the same level of stringency as those for municipal solid waste. Importantly, by not regulating CCR as a hazardous waste, H.R. 2273 allows the beneficial reuse of CCR to continue. Currently, about 40% of CCR in the US is directed to beneficial reuse rather than landfills or impoundments.

The members of the LPPC ask for your support of H.R. 2273 and urge prompt passage by the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Jorge Carrasco
LPPC Chair

cc: The Honorable Fred Upton
Chair, House Energy & Commerce Committee

The Honorable Henry A. Waxman
Ranking Member, House Energy & Commerce Committee

The Honorable David B. McKinley
Member, US House of Representatives