Important Information Concerning OMB's Critique of EPA's Proposed Rule on Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR)

# A Win-Win Solution

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# Current Debate and Situation on CCR is Confusing

The Debate:

Is coal ash safe or hazardous?

The Confusion:

The definitive answer is --- YES!

#### Information Provided to OIRA at 26 EO 12866 Meetings on CCR **Current Positions** Status Quo / vs. Subtitle D Subtitle C hazardous safe VS. jobs / economy environment VS. Information to Support own position is ... Solid \* Solid Information to Attack Weak the other position is ... Weak Copyright © 2010 NanoImproved Inc. ALL Rights Reserved \* - Costs based on TVA's Kingston Ash spill are false

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Information provided to OMB included financial projections based on costs and actions TVA took or plans to take to clean up the Kingston ash spill.

According to TVA Inspector General's report, those costs and actions are inaccurate and questionable.

For relevance and accuracy, any cost/benefit analysis on CCR should not use numbers that include TVA's costs or actions.

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Change the Question

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## Resolving the Dilemma

Ask:

When is coal ash safe or hazardous?

The answer:

<u>Coal ash is safe</u> when properly recycled --- currently 43% of coal ash

<u>Coal ash is hazardous</u> in large volumes and when exposed to wind, rain or water --- currently 57% of coal ash

#### Examples of Safe and Hazardous Coal Ash

Coal ash used for road fill

Safe

Spread out and protected from the elements

Coal ash used as soil fill material Hazardous

Water and Rain leach out contaminants

Coal ash used as reef material Safe

Hydrostatic pressure prevents leaching

Coal ash used for building cinder block docks Hazardous

Tide water leaches out contaminants

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### Defining When Coal Ash is Safe and Properly Recycled

### Loose coal ash recycled:

MUST be protected from wind, rain and water.

Transport - Enclosed or covered

Consumption - Expediently (>3 months)

Storage - First in-First out (NO Last in-First out)

#### Coal ash products:

~99% safe when calculated by:

Percentage x Porosity x Volume

#### Defining When Coal Ash is Hazardous

### Loose coal ash not recycled:

MUST be protected from wind, rain and water.

Transport - Enclosed or covered

Storage - Enclosed or covered

Disposal - Covered and lined

#### Coal ash surface impoundment dams:

NOT safe - close and remediate

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## Hybrid Coal Ash Rule A Winning Solution

<u>Winners</u> <u>Reasons</u>

The Public People whose health is being harmed by coal ash pollution

will now be protected.

Electricity rates stay the same.

No job loss

The environment Recycling substantially lowers CO2 pollution from using

virgin material in construction projects.

Hazardous excess coal ash is tightly controlled.

Utilities Recycling maintains current relationships and services.

Allows the utilities to sell the coal ash to lower operating

costs. No job loss

Industry Recycling provides inexpensive raw material.

Electricity rates stay the same

No job loss

Moving Forward

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## Hybrid Coal Ash Rule and Using NewRock<sup>TM</sup> Becomes A Triumphant Solution

The same winners but so much more:

Creates Jobs - Jobs - Jobs

Eliminates ALL coal ash pollution

Dry system is a <u>Cost Savings</u> to Utilities

Economically remediates coal ash ponds