

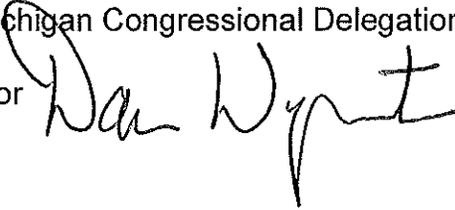


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TO: Members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation
FROM: Dan Wyant, Director 
DATE: July 24, 2013
SUBJECT: Support of HR 2218

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) would appreciate your support of HR 2218, the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act of 2013, when it comes up for a vote of the full House on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

Michigan already regulates the disposal and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals (CCR) under Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. Ever since the major spill of coal ash from the Tennessee Valley Authority Kingston Fossil Fuel Plant in December 2008, there has been considerable interest in federal regulation of CCR. The most drastic proposal was for regulation of these residuals as a hazardous waste under Subtitle C of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA). HR 2218 takes the very reasoned approach of enabling states like Michigan to modify our existing solid waste programs to satisfy requirements that HR 2218 establishes for a CCR permit program under Subtitle D of the RCRA. This legislation also allows us to oversee the continued operation of the nine active CCR disposal areas in our state. Enactment of HR 2218 also would end the regulatory uncertainty that has hindered our efforts to promote the beneficial use of CCR.

We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about the impact of HR 2218 on the management of CCRs in Michigan. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Browne, Chief, Office of Waste Management and Radiological Protection at 517-335-9523; at brownee@michigan.gov; or you may contact me.

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