

We Don't Need to Promote the Unsafe Disposal of Coal Ash to Support Recycling Oppose H.R. 2218

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Dear Colleague:

Proponents of H.R. 2218 are using any argument they can to drum up support for H.R. 2218, the Coal Ash Deregulation Act. These arguments are reaching the point of ridiculousness.

For instance, at yesterday's meeting of the Rules Committee, the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, a leading supporter of the bill, claimed that schools that had been constructed with recycled coal ash would have to be torn down and disposed of in hazardous waste landfills unless H.R. 2218 was enacted. Of course this is a completely baseless claim, but it draws on an argument you may have heard that H.R. 2218 is necessary to support coal ash recycling or "beneficial reuse."

In fact, as the attached fact sheet explains, we do not need to promote unsafe disposal of coal ash in order to support coal ash recycling. If you have questions about this issue, please don't hesitate to contact Democratic Energy and Commerce Committee staff at 5-4407.

Sincerely,

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