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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton:

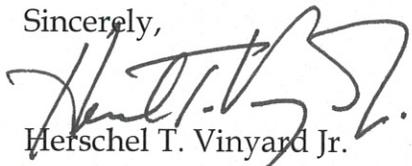
The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) supports the approach of the Shimkus Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 2273, The Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act.

The bill provides for the regulation of coal combustion residuals (CCR) in a protective manner by states with a uniform baseline set of national standards and provides for appropriate oversight by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It ensures that states will regulate CCR under federal standards with a maximum of flexibility and preserves the rights of states to be more stringent. The proposed CCR permit program in the bill can be quickly implemented by states to protect human health and the environment.

DEP has worked closely with the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) and the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) on this issue.

Thank you for your leadership. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Mr. Jorge Caspary, P.G., Director of DEP's Division of Waste Management, at (850) 245-8705.

Sincerely,



Herschel T. Vinyard Jr.
Secretary

cc: Jorge Caspary, Director, Division of Waste Management, DEP