

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Subject: Public Meeting – Advance Notice of Proposed Action

Date and Time: February 26, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Place: 1800 Washington Boulevard, First Floor, Aeris, Aqua, and Terra Conference Rooms, Baltimore, MD

Add'l Info: The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is seeking information and written comments from the public related to the beneficial use of coal combustion byproducts (CCBs). CCBs include fly ash, bottom ash, scrubber sludge and other byproducts generated by coal combustion. MDE plans to propose regulations, which will be promulgated at a future date, to ensure that, when CCBs are beneficially used, standards are in place that will protect public health and the environment. These standards may include design and siting criteria concerning the beneficial use of CCBs. Comments are also sought on the appropriate uses of CCBs. MDE will hold a public meeting on February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to obtain comments from interested parties.

Written comments are being sought by MDE concerning the appropriate design standards for the use of CCBs: in structural fills or building sites; as roadway fill and in highway embankments; as a soil conditioner or soil amendment; and as an ingredient in products such as concrete. MDE also seeks comments related to the characterization of CCBs for beneficial uses; reporting requirements and approval by MDE of beneficial uses; and standards for the environmental monitoring of beneficial use applications.

A complementary Notice of Proposed Action has been published in this issue of the Maryland Register that proposes regulations related to the disposal of CCBs in dedicated solid waste disposal facilities, the storage of CCBs, and the use of CCBs in coal and non-coal mine reclamation sites. These proposed regulations specifically relate to the disposal of CCBs and the use of CCBs in coal and non-coal mine reclamation activities. The public meeting for this Advance Notice of Proposed Action is specific to soliciting comments to assist MDE in the development of a regulatory program that focuses on the beneficial uses or other uses of CCBs.

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