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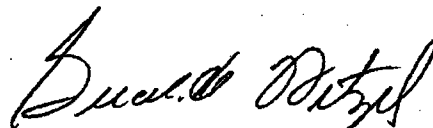
TO WHOM RULEMAKING 25 PA. CODE, CHAPTERS 287 AND 290 MAY CONCERN:

I have to question the intent for total stupidity for people wanting to change this ruling. Noting the improvement ash has made on polluted water. **WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO CHANGE ANYTHING? ALSO-IF YOU'D SEARCH THE HISTORY OF FARMING YOU'D FIND THAT EARLY FARMERS** produced lime for their fields in the same manner that this ash is being produced by the power plant by mixing coal and limestone together. I often heard my Dad & Uncles tell how they helped my Grandfather build a lime kiln. This was done by alternating layers of coal and limestone then lighting and burning it. (This would burn all winter till the coal and limestone was burnt up) **THIS THEN WAS PUT ON THE FIELD FOR LIME!** Does this seem just a little bit familiar? I myself have a farm and would welcome some ash for **MY FIELDS!** I bet I could find a lot more farmers that would tell you the same thing. I don't think this is about the ash as much as it is about and **ULTERIOR MOTIVE**

I URGE YOU TO RETHINK THIS MATTER

PLEASE!

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Re: Proposed Rulemaking 25 Pa. Code, Chapters 287 and 290

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Proposed Rulemaking to 25 Pa. Code, Chapters 287 and 290 which adds unnecessary restrictions and limitations for Beneficial Use Ash in Pennsylvania. The present regulations in Chapter 287 have worked well and with no adverse affects. The present regulations have supported the utilization of waste coal as a fuel to produce electricity and at the same time accomplishing spectacular reclamation results. Over the years millions of tons of waste coal, or boney, has been removed along with the acid mine discharge that results from this material. Rivers and streams that once were red and dead are now alive and thriving. Fish and other aquatic life have returned to watersheds that have been dead for decades. A key part of the utilization of waste coal is the use of the resulting Beneficial Use Coal Ash in the reclamation process. Pennsylvania is littered with waste coal piles from years gone by and this material will continue to pollute for the foreseeable future. I urge you to make no changes to the existing regulations. They have worked well.