

Review of State Regulations, Standards, and Practices, Related to the Use of Coal Combustion Products: Texas Review Case Study

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ABSTRACT

A frequent barrier that hinders the use of coal combustion products (CCPs) is the broad range of state laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines regarding the management of CCPs. In addition, use practices and existing barriers vary significantly from state to state. Some states have worked to develop progressive and effective guidance for CCP utilization, while other states still lack the resources and information to feel comfortable with a more progressive approach.

To address these issues, the Energy & Environmental Research Center worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to perform a review of Texas regulations, standards, and practices related to the use of CCPs and developed a roadmap that may help other states increase the use of CCPs in an environmentally sound manner. Texas was selected as the pilot state because of its progressive approach to CCP utilization and its support network to implement such activities. It is anticipated that the pilot state review will provide impetus to EPA to perform additional state reviews.

This paper is a case study of the first state review of Texas. It describes the logistical framework under which the review was conducted and provides a summary of findings.

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