

NOTICE: REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR TEST BURNS OR OTHER CHANGES TO THE APPROVED CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Operators of facilities that produce coal ash for beneficial use are required by regulation to keep the DEP informed of potential changes to the coal ash quality and any changes to the information filed in the certification application [25 Pa. Code 290.201(e)]. This includes contact information for the company and facility, changes in ownership, etc.

If you plan to do a test burn with new or additional inorganic material or fuel sources, you must do the following:

- Notify the Bureau of Mining Programs (BMP) of the schedule and general details of the temporary process (volumes, material sources, justification, time frames).
- Segregate and flag material from the test burn until testing shows that it meets the certification requirements.
- Send test results representative of all the test burn material to the BMP (by mail or to ra-coalash@pa.gov) following the format of regular testing results. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE QUARTERLY SUBMISSION DATE.

The above process is **in addition to** any approvals of the test burn from the regional DEP office. The coal ash that results from the test MUST meet the definition of coal ash (290.2) regarding use of alternate fuels in order to be beneficially used on coal mines.

If the generation process [290.201(b)(3)], as described in the existing certification file will be **permanently** altered, a revised Coal Ash Beneficial Use Certification form 5600-PM-BMP0011 must be submitted with the new process described.

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We have had several instances of operators not complying with these regulations and have informed the District mine site inspectors to issue notices of violations if they discover these conditions.

If you have any questions about notifying BMP of test burns or other circumstances that may result in a change to ash quality, please contact Greg Greenfield grgreenfie@pa.gov 717-787-3174 or Sharon Hill shill@pa.gov 717-787-6842. Send all other correspondence regarding updated information by mail or to ra-coalash@pa.gov. The BMP will provide notice that we have received the information and will retain it in your certified source file.

Beneficial Use of Coal Ash:

<http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Land/Mining/BureauofMiningPrograms/Pages/CoalAshBeneficialUse.aspx>