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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Clendenin:

This is in response to your April 6, 2000 letter to President Clinton concerning the disposal and regulation of coal fly ash and bottom ash wastes.

On April 25, 2000, the Environmental Protection Agency completed its decision on the regulatory status of fossil fuel combustion wastes, including wastes from the combustion of coal, oil and natural gas. We decided that none of the fossil fuel combustion wastes should be regulated as hazardous wastes. However, the Agency did conclude that coal combustion wastes that are disposed in landfills and surface impoundments, and also when placed in mines, should be regulated as non-hazardous wastes. We also concluded that, except for placement in mines, no additional regulation of the beneficial uses of coal combustion wastes is necessary. The Agency is now proceeding to develop the regulations for coal combustion wastes.

The Agency's decision on fossil fuel combustion wastes was published in the *Federal Register* on May 22, 2000. A copy is enclosed. The decision is also available along with other background information on fossil fuel combustion wastes at the following EPA web site: [www.epa.gov/epaoswer/other/fossil/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/other/fossil/index.htm).

We value your insights and will continue to seek stakeholder input as we develop national standards for managing coal combustion wastes. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Dennis Ruddy of my staff at (703) 308-8430.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth, Director  
Office of Solid Waste

Enclosure

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